

# **The Church of St Mary the Virgin, Great Brickhill**

## **SUNDAY 11th September 2016:- Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity**

Welcome to our service of Holy Communion (Common Worship) this morning led by the Rector. Thank you to Susan for playing the organ for us today.

Everyone is invited to stay after the service for coffee and a chat.

The readings this morning are:-

**Exodus 32: 7 - 14; 1 Timothy 1: 12 - 17; Luke 15: 1 – 10**

**THE SPONSORED “RIDE & STRIDE”**, the annual Bicycle Ride, Horse Ride and Walk took place yesterday. What a shame that the weather was so awful - well done to all those who braved the elements. Held in aid of Bucks Historic Churches Trust the money raised goes half towards the local church and half to the Trust for church repairs.

## **THIS WEEK AND NEXT:-**

**The Happy Cup Coffee Club**, the child-friendly weekly drop-in coffee morning, especially welcoming parents and carers of young children is held **every Monday morning during term time in the church from 9.15am to 11.15am**. All welcome – not obligatory to bring a child with you!

**Drop-in with the Post Office** will be held as usual on Monday afternoon, 12th September at the Parish Hall.

**Thursday Group** resume after the summer break this coming Thursday, 15th September at 30 Pound Hill – meet at 2.30pm for a cup of tea and a chat. All are welcome to attend.

## **NEWS & EVENTS:-**

### **HISTORY WEEKEND:**

What a wonderful selection of photographs and other artefacts were on display last weekend. Thank you to Gill, Val and Julia, and all involved with the organization – special thanks to Christine for a fantastic talk on Friday evening and for organising the walk on Sunday. An amazing number of people came through the door and everyone was very generous with their donations:- **£777** (much of it gift aided) was raised, spread evenly over the three days.

## **NEWSPAPER COLLECTION:**

Thank you to those who met at Rectory Farm on a Saturday morning in August to transfer the load of newspapers from the containers onto the lorry. The amount raised was £150 (the price per tonne has unfortunately dropped to £35).

## **“LINK TO HOPE” SHOEBOX CHARITY:**

A reminder to all those who would like to take part in this charity appeal that this year's forms are available from the bookcase in the church or from Rosie Dawson (261425). Those who have been helped in the past are desolate and impoverished people in Moldova, Bulgaria, Ukraine and Romania. In filling and sending a shoebox with suggested items it gives these people renewed hope.

**There will be a “swap shop” at the Drop-in tomorrow, Monday 12th September** (where people are very welcome to come and take items to fill corners of their shoeboxes; there is no cost or requirement to bring things in exchange!)

## **ADVANCE DATES FOR THE DIARY:**

**Vivaldi and Messiah Concert** in aid of Willen Hospice here in the church **at 7.00pm on Sunday 25th September**. Tickets £7.50, available from Jerry Breslin (01908 582952) or at the door.

**Harvest Family Service on Sunday 2nd October** at 11.00am, followed by a Bring and Share Harvest Lunch.

## **SERVICES ON SUNDAYS IN SEPTEMBER:**

Please note that the September services across the Benefice differ from the normal monthly pattern. The Rector is away and it has been difficult to find clergy cover for Communion services, hence the need for the change for this month only.

**Next Sunday, 18th September: There will be a service of Evensong here at 6.00pm, led by Jeremy.**

Other Services across the Benefice:-

**Bow Brickhill:-** [ Church open, 10.00 - 11.00am ]

**Little Brickhill:-** Family Service at 11.00am

**Stoke Hammond:-** Harvest Holy Communion at 9.00am

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