

The Church of St Mary the Virgin, Great Brickhill

SUNDAY 17th September 2017:- The Fourteenth after Trinity

Welcome to our Service of Evensong, led by Phillipa. Thank you to Susan who at short notice is playing the organ for us for the hymns. The responses today will be said rather than sung.

The readings for this evening are:-

Genesis 50: 15-21; Matthew 18: 21-35; [Psalm for the day: 103]

LETTER FROM BISHOP STEVEN (“Called to be Christ-like”)

The Bishop of Oxford has circulated a letter asking all in the Diocese to read, study and dwell in the opening words of Jesus in the Sermon on the Mount: the Beatitudes in Matthew 5:1-10. He tells us that we have a common calling and vision: to become a more Christ-like church. The Beatitudes show us that to be more Christ-like means to become a more contemplative church, a more compassionate church and a more courageous church.

For a copy of the letter please contact Phillipa pjcook6@gmail.com. A hard copy of the letter is available on the bookcase.

THIS WEEK AND NEXT:-

The Happy Cup Coffee Club, the child-friendly drop-in coffee morning for parents and carers of young children, **has resumed after the summer break. It is held every Monday morning during term time, in the church from 9.15am to 11.15am.** All are welcome.

Village Drop-In & Post Office:

The Drop-In is held on Monday afternoons at the Parish Hall, from **1.30 - 3.30pm**, so please call in for a cup of tea, slice of cake and a chat. **The Post Office** is held each week in the small room at the Parish Hall on **Thursdays, open from 2.00 - 4.00pm.**

NEWS AND EVENTS:

LADY CHAPEL / CHILDREN’S CORNER:

You will see that we are making a few changes in the Lady Chapel and in the Children’s Corner. The idea is to make a more comfortable space for the coffee club but retain the Lady Chapel as an area for quiet contemplation. This is work in progress and a temporary measure, until more substantial improvements can be made.

LINK TO HOPE SHOEBOX APPEAL:

If anyone would like to take part in the Link to Hope shoebox charity appeal the information and forms are available to take from the small table by the entrance to the church. Over 39,000 shoeboxes were delivered personally to people throughout Eastern Europe last year, who are on the edge of life, living in dire situations. Every shoebox really does give hope and changes lives. Filled shoeboxes please to Rosie Dawson by 22nd October (TEL: 261425).

MESSIAH CONCERT, SUNDAY 1st OCTOBER, 7.00pm:

The annual **Music in the Brickhills Concert** this year is being held at the **Chrysalis Theatre, Willen, Milton Keynes**. All proceeds will again go to Willen Hospice. The music will include:- **Concerto for 2 trumpets (Vivaldi); Concerto for 2 violins (Bach); Zadok the Priest & Messiah excerpts (Handel)**.

Tickets £12 from Robin Dawson 01525 261425 or Jerry Breslin 01908 582952 jerrybreslin@hotmail.com.

AUCTION OF PROMISES, SATURDAY 21st OCTOBER:

The Auction of Promises with celebrity auctioneer, **Charlie Ross**, will be held in **the Parish Hall at 7.00pm**. The evening will start with **a two course supper with coffee – tickets £10**.

Can you offer a promise to be auctioned to raise funds for the church? Would you like to join us for a highly entertaining evening? **The information has been widely circulated – if you have not received a copy please contact Phillipa 01525 261521 or email pjcook6@gmail.com**. Offers of promises please by 14th October, ticket application forms (with choice of menu) by 16th October.

SERVICES NEXT SUNDAY, 24th SEPTEMBER:

The Archdeacon of Buckingham, the Venerable Guy Elsmore, will be joining us for our **HARVEST CELEBRATIONS**, The Harvest Family Service at 11.00am will be followed by a Bring and Share Lunch. This may be held at Rectory Farm or in the church, to be confirmed later in the week – see notice board or the website. Other Services across the Benefice:-

Bow Brickhill:- Holy Communion at 9.00am

Little Brickhill:- No Service

Stoke Hammond:- Morning Worship at 9.00am

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