

LITTLE BRICKHILL CHURCH NEWS – SEPTEMBER 2018



Summer Fete

Thankyou so much to everyone who came along to support this year's Summer Fete, back in July. Despite the souring temperatures, lots of people came along to enjoy a cream tea, a train ride, a game and some good company. HUGE thanks to all those who worked hard all afternoon to make this event so successful and enjoyable. I'm delighted to be able to tell you that you raised a wonderful £547 for the maintenance of our village church.

Afternoon Tea

In August Denise Bushell very generously laid on a scrumptious (and posh) tea in aid of church funds. The hall was transformed into the most select of tea shops; sandwiches, quiche and a wonderful range of cakes were beautifully presented on tiered plates; little fingers were raised; conversation flowed and a fantastic £160 was raised. Thankyou SO much to Denise and her lovely assistant, Julie!

Harvest Festival

Looking forward, this year's Harvest Festival will be held on **Sunday 21st October** at 11am. This will be our usual Family Service with something for people of all ages. We're again planning to do the Link to Hope Shoebox Appeal. We're asking people to fill a shoebox with basic items to make a special Christmas present for families and elderly people in Eastern European countries who have very little. If you'd like to know more about this appeal, do contact me on 261569 for a leaflet. As in previous years, I'll be inviting the children to come to my house on Saturday 20th October at 1.30pm to make a Harvest loaf and vegetable soup, which will be served after the Harvest Festival service, along with the usual refreshments. We do hope you'll be able to come along and join us!

All Souls' Service – 6pm Sunday 4th November

Each year we hold a special service for anyone who has lost someone dear to them over the past year. During the service, if they wish, relatives and friends are invited to light a candle to their loved one and names are read out. This is a lovely service, a chance to quietly remember people we have lost, not necessarily just in the past year. If you have anyone you would like to remember in this way, either just come along to the service or contact Revd John Waller on 261062 or me on 261569 to arrange to have the person added to the list. This is not just local people, but anyone at all who you want to remember.

Festival of Remembrance

This year the country is marking 100 years since the end of the 1st World War and there will be many special events to commemorate this anniversary, especially on Armistice Day, **Sunday 11th November**. Little Brickhill's church bells will ring along with thousands of others across the country to mark the moment when the war ended.

The annual Service of Remembrance will take place in the church, starting at 10.50am and will include the 2 minutes' silence at 11am. Do hope you can come along to this moving service.

And so, another year rolls around and we come to another Christmas!! Two special dates for your calendars

Christmas Fayre

This year the Christmas Fayre will be on **Saturday 25th November** in the Village Hall, from 12noon – 2pm. Jo Barclay has, again, kindly offered to organise this year's Fayre. More details will follow nearer the time, but do make a note of the date and start the Christmas season off with a glass of mulled wine and good company. If you're nifty at making crafty things, do get busy – we'd love to hear from you!

Carol Service

The Village Carol Service will be held at 5pm on **Sunday 16th December**. This is always a very popular event and it's always great to see the church packed and hear the singing raising the roof! Once again, our children and young people will be making their own special contribution to the proceedings. Do come – all very welcome!

Ladies That Lunch and Coffee Mornings

Many of you will know that, thanks to the great generosity of our hosts, around £2,000 a year is raised for the maintenance of the church through these events. At the same time, all enjoy some good company and delicious meals! All welcome!

If you'd like to know more about the Lunches contact Julie Mayson on 261676 and for the Coffee Mornings contact Denise Bushell on 261170. Huge thanks to Julie and Denise for organising these great fund-raising activities.

The Lunches for the next few months will be hosted by:
Carole Moseley on Sept 20th
Julie Mayson on Oct 11th
Judy Houghton on Nov 15th

The October Coffee Morning will be on Monday 1st October at Denise Bushell's at Bryhulle, Watling Street and November's will be on Thursday 1st November, kindly hosted by Peggy Bellingham at Wainstones, Watling Street

Church Services

Services for the next few months are as follows:

2 nd Sept	9.30am Holy Communion
16 th Sept	11am All-Age Family Service
30 th Sept	11am United Benefice Service in Great Brickhill Church
7 th Oct	9.30am Holy Communion
21 st Oct	11am Harvest Festival All-Age Family Service
4 th Nov	6pm All Souls' service
11 th Nov	10.50am Service of Remembrance
18 th Nov	11am All-Age Family Service
16 th Dec	5pm Carol Service
Christmas Day	9.30am Holy Communion
30 th Dec	11am United Benefice Service in Little Brickhill Church

A warm welcome to all is guaranteed at all our services and events!