

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

## **SUNDAY 9th September 2018:- Fifteenth 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:-

**Isaiah 35: 4 - 7a; James 2: 1 - 10, 14 - 17; Mark 7: 24 – 37**

**Yesterday was the day for the annual Bucks Historic Churches Trust “Ride & Stride”. No-one participated from here but the church was open with refreshments for others who spent the day walking, cycling or riding from one church to another.**

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

**The Happy Cup Coffee Club**, the child-friendly drop-in coffee morning for parents and carers **is held on Monday mornings during term time in the church from 9.15am to 11.15am. It will resume after the summer break tomorrow morning.**

**The Village 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 in the Parish Hall is open on Mondays, from 1pm to 3pm** in the small meeting room.

**The Prayer Group** will be meeting again **in church on the second and fourth Mondays** of each month **starting tomorrow**. Meet at 11.15am for a coffee but do come any time from 11.00am and meet up with those at the Coffee Club if you wish. Everyone is very welcome. If you are not able to come but would like a prayer said on your behalf, please feel free to put a note on the prayer board.

The next Prayer Group dates:- **Mondays 10th & 24th September**

### **NEWS AND EVENTS**

#### **PLEA FOR VOLUNTEERS TO ACT AS SIDESMAN:**

As you will know there is a team of people who act as sidesman – one of them is here each week to greet those attending and to hand out the relevant books. The number on the list has fallen such that we would like to hear from anyone who would like to help out with this simple but important role. If anyone feels that they could do this, even on an occasional basis, then please get in touch with Phillipa who will fit you into the rota to suit your availability.

### **“SWEET MUSIC”, SATURDAY 6th OCTOBER:**

Butch Baker is organising a musical evening of local talent, a concert in the Parish Hall on Saturday 6th October, from 7.00pm – 10.30pm. There will be a bar and the tickets at £15 each will include as many sweets / desserts as you can eat. Ticket applications to Phillipa Cook:- 01525 261521 [pjcook6@gmail.com](mailto:pjcook6@gmail.com).

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

Now is the time of year to start thinking about the annual shoebox appeal. The sign in form and shoebox forms will be available near the church entrance through until October. Thank you in advance to those who wish to contribute to the charity - anyone who would like to know more about the project do look at the literature available, or contact Rosie Dawson who will be able to tell you more about the scheme:- 01525 261425 [Robin.Rosie@zen.co.uk](mailto:Robin.Rosie@zen.co.uk)

There will be a swap shop afternoon at the **Monday Drop-in** at the Parish Hall on **24th September and 15th October** for the opportunity for people to either give or take an article to help start a box, or to fill an odd corner to complete one.

### **HARVEST CELEBRATION, SUNDAY 23rd SEPTEMBER:**

**The Harvest Family Service at 11.00am will be followed by a Bring and Share Lunch.** The “Link to Hope” **Shoe Box** scheme above will be used for **gifts at the Harvest Service** – everyone is encouraged to bring an item that can be put in the shoe boxes. A list of suggested items to bring to the service will be provided.

### **ADVANCE NOTICE - SERVICE ON SUNDAY, 30th SEPTEMBER:**

There will be a United Benefice service here at 11.00am – the theme will be “We refuse to be enemies”, reflections and photographs by the Rector on his recent visit to Israel/Palestine.

### **SERVICES ON SUNDAY, 16th SEPTEMBER:**

There will be an **Evensong service at 6.00pm in Great Brickhill**, led by Phillipa. Other Services across the Benefice:-

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

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

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

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