

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

## **Sunday 23rd September 2018: Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity**

Welcome to our **Harvest Family Service** this morning, led by the Rector. Thank you to everyone who has helped to decorate the church for our Harvest celebrations. Thank you also to Andrew and Margretta for providing the music to accompany our songs.

The reading this morning is:- **Matthew 6: 25 - 33**

The “Link to Hope” **Shoe Box scheme** (details below) is being used for **gifts at the Harvest Service** – everyone is encouraged to bring an item that can be put in the shoe boxes. Please see the display on the blue notice board near the Vestry door.

Everyone is invited to stay after the service to join in our “Bring and Share” Harvest lunch.

The **High Ash Harvest Service** will be held here in the church tomorrow at 1.30pm. All are welcome to attend.

### **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.**

**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** is now meeting **in church on the second and fourth Mondays** of each month. 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:- **Tomorrow Monday 24th September and 8th & 22nd October.**

### **NEWS AND EVENTS**

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

Now is the time of year for 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 on the blue notice board near the Vestry, 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 **tomorrow, 24th September and on 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.

**“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. There is a limit on the number of tickets due to the Parish Hall regulations – **there are very few tickets left and so you are advised to obtain your ticket as soon as possible to avoid disappointment.** Ticket applications to Phillipa Cook:- 01525 261521 [pjcook6@gmail.com](mailto:pjcook6@gmail.com).

**WILLEN HOSPICE CONCERT, SUNDAY 7th OCTOBER:**

This year's Willen Hospice Concert is being held on Sunday 7th October in the Chrysalis Theatre Milton Keynes. The music is a concert performance of the first ever Opera Orfeo by Monteverdi, there is a short piece by Gabrieli, and some instrumental pieces – a selection of superb music. As always every penny goes to Willen Hospice. For tickets please contact the director of music, Jerry Breslin:- TEL: 01908 582952 [jerrybreslin@hotmail.com](mailto:jerrybreslin@hotmail.com)

**SERVICE ON SUNDAY, 30th SEPTEMBER:**

There will be a United Benefice Holy Communion 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.

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