

The Church of St Mary the Virgin, Great Brickhill

Sunday 30th September 2018: Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity

Welcome to our United Benefice Service of Holy Communion this morning led by the Rector. **The theme will be “We refuse to be enemies”, reflections with photographs throughout the service by the Rector on his recent visit to Israel/Palestine.**

Thank you to Jerry for playing the organ for us and to the choir who will be leading our singing.

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

The readings this morning are:-

Isaiah 5: 1 - 7; Hebrews 4: 14 - 16; John 15: 1 - 8

“SWEET MUSIC” CONCERT, NEXT SATURDAY 6th OCTOBER:
Due to unforeseen circumstances the decision has been taken to postpone the "Sweet Music" concert due to be held next Saturday. When the new date has been confirmed all those who had bought tickets for 6th October will be given first choice for tickets for the new date.

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:- **Mondays 8th & 22nd October.**

NEWS AND EVENTS

THE “LINK TO HOPE” CHARITY SHOEBOX APPEAL:

The “Link to Hope” **Shoe Box scheme** was used for **gifts at the Harvest Service** – everyone was encouraged to bring an item that can be put in the shoe boxes. The sign in form and shoebox forms are available near the church entrance. 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

There will be a swap shop afternoon at the **Monday Drop-in** at the Parish Hall **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.

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

SERVICES ON SUNDAY, 7th OCTOBER:

There will be a said Holy Communion (BCP) Service at 11.00am in Great Brickhill, led by Revd Robert Wright.

Other Services across the Benefice:-

Bow Brickhill:- Mattins at 11.00am

Little Brickhill:- Holy Communion at 9.30am

Stoke Hammond:- Harvest Family Service at 11.00am

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