

The Church of St Mary the Virgin, Great Brickhill

Sunday 4th November 2018: All Saints' Sunday

Welcome to our Prayer Book Service of Holy Communion this morning when we will celebrate All Saints' Sunday. Thank you to the Rector, Revd John Waller for leading our service. We hope that Sister Hazel is also able to be here with us. Everyone is invited to stay after the service for coffee and a chat.

The readings this morning are:-

Isaiah 25: 6 - 9; Revelation 21: 1 - 6a; John 11: 32 – 42

ALL SOULS SERVICE THIS EVENING AT 6.00pm

This is the annual benefice service held at **Little Brickhill**, in which we remember with thanksgiving our loved ones who have died, especially those we have lost during the past year, those who lived here local to us or who lived further away.

REMEMBRANCE SERVICE, NEXT SUNDAY 11th NOVEMBER:

The Remembrance Service in Great Brickhill will be held **next Sunday at 10.50am**. The collection will be for The Poppy Appeal and there will be special gift aid envelopes for you to sign.

You will see the display around the church of servicemen who had almost all lived in Great Brickhill at some time, a large proportion having been born here. The names on the notice board by the vestry all survived the war. The others, on the window sills and hung below the south side window, all died during the conflict or shortly afterwards from their wounds. The research was done by Tom Rolls and Ted Maley. The poppy wreath and the single poppies have been made by members of GB WI.

OUR CHARITY SONGS OF PRAISE in aid of **Willen Hospice** will be held on **Sunday, November 18th at 5.00pm**. If anyone would like to suggest a hymn **please contact the Rector or Julia by Friday, 9th November**.

NEWS AND EVENTS:

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 held **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. Future dates:- Mondays 12th & 26th November.

The recent “Join Us for Tea & Cake” event in the Parish Hall, held in conjunction with Good Companions, raised **£583** towards the vital funds required for **Willen Hospice**.

A THANK YOU MESSAGE FROM ROSIE:-

“Feed the Hungry” Charity- “Fish ‘n Chip” baby vests:

Many thanks go to all of you who have knitted baby vests, beanies and jumpers. Your time and industry have produced a wonderful 300 garments this year, which has just been delivered to the collection point in Louth, Lincolnshire. Over the last four years 1231 garments have been sent by “The Great Brickhill and Friends” group of knitters. It is an amazing result and one for which the charity is very grateful.

“Link to Hope” Charity Shoebox Appeal 2018:

48 shoeboxes have just been delivered to our area organiser from the “Great Brickhill and Friends” group ready to be trucked out to where they are needed most urgently. I was told that shoeboxes sent by us were always very well filled and beautifully wrapped.....so, very many thanks for your contribution and for the thoughtful way that you always present the boxes, saving the charity time and money as any under-weight or rattling boxes have to be opened and re-packed.

ADVENT COFFEE MORNING, SATURDAY 1st DECEMBER

An Advent Coffee Morning will be held in the church on Saturday 1st December from 10.00-1.00pm. There will be art, pottery and craft stalls for you to buy your Christmas presents; a toy stall and craft activities for children; a tombola; and the last chance to buy tickets for the Christmas Cake raffle. And tea, coffee and festive mince pies.

SERVICES ON SUNDAY, 18th NOVEMBER:

Great Brickhill “Charity Songs of Praise” at 5.00pm

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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