

The Church of St Mary the Virgin, Great Brickhill

SUNDAY 27th OCTOBER 2019: The Last Sunday after Trinity

Welcome to our Family Service this morning led by the Rector. We will be celebrating **Bible Sunday**. Thank you to Andrew and Margretta who will be playing the music to accompany our singing. Everyone is invited to stay after the service for coffee and a chat.

The readings this morning are:- Romans 15: 1-6 and a story version of the gospel (Luke 18: 9-14), the parable of the Pharisee and the Tax Collector.

We were sad to hear the news that Frank Kinsey passed away on Monday night. The funeral service will be here in church one day during the week beginning 4th November, followed by burial in the churchyard. Our thoughts and prayers are with Betty and all the Kinsey family at this sad time.

NEXT SUNDAY, ALL SOULS' SERVICE:

This annual service will be at Little Brickhill, at 6.00pm next Sunday 3rd November. It is a United Benefice service in which we remember with thanksgiving our loved ones who have died, those who lived here local to us or who lived further away.

NEWS AND EVENTS:-

The Happy Cup Coffee Club, the child-friendly drop-in coffee morning for parents and carers **is held every Monday morning in the church from 10.00am to 11.15am during term time. There will be no Coffee Club tomorrow as it is half term.**

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 held at 11.00am in church on the second and fourth Mondays of each month. Do come early around 10.45am to enjoy a cup of coffee and a chat with one another and with the young families gathering in the Chapel area. **The next meetings of the Prayer Group will be held tomorrow 28th October and Monday, 11th November. There is an e-mail Prayer Chain** for those who meet together. Anyone who wishes a prayer to be included at any time should contact:- Valerie Kerr (valeriejerr@hotmail.com) or Mary Maley (mary@maley.org.uk).

LAST CALL FOR LINK TO HOPE CHARITY SHOEBOXES:

Forms for the 2019 "Link to Hope" charity shoebox appeal may be obtained from a clip board on the bookcase by the porch door for those who would like to support this charity. **The shoeboxes should be returned to Rosie by the end of October - please contact her BEFORE delivering the boxes:- 261425 Robin.Rosie@zen.co.uk**

THE "SWEET MUSIC" CONCERT in the Parish Hall was a great success. The event was a total sell-out – all who attended had a thoroughly enjoyable time. Thanks to all the performers and especially Butch Baker for gathering together so many musically talented, local performers. Thanks also to those who provided such a wonderful selection of sweets. The evening raised a fantastic **£1472.38**. An additional **£165** was taken for the sale of tickets for the Christmas Cake raffle, which will be drawn at the Advent Fair.

CELEBRATION OF 150 YEARS of Sister Fanny and the work of St. Etheldreda's. Sister Hazel has extended an invitation to anyone who would like to attend this celebration on Saturday 16th November November at St Paul's Church in the centre of Bedford:-

1pm Gathering; 2pm Eucharist with the Bishop of St. Albans and Bedford; 3.30pm Tea and cake. Opportunity to buy The Annals of St. Etheldreda.

ADVENT FAIR, SUNDAY AFTERNOON 1st DECEMBER:

The Advent Fair will take place in the church from 2.00 – 5.00pm:-

Cake Stall, Refreshments, Toys, Plants, Accessories (scarves, jewellery etc), Gingerbread house raffle, Bottle Raffle.

Donations are requested of **unwanted scarves and jewellery**, to be given to us or left in the vestry for a church stall. There is also please a 'call for whole cakes for the cake stall'.

SERVICES NEXT WEEK, SUNDAY 3rd NOVEMBER:

There will be a Holy Communion (BCP) Service at 11.00am in **Great Brickhill**, led by the Rector. Other Services in the Benefice:-

Bow Brickhill:- Mattins at 11.00am (Patronal Festival)

Little Brickhill:- All Souls' Service at 6.00pm

Stoke Hammond:- Family Service at 11.00am

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