

## The Benefice of The Brickhills & Stoke Hammond

### REVD JOHN WALLER'S FAREWELL SERVICE

*(Rector from February 2003 to May 2026)*

**Sunday 26th April 2026 at 11.00am**

Welcome to the service today, which will be John's final service before he retires. A special welcome to John's family and friends, and other local clergy who have come to celebrate the day with us.

During John's time here, he has presided over many weddings and baptisms and we are pleased to see many of the families returning for today's celebration.

We will be sad to see John leave the Benefice but we wish him well in the next stage of his life as he moves to Worcester to be near family and friends.

In the service there will be contributions from people from all four parishes. The service has been planned by John who has chosen the hymns and readings:- Deuteronomy 30: 11 - 14, 19 - 20a;  
Colossians 3: 12 - 17; John 10: 7 - 10

#### **THE COLLECTION:**

The collection will be for the **Archdeacon of Buckingham's Clergy Charity**, which John and Pauline benefitted from in the past. For over 150 years the charity has supported local clergy and their families who are in financial need, hardship or distress.

The collection will be taken during the third, offertory hymn.

**Please give generously. and use the special Gift Aid envelopes if you can. For those who wish to donate via a credit/debit card please do so using the QR code below:-**



## **AFTER THE SERVICE:**

At the end of the service, please remain in your seats. John and the choir will go into the vestry and de-robe. We will then say our formal goodbyes to John.

The drinks and food will then be handed round. Thank you to all who have provided the refreshments.

During the refreshments, a ukulele group, which John has recently been playing with, will entertain us.

## **SERVICES DURING THE VACANCY:**

Clergy cover has been arranged for all the Holy Communion services, and all services in the Benefice will be held as normal.

## **MAY SERVICES:**

### **Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> May:**

10.00 (St. H.) Holy Communion *Benefice* Revd Steve Barnes  
This is a joint service for everyone in the four villages

### **Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> May:**

11.00 (St. H.)	Family Service	Dave Webber
11.00 (Gt. Br.)	Family Service	Phillipa Cook

### **Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> May:**

9.30 (Bw. Br.)	Holy Communion	Revd Steve Barnes
9.30 (St. H.)	Morning Worship	Dave Webber
18.00 (Gt. Br.)	Evensong	Jeremy Hopkinson

### **Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> May:**

#### ***Pentecost***

9.30 (St. H.)	Holy Communion	Revd David Talks
11.00 (Lt. Br.)	Family Service	Dave Webber
18.00 (Bw. Br.)	Evensong (BCP)	Jeremy Hopkinson

### **Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> May:**

#### ***Trinity Sunday***

10.00 (Lt. Br.) Holy Communion *Benefice* Revd Canon Val Plumb  
This is a joint service for everyone in the four villages

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