

The Church of St Mary the Virgin, Great Brickhill

SUNDAY 10th SEPTEMBER 2023: 14th Sunday after Trinity

Welcome to our service of Evensong this evening. Thank you to Jeremy for leading the service, and to Jerry and the choir for the music and leading our singing.

The readings this evening are:-

Ezekiel 33: 7-11; Matthew 18: 15-20

The collection plate will be passed round during the last hymn. Please use the Gift Aid envelopes provided if you are able to. If you prefer to give your collection via the **debit/credit card device**, please see **Phillipa after the service**.

THE BRICKHILLS & STOKE HAMMOND CHURCH CHOIR:

The Benefice Choir are giving a concert in St Mary Magdelene (Willen) Church as one of the concerts in their Heritage Week. The performance will **be next Saturday 16th September at 2.30pm in Willen Church**.

FUNERAL DETAILS:

Janet Blake's funeral will be held at St Mary the Virgin Church, Great Brickhill on Friday 22nd September at 12.30pm.

THE TWO "WORKDAYS":

A lot of jobs were achieved on the two Workdays, both inside and outside. Among other things, the church gates were painted, drains and gullies cleared, foliage cut back in several areas, cleaning behind the altar and the children's area, extension roof cleared of leave, bird proofing. Also, many of the recommendations included in a thermal survey have been carried out to make the church more energy efficient. Thank you to all who helped out and to those who provided the refreshments.

"RIDE & STRIDE", YESTERDAY:

The church was open yesterday with refreshments for participants in the annual Ride & Stride event in aid of Bucks Historic Churches Trust. Because of our location being at the top of a steep hill, we do not usually get many visitors. Yesterday we had a team of seven from All Saints Church, Leighton Buzzard calling in at the church.

Bucks Historic Churches Trust has pledged a grant towards our re-roofing project and so we will do as in previous years, send a donation to BHCT. If anyone would like to add their own donation, please get in touch with Phillipa or send the donation directly via

<https://bucks-historic-churches.org/>

RECTOR'S BIBLE STUDY AT THE RECTORY:

This takes place on the evening of the third Thursday of the month. The date of the next Bible Study is:- **Thursday 21st September at 8pm**. All are welcome to come and discuss the passages from the bible from one of our forthcoming services. No prior knowledge of the text is required.

DEFECTS WORK ON NEW FACILITIES:

The work to rectify the defects in the new extension and refreshment area is going to plan. This week the second coat of the new lime render has been applied. The internal works will start later this month. We will ensure that there will be minimum disruption during this period.

FOOD BOX:

Recently, demand for produce from the Food Box continues. If anyone would like to contribute to the stocked goods, we would be very grateful. All contributions can be placed inside the box or next to it. The main requirements at the moment are:-

Tea, coffee, long life milk, cereal, tinned meals, pasta sauce, soup, baked beans, tinned fruit, custard. There is a full list of suggestions inside the box lid. **No more pasta is required.**

If you know of anyone who would benefit from this initiative, please pass this information on. For anyone in real need, there is also information near the Food Box on some local Food Larders, held in various locations on different days in Milton Keynes.

MONDAY MORNING COFFEE CLUB:

The Coffee Club starts again after the summer break **tomorrow Monday 11th September**. It is held in the church every Monday during term time from **9.30am – 11.30am**. Call in for a coffee and a chat, any age most welcome!

SERVICES NEXT WEEK:

Next Sunday, 17th September the service in Great Brickhill will be:- a **Family Service at 11.00am**.

The other services in the Benefice will be:-

9.30 (Bow Brickhill) Holy Communion

9.30 (Stoke Hammond) Cafe Church

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