

The Church of St Mary the Virgin, Great Brickhill

SUNDAY 11th SEPTEMBER 2022: 13th Sunday after Trinity

We were all deeply saddened to learn of the passing of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II and extend our sincere condolences to King Charles III and the Royal Family at this intensely difficult time.

The services across the Benefice over the next few weeks will be adapted appropriately to reflect these sad times. The tolling or ringing of bells took place across the country at mid-day on Friday. Thank you to David Middleton who tolled our single tenor bell unmuffled.

During this period of Royal Mourning, until seven days after the funeral service, **the church will be open for a longer period of time, from 9.30am to 6.00pm**. Please feel free to enter the church to pay your respects, and have a quiet time for reflection and prayer. Refreshments will be available in the servery area and the door to the toilet extension will be open.

A Book of Condolence will be available in the Parish Hall.

A Prayer on the Death of Her Majesty The Queen:

Gracious God, we give thanks for the life of
your servant Queen Elizabeth,
for her faith and her dedication to duty.

Bless our nation as we mourn her death and may
her example continue to inspire us;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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.

The readings this evening are:- Exodus 32: 7-14; Luke 15: 1-10

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**.

REVIEW OF SUNDAY SERVICE PATTERN:

The new service pattern having been running for twelve months is now being reviewed. The PCCs of the four parishes are having their own discussion at their September meetings and will be reporting back to the Wardens for the final review when they next meet.

Anyone who would like to send their individual comments on the service pattern, please get in touch with either Julia or Phillipa by Friday 30th September so that these can be added to the overall review.

THE RECTOR'S BIBLE STUDY AT THE RECTORY:

The dates of the next two Bible Studies at The Rectory are Tuesday 13th September & Thursday 20th October at 8.00pm. All welcome.

MONDAY MORNING COFFEE CLUB STARTS TOMORROW:

The Monday morning Coffee Club is now up and running after the summer break tomorrow. It is held every Monday during term time from 9.30am – 11.30am, a great way to start the week. Call in to the church and have a coffee and a chat. There will be no Coffee Club on the day of the Queen's funeral, 19th September.

PARISH NEWSLETTER:

As you will know the Parish Newsletter is no longer distributed to every house in the village. Since the start of Covid-19 it has only been available online. While this is the best way for people to receive the Newsletter, enhanced with many photos etc and no printing costs, it remains the case that there are those in the village who are unable to receive it. For some time, a printed copy of a shortened version of the Newsletter has been available for people to read in the church porch. Arrangements have now been made to deliver a copy of the Newsletter to those unable to receive the online version. To make it viable for printing this will be a scaled down Newsletter, just including the news items. If you know of anyone who might like to receive this, please get in touch with Debbie Pincott who is kindly coordinating the list:- debbiepincott@hotmail.co.uk

SERVICES NEXT WEEK:

Next Sunday, 18th September the service here in Great Brickhill will be a Family Service with a Baptism at 11.00am.

The other services in the Benefice are:-

9.30 (Bow Brickhill) Memorial Service with Holy Communion

9.30 (Stoke Hammond) Morning Worship

N.B. The Contemporary Service, planned for 22nd September, has been postponed until October - the date to be confirmed.

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