The Church of St Mary the Virgin, Great Brickhill

SUNDAY 13th AUGUST 2023: The Tenth Sunday after Trinity

Due to holidays, instead of the planned service of Evensong, our service this evening will be Said Compline, which will be led by the Rector and Jeremy. There will be an Evensong service next month on 10th September.

The readings for this evening are:-1 Kings <u>19</u>: 9-18; Matthew <u>14</u>: 22-33

There will be a retiring collection at the end of the service. Please place your collection in the plate as you leave and use the Gift Aid envelopes provided if you are able to. If you prefer to give your collection via our debit/credit card device, please see Phillipa after the service.

"WORKDAY" YESTERDAY:

A huge thank you to those who came to the Workday yesterday. A large number of jobs were undertaken, followed by a relaxed lunch. Some tasks will be completed in the coming days but there are a few jobs which are outstanding. A further Workday will be held in September, date to be confirmed.

DEFECTS WORK ON NEW FACILITIES:

We have received a schedule of works for the defects in the new extension and refreshment area to be rectified. The contractors will start the work towards the end of the month and will take a few weeks to complete. We will ensure that there will be minimum disruption during this period.

"RIDE & STRIDE", SATURDAY 9th SEPTEMBER:

The annual event for cyclists, walkers, horse-riders, or drivers is on Saturday 9th September. It is a great day out for families, while helping to protect church buildings in Buckinghamshire – the aim is to visit as many local churches as you can in aid of Bucks Historic Churches Trust. This charity has pledged a grant towards our reroofing project and so your support would be most welcome. Half of all funds raised by people in Great Brickhill will be passed on to us. For more details and a sponsorship form, please contact me. For more information visit:-

https://bucks-historic-churches.org/ride-stride/

FOOD BOX:

Recently, demand for produce from the Food Box has been high. 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.

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 will resume after the summer break at the start of the Autumn term.

SERVICES NEXT WEEK:

Next Sunday 20th August, the service here is a Family Service at 11am. The other services in the Benefice will be:-

9.30 (Bow Brickhill) Holy Communion

17.00 (Stoke Hammond) Compline following afternoon tea

On Sunday 27th August there will be just one service in the Benefice: 10.00 Benefice Holy Communion at Stoke Hammond. This is a joint service for everyone in the four villages of the Brickhills & Stoke Hammond.

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