

The Church of St Mary the Virgin, Great Brickhill

Sunday 14th July 2024: The Seventh Sunday after Trinity

Welcome to our Family Service this morning, which will be led by Phillipa. Andrew & Margretta and Sophia are not able to be with us and so we will have our music via the CDs. Do join in with the singing and use the shakers as much as you like.

We will hear a story from the Storyteller Bible:- "The Two Houses" based on Matthew 7: 24 - 29 & Luke 6: 46 - 49. We will then have a couple of activities outside, looking at and recording the inscriptions on the gravestones and identifying wildflowers and insects.

Everyone is invited to stay after the service for coffee and a chat.

The collection plate will be passed round during the final hymn. Please 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.

DEANERY SERVICE THIS AFTERNOON:

Later today at 4pm, there is a Deanery service at All Saints Church Wing. This is an opportunity to come together and reflect on the past year celebrating all that God has done in our area, the Mursley Deanery. There will be delicious refreshments provided and there is ample parking in Overtone School car park just round the corner.

HIGH ASH SERVICE, WEDNESDAY 17th JULY:

On Wednesday we will welcome Key Stage 2 pupils from High Ash for their annual Leavers' Service.

WORK IN THE CHURCH:

After a few weeks of normality, we are about to see some more work in the church. The north wall has dried out sufficiently and the decorator has asked to start the painting next week. The hope is that the church will remain open, but there will be some areas cordoned off. With no services in the church after the school service on Wednesday, this is good timing for the work.

ANNE HUMPHREYS:

As you may have heard, Anne Humphreys passed away on Sunday 23rd June. We have received the following details:- Anne slipped away peacefully in her sleep. She was comfortable, pain free and well cared for at Waterhall Care Home. Her funeral is to be a "Celebration of her life and Friendship" and will be held at 11am on

Monday 19th August at All Saints Church, Church Square, Leighton Buzzard, LU7 1AE. Anne has asked that No Black is to be worn and No tears!! We are to smile and laugh and remember the good times of her well lived 92 years. After the service refreshments in the church. Family flowers only. Donations can be made in Anne's memory to Stray Cat Rescue, Westoning, Milton Keynes, MK17 9ER or Willen Hospice, Milton Keynes MK15 9AB. The funeral directors Dillamore of Leighton Buzzard will be setting up a Go Fund me account for both charities.

FOOD BOX:

There is now access to the Food Box in the church porch throughout the week, at any time of day.

MONDAY MORNING COFFEE CLUB:

Tomorrow will be **the final Morning Coffee Club until September**, after the summer school holidays. From 9.30am – 11.30am, all are welcome, any age from the very young, to the not quite so young!.

SERVICES IN THE COMING WEEKS:

Next week, Sunday 21st July, there will be just one service in the Benefice:- 10.00 Benefice Holy Communion at Bow Brickhill.

The following Sunday 28th July there will not be a service here at Great Brickhill. Services in the Benefice will be:-

9.30 (Stoke Hammond) Holy Communion

11.00 (Little Brickhill) Family Service with Holy Communion

18.00 (Bow Brickhill) Evensong

TWO SPECIAL SERVICES HERE in the next few months:-

- **Sunday 11th August:-** "Pimms & Hymns", an outdoor service, at 4pm with the hope that this will attract some young families to attend. We are asking for request for hymns – **please send Phillipa your choice of traditional hymn or modern worship song**, and if you would like to, add why this is significant for you,

- **Sunday 13th October:-** A service of Thanksgiving for the completion of the new roof, including a presentation of the Francis Coales Foundation Chalice, which we will hold for one year.

More details about these services to follow.

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