

# **The Church of St Mary the Virgin, Great Brickhill**

**Sunday 14th September 2025 – Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity**

**Welcome to our Harvest Family Service this afternoon**, led by the Rector. Thank you to everyone who has helped to decorate the church for our Harvest celebrations. Thank you also to Andrew and Margretta for providing the music, and to Sophia who will be leading our singing. Thank you for the harvest gifts, which will be added to our supply of goods for our Food Box.

We do hope that you will stay after the service to join us for tea, cake and a chat after the service. Thank you to those who have contributed to the selection of cakes.

The Bible readings this morning are:-

Deuteronomy 26: 1-3, 9-11; Philippians 4: 4-9

**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 our **debit/credit card device**, **please see Phillipa after the service**.

**Please note the words for our second song will be slightly different from those in the hymn book.** "Thank you Lord for this fine day" will have special Harvest words:-

Verse 1: Thank you, Lord for this **new** day

Verse 2: Thank you, Lord, **for food to eat** ...

Verse 3: Thank you, Lord, **for clothes to wear** ...

Verse 4: Thank you, Lord, **for all your gifts** ...

## **BUCKS HISTORIC CHURCHES RIDE & STRIDE:**

The annual Sponsored Ride & Stride took place yesterday. The church was open to welcome any visitors who made it up one of the hills to reach the village. One energetic cyclist did that.

The Ride is run in conjunction with the National Churches Trust to assist the preservation of all our historic Churches.

## **PATHWAYS:**

Printed copies of the Summer edition of Pathways, the magazine for the people of the Diocese of Oxford, are now available. There are copies on the bookcase near the door – a copy can also be downloaded from the website:-

<https://www.oxford.anglican.org/pathways>

## **“LINK to HOPE” FAMILY & ELDERLY SHOEBOX APPEAL:**

If you would like to help fill a Christmas shoebox to be delivered to some of the poorest people in Eastern Europe (Ukraine, Moldova, Romania, Bulgaria), please contact:-

Rosie Dawson:- 07708 066497 [robindawson32@gmail.com](mailto:robindawson32@gmail.com)

## **DATE FOR THE DIARY:**

**On Saturday 29th November** we will be holding our annual **Christmas Coffee Morning** in the church, from 10.30am - 1pm. If anyone would like to have a stall, please get in touch with Phillipa.

## **FOOD BOX CONTRIBUTIONS:**

The stock of certain items for the Food Box is running very low. **We are always grateful for any donations - at present we are short of tinned meals, meat and vegetarian.** We have plenty of cereal, milk, tea, pasta and pasta sauces. Any contributions can be placed inside the box or next to it. Thank you.

## **SERVICES IN THE NEXT TWO WEEKS:**

**Next Sunday, 21st September, there is no service here, the services in the Benefice will be:-**

9.30 (Bow Brickhill) Holy Communion by Extension. As there is no clergy available, the bread and wine will have been consecrated at an earlier service.

9.30 (Stoke Hammond) Morning Worship

**The following week, Sunday 28th September the service here will be:- Family Service at 11am**

Other services in the Benefice will be:-

9.30 (Stoke Hammond) Harvest Holy Communion

11.00 (Little Brickhill) Harvest Family Service

18.00 (Bow Brickhill) Taize Service

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