

The Church of St Mary the Virgin, Great Brickhill

Sunday 15th September 2024 - Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity

Welcome to our Harvest Family Service this morning, 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. Any harvest gifts of produce, fresh or otherwise, will be taken to the MK Food Bank.

We do hope that you will stay after the service to join in our **“Bring and Share” Harvest lunch**, an opportunity for us to continue our fellowship together.

The Bible reading this morning is:- Matthew 13: 3 - 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**.

RECTOR’S BIBLE STUDY AT THE RECTORY:

This month’s Bible Study at The Rectory will be on Thursday 19th September at 8.00pm. All are welcome to attend and explore the bible readings for one of our forthcoming services. No prior knowledge of the text is required.

WORKDAY, SATURDAY 28th SEPTEMBER, 10.00am - 1.00pm

There are a number of jobs that need doing before the bad weather arrives, including insulation of heating pipes in the porch, plus other smaller, less strenuous tasks. Please offer to lend a hand if you are able to at the **Workday on Saturday 28th September, from 10.00am to 1.00pm**. Refreshments will be provided. Some tasks can be carried out on a separate occasion if anyone is willing to do that.

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. Three energetic people did that.

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

“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 robin.rosie@zen.co.uk

DATES FOR THE DIARY: -

On Saturday 30th November we will be holding a **Christmas Coffee Morning in the church**, from 10.00am - 1.00pm. If anyone would like to have a stall, please get in touch with Phillipa or Julia.

The Village Nativity is being held on **Sunday 15th December** at the Cricket Club at 11.00am.

MONDAY MORNING COFFEE CLUB:

The Coffee Club has resumed after the summer school holidays. It is held in the church every Monday during term time from 9.30am – 11.30am. All are welcome, any age from the very young, to the not quite so young!

FOOD BOX:

Access to the Food Box in the church porch is available throughout the week, at any time of day.

SERVICES IN THE NEXT TWO WEEKS:

Next Sunday 22nd September there will not be a service here at Great Brickhill. Services in the Benefice will be:-

9.30 (Stoke Hammond) Harvest Festival

11.00 (Little Brickhill) Family Service Harvest Festival

18.00 (Bow Brickhill) Evensong

The following Sunday, 29th September, there will be just one service in the Benefice, a Holy Communion service at Great Brickhill, at 10.00am. This is a joint service for everyone in the four villages of the Brickhills & Stoke Hammond.

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