

The Church of St Mary the Virgin, Great Brickhill

Sunday 16th June 2024: The Third Sunday after Trinity

Welcome to our Family Service this morning, which will be led by Phillipa. Andrew and Margretta will be providing our music today. Do join in with the singing and use the shakers as much as you like.

Today's theme is from the fourth chapter of Mark's gospel, which speaks of Jesus being by the sea and teaching by using parables. A great multitude had gathered to hear him and so he got into a boat with the whole multitude on the land facing the sea. And then we will hear what happened later that day.

We will have a Bible reading Mark 4: 26-34, plus a story from the Storyteller Bible based on Mark 4: 35-41, "Jesus calms the storm".

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.

THANK YOU:

Thank you to everyone who helped either at last week's Workday or at other times to get the church back to its normal state. A few things still to be done but what a transformation from a month ago! Just in time for last Saturday's wedding, the only one we have this year. It is wonderful that the church is open again every day from 10am to 4pm.

RECTOR'S SABBATICAL:

The Rector's sabbatical leave continues for a few more weeks, until 1st July. If anyone has any general queries or information, please contact either Julia or Phillipa. If they are unable to answer the query, they should be able to re-direct you to someone who can help.

Any pastoral concerns, please contact Jeremy Hopkinson:

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BELL RINGING:

David Middleton has arranged for the next quarter peal of the bells to be rung next Friday, 21st June at 4.00pm

FOOD BOX:

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

OPEN GARDENS, NEXT SATURDAY 22nd JUNE:

Next Saturday is the Open Gardens afternoon from 1pm-5pm, with teas available in the church. Proceeds from the teas will go to the church and garden entry fees will go to MK Food Bank.

Once again, offers of cakes will be much appreciated - there have been a number of events in recent weeks when we have asked for cakes, but after this there will be quite a break before the next one. Please deliver to the church on Saturday, or let Julia or me know if you would like us to collect them.

Do let family and friends know about the event and encourage them to come along. It must be warmer, and hopefully drier, by next weekend!

MONDAY MORNING COFFEE CLUB:

The Coffee Club has returned to the church. It is held 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!

SERVICES IN THE COMING WEEKS:

Next Sunday 23rd June 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

18.00 (Bow Brickhill) Evensong

On Sunday, 30th June there will be one service in the Benefice:-

Benefice Holy Communion 10am at Bow Brickhill - a joint service for everyone in the four villages of the Brickhills & Stoke Hammond.

The next service here will be Holy Communion on Sunday 7th July at 9.30am when we will welcome back the Rector.

TWO SPECIAL SERVICES HERE in the next few months:-

- **Sunday 11th August:-** "Pimms & Hymns", an outdoor service at 4pm. Requests for hymns will be welcome.

- **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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