

The Church of St Mary the Virgin, Great Brickhill

SUNDAY 16th OCTOBER 2022: Eighteenth 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 will be taken to a local 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:- Philipians 4: 4-9

We will also hear the story 'Big Bags of Money' from the Lion Storyteller Bible, a version of the parable of the talents.

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 Julia after the service.**

On Wednesday we were delighted to welcome **High Ash pupils** in Years 3, 4, 5 & 6 for their Harvest celebration.

Next weekend on **Saturday 22nd October** we will be having an informal **Coffee Morning in the church from 10.30am to 12 noon**. Everyone is welcome to call in for a coffee and a chat.

THE RECTOR'S BIBLE STUDY AT THE RECTORY:

The date of the next Bible Study at The Rectory is next **Thursday, 20th October at 8.00pm**. All welcome to come and discuss the passages from the bible from one of our forthcoming services.

REVIEW OF SUNDAY SERVICE PATTERN:

After the extensive consultation, the service pattern, which has been running for just over a year, was reviewed by the Wardens at their recent meeting. Very few comments were received and most of these were regarding the services at the individual parishes. It was therefore agreed that **the current service pattern will continue**, but it will be kept under constant review.

FOOD BOX:

There is a current increase in demand for items. If anyone would like to leave suitable items for the Food Box, please place them either in

or close to the box in the church porch. All items must be non-perishable and well in-date. Below is a list of suggested items:-
Tea, coffee, long-life milk, cereal, rice, pasta, pasta sauce, tins vegetables, tins soup, tins meat/chicken/tuna, long-life tinned meals.

MONDAY MORNING COFFEE CLUB:

The Monday morning Coffee Club is held every Monday during term time from 9.30am – 11.30am, a great way to start the week. Call in to the church and have a coffee and a chat. Any age most welcome!

"Link to Hope" SHOEBOX APPEAL:

The shoeboxes will be sent to Romania, Moldova, Ukraine or Bulgaria. If you would like to help with this scheme, you will find the details for filling a shoebox on the bookcase just inside the church – please take a leaflet, follow the instructions and **return the completed box to Rosie Dawson by 23rd October**, 01525 261425. Alternatively, you can donate any amount towards the Shoebox Appeal so that items can be bought in bulk to fill the boxes - details on the following link:- <https://linktohope.co.uk/we-fill-a-shoebox-2022>

DATES FOR THE DIARY:

- **On Saturday 3rd December** 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 me.
- **The Village Nativity** is being held on **Sunday 18th December** at the Cricket Club at 11.00am.

SERVICES IN THE BENEFICE FOR THE NEXT TWO WEEKS:

Next Sunday, 23rd October:- There will not be a service here (Coffee Morning Saturday, see above). Services in the Benefice are:-

- 9.30 Holy Communion (Stoke Hammond)
- 11.00 Family Service (Little Brickhill)
- 11.00 Mattins (Bow Brickhill)

On Sunday 30th October there will be a joint service for the four churches of our Benefice at **Little Brickhill at 11.00am**, the annual **All Souls Service** in which we remember with thanksgiving all those we know who have died in recent times.

The next service here will be on **Sunday 6th November**, Holy Communion at 9.30am.

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