

The Church of St Mary the Virgin, Great Brickhill

Sunday 17th May 2026 – the Seventh Sunday of Easter

Welcome to our service of Evensong this evening, which will be led by Jeremy. Thank you to Jerry and the choir for the music and leading our singing.

The readings for today are:- Acts 1: 6-14; John 17: 1-11

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 **Julia after the service**.

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK, 10th to 16th MAY:

There has not been a House-to-House collection in the village. **There are Christian Aid envelopes available on the bookcase** if anyone would like to make a donation to help provide vital tools and training so that farmers can protect their families from hunger. Please hand your envelopes to either Julia or Stuart.

Anyone who would like to donate online to Christian Aid Week, can do so via the following link:- <https://caw.christianaid.org.uk/>

VISITING BELL RINGERS:

The Oxford Diocesan Guild of Bellringers held their Annual Meeting here in the village yesterday. Some of them rang our bells from 12.30pm to 1.30pm. They then had their meeting, followed by a short service of Evensong at 5pm.

BRICKSTOCK, NEXT SUNDAY 24th MAY:

We will again be doing the teas at Brickstock at the Cricket Club. And so, **offers of cakes please will be most welcome**. Please deliver if possible to the Cricket Club on Sunday morning.

MONDAY MORNING BABY & TODDLER GROUP:

The Baby & Toddler Group meets in the church during term time on Mondays, 10am - 12 noon. All are welcome, parents, grandparents, carers, child-minders, to meet up and enjoy a cup of coffee and a chat. A perfect way for new mums to meet, especially newcomers to the village with young babies.

Please pass on the details to anyone whom you know that might be interested.

TOMATO PLANTS:

Huge thanks to John Hall for the donation received last week of £1000 from the sale of his tomato plants. What a sterling effort again by John.

DATE FOR THE DIARY:

Photo Exhibition & Cream Teas, weekend 27th & 28th June:

A weekend of photo exhibition in the church, with cream teas on the Sunday afternoon from 3pm to 5pm. Archive material of special interest will be on display during the Sunday afternoon. More details to follow.

DURING THE INTEREGNUM,

If anyone has any pastoral concerns, please contact:

Jeremy Hopkinson, LLM:- 07740 169260 jeremysfh@gmail.com

FORTHCOMING SERVICES:

Next Sunday, 24th May, Pentecost:-

There will not be a service in Great Brickhill (the day of Brickstock).

Services in the Benefice will be:-

9.30 (Stoke Hammond) Holy Communion

11.00 (Little Brickhill) Family Service

18.00 (Bow Brickhill) Evensong

The following Sunday, 31st May, which is Trinity Sunday, there will be just one service in the Benefice:-

10.00 Benefice Holy Communion at Little Brickhill, which will be led by Revd Canon Val Plumb

This is a joint service for everyone in the four villages of the Brickhills & Stoke Hammond.

SERVICES DURING THE VACANCY:

During the vacancy, clergy cover has been arranged, and all services will be held as normal.

Phillipa Cook - Warden/Secretary (07788 740969) pjcook6@gmail.com

Stuart Jones - Warden (07779 510974) stuart.jones54@btinternet.com

The address of the Benefice website: www.brickhillschurches.org.uk