

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

**SUNDAY 18th SEPTEMBER 2022: 14th Sunday after Trinity**

**We have two services today:-**

**At 11am** we have a **Family Service with a Baptism**. The Rector will be leading the service where we will be joined by Matt and Emily Lund with family and friends for their younger son George's christening, along with older brother Ethan.

Thank you to Andrew and Margretta Smith for providing the music for our songs this morning – do use the shakers as much as you like!

Everyone is invited to stay after the service for coffee and a chat.

**The reading** this morning, read by a family friend:- Luke 15: 1 - 10

**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**.

**At 5pm** we will be having a **Service of Thanksgiving for the life of the Queen** where we will have time to pay tribute to Her late Majesty Queen Elizabeth II and commemorate her long service to our nation - an opportunity for a time of reflection, prayers and hymns on the Eve of her State Funeral.

Thank you to John Wearmouth who will be playing the organ for us.

**The Bible readings** will be: Psalm 23; Revelation 21: 1 - 7

The **National Moment of Reflection** will take place this evening at 8pm with a two-minute silence.

Please note there will be **no Monday Coffee Club tomorrow** but the church will be open. **Until next Sunday, the church will continue to be open for a longer period of time than normal, from 9.30am to 6.00pm**. Please feel free to enter the church to pay your respects, and have a quiet time for reflection and prayer. Refreshments will be available in the servery area and the door to the toilet extension will be open.

**A Book of Condolence in the Parish Hall:**

The Parish Council has placed a book of condolence and remembrance for HRH Queen Elizabeth II **in the meeting room** of the Parish Hall; this will be available from **09:00 - 19:00 each day**

**until 25th September** for you to record your own thoughts about our departed Queen and so they may be preserved for future generations in the parish archives. These can be anonymous if you desire.

**A Prayer for the Queen and ourselves:**

God of love,  
We thank you for the life of The Queen,  
for her service to our nation,  
and for her faith in you.  
Be close to all of us who mourn,  
that we may we find comfort and hope in your love,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**REVIEW OF SUNDAY SERVICE PATTERN:**

A reminder that the service pattern that has been running for a year now is being reviewed. **Anyone who would like to send their individual comments on the service pattern**, please get in touch with either Julia or Phillipa **by Friday 30th September** so that these can be added to the overall review.

**SERVICES NEXT WEEK:**

**Next Sunday, 25th September there will not be a service at Great Brickhill.** Services in the Benefice will be:-

- 9.30 Harvest Family Service with Communion (Stoke Hammond)
- 11.00 Harvest Festival Family Service (Little Brickhill)
- 18.00 Evensong (Bow Brickhill)

**PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING DATES:-**

The next service here will be Holy Communion, 9.30am 2nd October.

The next **Contemporary Service** will be on **Tuesday 4th October** here in Great Brickhill at 7.45pm. The theme of the service will be "healing". Refreshments from 7.30pm.

Our **Harvest celebrations** here will be on **Sunday 16th October**, a Family Service at 11.00am

On **Saturday 22nd October** we will be having an informal **Coffee Morning** in the church from 10.30am to 12 noon.

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