

The Church of St Mary the Virgin, Great Brickhill

SUNDAY 19th JUNE 2022: FIRST SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

You will have noticed that we have a new church path! The bonded gravel top layer was laid on Monday and it has been very much worth the wait. The approach to the church now gives the right impression, that the church is loved and cared for. But more important, it will be far more comfortable for those in a wheelchair or a buggy, and safer for those who might be struggling with walking.

Welcome to our Family Service this morning which will be led by the Rector. We will hear the story of healing (from Luke Chapter 5), 'Down through the Roof' and how 'there is still a blessing', a message of hope even in testing times. Andrew and Margretta will be providing the music for us this morning and Sophia will be leading our singing – 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 is:- Isaiah 65: 8 - 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 the **debit/credit card device**, please see **Phillipa after the service**.

SAD NEWS:

We have received two pieces of sad news this week:

- The Rev. Stephen Toze, former Rector of the Brickhills, died on Thursday morning.
- John Bowler, a much-loved member of the church family in Stoke Hammond and Treasurer for many years, died in Milton Keynes Hospital early on Friday.

Our thoughts and prayers are with their friends and families.

JUBILEE WEEKEND:

The donations raised over the three days of the Jubilee weekend from the refreshments at the photographic exhibition came to £373. The amount collected on the Thursday has been given to the Ukrainian Fund to add to the amount raised at the other village Jubilee celebrations.

OPEN GARDENS:

The Gardening Club are organising an Open Gardens afternoon on Sunday 3rd July, from 1.00pm to 5.00pm. The teas will be available in the church - offers of cakes and volunteers to help would be welcome.

MONDAY MORNING COFFEE CLUB:

The Coffee Club is held every Monday during term time, between 9.30am and 11.30am. Anyone is welcome to call in to the church for a coffee and chat.

SERVICES IN THE BENEFICE FOR THE NEXT TWO WEEKS:

Next Sunday, 26th June:

There will not be a service at Great Brickhill.

Services in the Benefice will be:-

9.30 Holy Communion (Stoke Hammond)

11.00 Family Service (Little Brickhill)

18.00 Evensong (Bow Brickhill)

Sunday 3rd July:

9.30 Holy Communion here in Great Brickhill

9.30 Morning Worship (Stoke Hammond)

11.00 Family Service (Bow Brickhill)

We will not be having our normal Family Service in July but there is going to be a special Benefice service here on Sunday 31st July – an All Age Open Air Service at 11.00am in the churchyard celebrating God’s creation. (More details to follow)

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