

The Church of St Mary the Virgin, Great Brickhill

Sunday 19th May 2024: Pentecost (Whit Sunday)

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

Today is Pentecost and we will be celebrating that as well as combining the theme from this year's Christian Aid Week. We will have a Bible reading (1 Corinthians Chapter 13) and a story from Christian Aid, plus a story from the Storyteller Bible taken from one of the Pentecost readings in Acts Chapter 2, "The Helper Arrives".

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.

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK, 12th to 18th MAY:

There has not been a House-to-House collection in the village. **There are Christian Aid envelopes available here at the service.** Alternatively, anyone who would like to donate to Christian Aid Week, can do so online:- <https://www.christianaid.org.uk/appeals/key-appeals/christian-aid-week>

RECTOR'S SABBATICAL:

Please note that the Rector is now on sabbatical leave until 1st July. If anyone has any general queries or needs any information that would normally go to the Rector, please contact either Julia or Phillipa. If we are unable to answer the query, we should be able to re-direct you to someone who can help.

Any pastoral concerns, please contact Jeremy Hopkinson:

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THE RE-ROOFING WORK:

The internal works are coming to an end. The ceiling panels and painting of the walls should be finished this week and the scaffolding will be taken down. Painting of the north wall will be delayed until later in the summer to allow the wall to dry out. It should not be too long before we will be able to have the church open again. If anyone would like access to the church, please contact either Julia or Phillipa.

CLEANING WORKDAY, SATURDAY 1st JUNE:

We are planning to have a Workday (or rather morning) at the church on Saturday 1st June to get the church sorted out after all the work that has been carried out over the last few months. **If anyone could spare some time from 10am - 1pm, that would be really helpful.** Lots of jobs to be done, mainly inside but some outside. Refreshments will be provided. If anyone cannot make that morning, but would like to lend a hand, please get in touch as there are jobs that can easily be done at a different time.

BRICKSTOCK, SUNDAY 26th MAY:

The church has been chosen by the Cricket Club as one of the charities for Brickstock and we have been invited to again do the teas. **Offers of cakes will be most welcome.**

Tickets for Brickstock are obtainable via Ticket Source:-

<https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/whats-on/milton-keynes/great-brickhill-cricket-club/brickstock-2024-sponsored-by-gt-automation/e-oqqqox>

FOOD BOX:

During the re-roofing work, access to the Food Box in the porch is only possible at the weekend, or weekdays after 4.30pm.

MONDAY MORNING COFFEE CLUB:

The Coffee Club is normally held every Monday in the church during term time from 9.30am – 11.30am. All are welcome. **Until the church re-opens, it is being held in the Meeting Room at the Parish Hall.** There will be no Coffee Club on the Bank Holiday, Monday 27th May.

SERVICES IN THE NEXT TWO WEEKS:

Next Sunday 26th May, Trinity Sunday, there will not be a service here. Services in the Benefice are:-

9.30 (Stoke Hammond) Holy Communion

11.00 (Little Brickhill) Family Service

18.00 (Bow Brickhill) Evensong

The next service here will be Holy Communion on Sunday 2nd June at 9.30am. Other services in the Benefice will be:-

9.30 (Stoke Hammond) Café Church

11.00 (Bow Brickhill) Family Service in the Hall

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