

The Church of St Mary the Virgin, Great Brickhill

SUNDAY 1st OCTOBER 2023: 17th Sunday after Trinity

Welcome to our service of Holy Communion, which will be led by the Rector. Thank you to Jerry for playing the organ for us this morning.

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

The readings for this morning are:-

Philippians 2: 1-13; Matthew 21: 23-32

The collection plate will be passed round during the third/offertory 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**.

CHURCH BELLS:

The church bells have been rung the last two Saturday mornings by a team of ringers representing the North Bucks Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild. They have been practicing for the forthcoming Guild's striking competition.

RECTOR'S LETTER FOR VILLAGE NEWSLETTERS:

The Rector will be writing a letter each month for inclusion in the newsletters for the four villages. The first of these was for the October newsletter entitled "Being Thankful". For anyone unable to access the online Parish Newsletter, a printed copy of the news items, is available to read in the white folder on the table in the church porch.

CHURCH WEBSITE:

A major revamp of the Benefice website has taken place. The website providers have completely rewritten all of the public facing part of the website, i.e. the Home page. As well as bringing new features, it has enabled newer security settings which could not be applied to the old software. The website providers switched off the old software yesterday.

Please take a look at the site. There is a different way of navigating through the various sections - to allow better access via mobile phones, there is no facility to have any icons for the sections on the left-hand side. The content of the sections remains unchanged, only the Home page is affected. Some of the sections/pages however do need updating, which will be done in the coming week.

Please get back to me with any comments on the new layout.

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DEFECTS WORK ON NEW FACILITIES:

The internal work to rectify the defects in the new extension and refreshment area will be starting this week. We will ensure that there will be minimum disruption during this period.

DATE FOR CHRISTMAS COFFEE MORNING:

Please make a note of the date of the Christmas Coffee Morning:-

Saturday, 25th November in the church from 10.00am - 1.00pm.

More details later but please contact Phillipa if you would like to have a table at the Coffee Morning.

MONDAY MORNING COFFEE CLUB:

The Coffee Club has resumed after the summer break. It is held in the church during term time from 9.30am – 11.30am. This last Monday saw a record number, including four babies! Do call in for a coffee and a chat, any age most welcome! A big thank you to Debbie Jones and Diana Williams for organising this special activity.

FORTHCOMING SERVICES:

Next Sunday, 8th October will be the first of our two special services here at Great Brickhill:-

11am Benefice Family Service with Holy Communion

This a joint service for everyone in the four villages of the Brickhills & Stoke Hammond. We will be joined by children visiting from Malawi.

The following Sunday, 15th October will be our Harvest Family Service 11am at Rectory Farm

Both these services will be followed by a Bring & Share Lunch - bring a plate of food to share with others and enjoy a relaxed lunch. Drinks will be provided.

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