

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

## **SUNDAY 20th AUGUST 2023: The Eleventh Sunday after Trinity**

Welcome to our Family Service, which will be led by the Rector. The music for our songs will be provided by Andrew and we are delighted that Sophia will be leading our singing. Do join in with the singing and use the shakers as much as you like!

The theme of the service will be "God has no favourites". We will hear the story from the Storyteller Bible based on Acts chapter 10, how Peter knew that Jesus came for everyone.

The Bible reading will be Matthew 15: 21-28

Everyone is invited to stay after the service for coffee and a chat. The service will end before the start of the second half of the Women's World Cup Final and the game will be available to view on a laptop.

**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.**

### **LAST SATURDAY'S "WORKDAY":**

A huge thank you to all who turned out last Saturday to lend a hand at the Workday. A lot of jobs were achieved both inside and out. After an industrious morning, a relaxed lunch was enjoyed by those who could stay. There are still some outstanding jobs which we would like to carry out before autumn, and we will be having another Workday in September - please keep a look out for the date. There are some small jobs that could be carried out at any time - if anyone has an odd hour to give at your leisure, please get in touch with Julia or me.

### **"RIDE & STRIDE", SATURDAY 9th SEPTEMBER:**

The annual event for cyclists, walkers, horse-riders, or drivers is on Saturday 9th September. It is a great day out for families, while helping to protect church buildings in Buckinghamshire – the aim is to visit as many local churches as you can in aid of Bucks Historic Churches Trust. This charity has pledged a grant towards our re-roofing project and so your support would be most welcome. Half of all funds raised by people in Great Brickhill will be passed on to us. For more details and a sponsorship form, please contact me.

For more information visit:-

<https://bucks-historic-churches.org/ride-stride/>

## **DEFECTS WORK ON NEW FACILITIES:**

We have received a schedule of works for the defects in the new extension and refreshment area to be rectified. The contractors will start work this coming week. The initial work will be on the exterior, and the internal works will not start until the middle of September. We will ensure that there will be minimum disruption during this period.

## **FOOD BOX:**

Recently, demand for produce from the Food Box has been high. If anyone would like to contribute to the stocked goods, we would be very grateful. All contributions can be placed inside the box or next to it. The main requirements at the moment are:-

**Tea, coffee, long life milk, cereal, tinned meals, pasta sauce, soup, baked beans, tinned fruit, custard.**

There is a full list of suggestions inside the box lid.

If you know of anyone who would benefit from this initiative, please pass this information on. For anyone in real need, there is also information near the Food Box on some local Food Larders, held in various locations on different days in Milton Keynes.

## **MONDAY MORNING COFFEE CLUB:**

The Coffee Club will resume after the summer break at the start of the Autumn term.

## **SERVICES NEXT WEEK:**

**Next week, Bank Holiday Sunday 27th August, there will be just one service in the Benefice:-**

10.00 Benefice Holy Communion at Stoke Hammond.

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

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