

The Church of St Mary the Virgin, Great Brickhill

Sunday 20th October 2024 – Twenty First Sunday after Trinity

Welcome to our Family Service today which will be led by the Rector. Andrew and Margretta will be providing our music, and 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 serving others, following the example of Jesus, and we will hear the account of Jesus washing his disciples' feet. Imogen has kindly prepared an activity for the children. The Bible reading is:- John 13: 4-5, 10-15

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.**

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

OUR SERVICE OF THANKSGIVING:

Last Sunday we had a wonderful service to give thanks for all who had helped with the re-roofing project. The Archdeacon of Buckingham, the Venerable Guy Elsmore gave the sermon, and we also welcomed one of our architects and the main contractor, as well as the Deanery Lay Chair and friends from across the Benefice.

Thank you to Jerry and the choir and to everyone who contributed to the occasion, those who did the flower arrangements or cleaned the church, or provided the refreshments which were enjoyed by all after the service.

HIGH ASH HARVEST SERVICE:

On Wednesday we welcomed pupils from Years 2 - 6, along with staff and parents for their Harvest Service. The readings were by Years 3 & 4 children who reminded everyone to think about those who do not have enough to eat.

REMEMBRANCE SERVICE:

The Remembrance Day Service will be on Sunday 10th November. It will follow the usual format, a service in the church at 10.50am with a two-minute silence at 11am where we remember those from this village who have served and given their life for their country. At the conclusion of the service there will be a procession to the war memorial for the laying of the wreaths.

The House to House Poppy Appeal collection from 24th October to 10th November is again being coordinated by Stefan Kobewka.

NATIONAL CHURCH AWARDS:

We heard this week that we have “been pipped at the post as a finalist” for this year’s National Church "Care & Conservation Award". The final results will be announced at the National Church Awards ceremony at Lincoln Cathedral this Tuesday 22nd October.

Whilst a little disappointing having made it to the short list, it is flattering to think that the work carried out in the church here has been recognized at national level.

MONDAY MORNING COFFEE CLUB:

The Coffee Club is held every Monday during term time from 9.30am – 11.30am. All are welcome, any age from the very young, to the not quite so young! **There will be no Coffee Club on Monday 28th October as it will be half term.**

DATES FOR THE DIARY: -

- **On Saturday 30th November** we will be holding a **Christmas Coffee Morning in the church**, from 10.00am - 1.00pm. If anyone would like to have a stall, please get in touch with Phillipa or Julia.
- **The Village Nativity** is being held on **Sunday 15th December** at the Cricket Club at 11.00am.

SERVICES IN THE NEXT TWO WEEKS:

Next Sunday 27th October there will be no service here in Great Brickhill. The services in the Benefice will be:-

9.30 (Stoke Hammond) Holy Communion

10.30 (Little Brickhill) Cafe Church with reflection at 11am

11.00 (Bow Brickhill) Mattins

The following Sunday, 3rd November, the service here will be **Holy Communion at 9.30am**. **In the afternoon at 4pm the annual All Souls’ service for the Benefice will be held at Little Brickhill**, when we will remember with thanksgiving all those we know who have died in recent times. Please pass on names of anyone, either local or from further away, who you would like to be remembered at the service to the Rector, Julia or Phillipa.

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