

The Church of St Mary the Virgin, Great Brickhill

Sunday 21st June 2026 – the Third Sunday after Trinity

Welcome to this morning's Family Service, which will be led by Phillipa. Thank you to Andrew for providing the music, and to Sophia who will be leading our singing this morning.

We will hear the Bible reading: Matthew 10: 40 – 42 in which Jesus teaches that even the smallest act of kindness such as providing a cup of cold water, to his disciples or followers will be rewarded.

The collection plate will be passed round during the final hymn. 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.

RECRUITMENT OF RECTOR:

Regrettably, we heard from the Archdeacon's office on Friday that we have had no applications following the advertisement for a new Rector. This is obviously very depressing and disappointing. After a regulatory break, the post will be re-advertised on 31st July. This will mean that the earliest time we will have someone in post will be January. We were already arranging for clergy cover up to the end of the year in case we were still in interregnum.

NEXT WEEKEND - PHOTO EXHIBITION IN THE CHURCH:

There will be lots of photos of the village from times past on display in the church. **On Saturday**, the church will be open from 10am to 4pm. **On Sunday**, the church will be open from 10am, but from **3pm to 5pm** there will be additional material on display, memorabilia celebrating 100 years of the WI, and other archive items. **Cream teas will be served on Sunday from 3-5pm.**

PIMMS & HYMNS, SUNDAY 12th JULY:

Our outdoor "Pimms & Hymns" service will be in the churchyard on Sunday 12th July at 4pm. **We would like to hear from you as to which hymns/songs you would like, either traditional hymns or more modern songs.** This is a great chance for you to sing your favourite hymn/song. Please send Phillipa your choice by the end of the month, the earlier we receive it, the more chance it will be included.

MONDAY MORNING BABY & TODDLER GROUP:

The Baby & Toddler Group meet in the church on Mondays during term time from 10am - 12 noon. All are welcome, parents, grandparents, carers, child-minders, to meet up and enjoy a cup of coffee and a chat. A perfect way for new mums to meet, especially newcomers to the village with young babies.

THE FOOD BOX:

The Food Box is available in the church porch at all times for anyone who finds themselves in need. Thank you to High Ash for their donations and to all who have been leaving items in the Food Box. If anyone would like to leave suitable items, please place them either in or close to the box. All items must be non-perishable and well in-date. Below is a list of suggested items:

Tea, coffee, long-life milk, cereal, rice, pasta, pasta sauce, tins vegetables, soup, tins meat/chicken/tuna, long-life tinned meals.

DURING THE INTERREGNUM,

If anyone has any pastoral concerns, please contact:

Jeremy Hopkinson, LLM:- 07740 169260 jeremysfh@gmail.com

General enquiries to Phillipa - details below

FORTHCOMING SERVICES:

Next Sunday, 28th June, there will not be a service here.

The services in the Benefice will be:-

9.30 (Stoke Hammond) Holy Communion led by Revd Steve Barnes

11.00 (Little Brickhill) Family Service

15.00 (Bow Brickhill) Songs of Praise

The next service here will be a Holy Communion Service, 9.30am on Sunday 5th July when we will welcome the Archdeacon, Ven Cassa Messervy, her first visit to the Benefice.

During the vacancy, clergy cover is being arranged, and all services should be held as normal.

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