

The Church of St Mary the Virgin, Great Brickhill

Sunday 29th September 2024 - Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity

Welcome to this morning's Benefice Holy Communion service, which will be led by the Rector. There are no other services in the Benefice today and so we also welcome friends from all four parishes. Thank you to Jerry for playing the organ for us and the choir who will be singing an anthem.

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

The readings for this morning are:-

Numbers 11: 4-6, 10-16, 24-29; James 5: 13-20; Mark 9: 38-50

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**.

YESTERDAY'S WORKDAY:

Many thanks to all of you who came yesterday morning to help out with the various jobs at the church. A great deal was achieved both inside and outside. There are still a few jobs outstanding. If anyone is able to help with those at a time to suit yourself, please get in touch with Julia or Phillipa.

"PATHWAYS" MAGAZINE:

Pathways is the magazine for the people of the Diocese of Oxford. The Autumn 2024 edition is now available. A few printed copies are available on the bookcase. An online version can be downloaded:-

<https://www.oxford.anglican.org/pathways>

"CHRISTIAN RESOURCES EXHIBITION:

This year's CRE Exhibition is being held locally, on 9-10 October at the Marshall Arena, MK Stadium. The range of expertise CRE covers includes fund-raising to faith-sharing. There will be exhibitors, speakers and musicians. For more information:-

enquiries@creonline.co.uk www.creonline.co.uk

SHORT LIST FOR NATIONAL CHURCH AWARD:

We have heard that our nomination for the annual National Church "Care & Conservation Award" has been shortlisted to go through to the next stage of judging. The final results will be announced at the National Church Awards ceremony at Lincoln Cathedral on Tuesday 22nd October.

“LINK to HOPE” FAMILY & ELDERLY SHOEBOX APPEAL:

If you would like to help fill a Christmas shoebox to be delivered to some of the poorest people in Eastern Europe (Ukraine, Moldova, Romania, Bulgaria), please contact:-

Rosie Dawson:- 07708 066497 robin.rosie@zen.co.uk

BRICKSTOCK DONATION:

In addition to having the St Mary's Cafe at Brickstock on 26th May, the Cricket Club has sent us a very generous donation of £570 from the proceeds of the event. We are extremely grateful for all the support that the Cricket Club gives us.

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.

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!

SERVICES IN THE NEXT TWO WEEKS:

Next Sunday 6th October the service here will be:-

Holy Communion at 9.30am

Other services in the Benefice will be:

9.30 (Stoke Hammond) Cafe Church

11.00 (Bow Brickhill) Harvest Family Service in the Hall

The following Sunday, 13th October, we have our special Service of Thanksgiving for the completion of the roof project, an opportunity for us to say thank you to all who have contributed to the work. **It will be a Benefice Communion service at 11am** and we are delighted that the Archdeacon of Buckingham, the Venerable Guy Elsmore, will be leading the service along with the Rector. We will be having lunch after the service. To help with catering numbers, please let us know if you will be attending. If anyone would like to help with the refreshments, please get in touch with Julia or Phillipa.

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