

The Church of St Mary the Virgin, Great Brickhill

Sunday 2nd June 2024: The First Sunday after Trinity

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

We will not be following the readings and theme for this Sunday, Trinity 1, but instead considering The Ugandan Martyrs, who are commemorated on 3rd June, Monday. There will be just two readings, as chosen by the Archbishop of Canterbury in 1977:-

Epistle:- 2 Timothy 4: 1 - 8; **Gospel:-** John 12: 24 - 32

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

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.

CLEANING WORKDAY, YESTERDAY:

Following completion of the re-roofing work, there was a lot of cleaning and sorting out to be done before the church can open again. Thank you to those who came along yesterday to help. Much was achieved, although there are still a number of jobs to be done. If anyone has any time to lend a hand, please get in touch as there are jobs that can easily be done at a time to suit yourself.

From tomorrow, Monday 3rd June, the church will again be open every day from 10am to 4pm

RECTOR'S SABBATICAL:

During the Rector's sabbatical leave until 1st July, if anyone has any general queries or information, please contact either Julia or Phillipa. If they are unable to answer the query, they should be able to re-direct you to someone who can help.

Any pastoral concerns, please contact Jeremy Hopkinson:

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BRICKSTOCK LAST SUNDAY:

Many thanks to all who helped with the teas at Brickstock last Sunday, whether baking the cakes or helping to serve the teas. It was less busy than in previous years because of the weather. We raised £287 but more important than that, it is always good for us to show a church presence at village events such as this.

THANK YOU TO ALL VOLUNTEERS:

Below is a message from the Diocesan website:-

THANK YOU – you really make a difference

This Volunteer Week we're shining a light on all the hidden gems in our parishes who give their precious time to serve their church. Their generous service is an integral part of our ministry to the communities of the diocese.

A message from The Rt Revd Gavin Collins, Bishop of Dorchester:

“Volunteers are the backbone of every church and parish, serving in a host of ways, both in formal and informal roles, ranging from churchwardens and PCC members to coffee-making and gardening. Our volunteers make our churches the wonderful welcoming communities that they are, and I thank God for every one of you.”

And this is certainly the case here, the church can only remain active with the help and support of all the many volunteers here who give of their time so freely in many different ways - THANK YOU!

FOOD BOX:

From this Monday 3rd June, there will be access to the Food Box in the church porch at any time of day.

MONDAY MORNING COFFEE CLUB:

As from Monday the Coffee Club will return to the church, every Monday during term time from 9.30am - 11.30am. All are welcome. We are grateful to the Parish Hall committee for accommodating the Coffee Club over the last few months in the Meeting Room.

SERVICES IN THE COMING WEEKS:

Next Sunday, 9th June there will be one service in the Benefice:- Benefice Holy Communion 10am at Little Brickhill - a joint service for everyone in the four villages of the Brickhills & Stoke Hammond.

The next service here will be a Family Service on Sunday 16th June at 11am.

Two special services here in the next few months:

Sunday 11th August, 4pm:- "Pimms & Hymns", outdoor service.

Sunday 13th October, 11am:- a service of Thanksgiving for the completion of the new roof, including a presentation of the Francis Coales Foundation Chalice, which we will hold for one year.

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