

The Church of St Mary the Virgin, Great Brickhill

SUNDAY 2nd OCTOBER 2022: Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity

Welcome to our service of Holy Communion this morning led by the Rector. Thank you also to Jerry for playing the organ for us.

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

The readings this morning are:-

Habakkuk 1: 1-4; 2: 1-4; 2 Timothy 1: 1-14; Luke 17: 5-10

At the recent PCC meeting it was agreed that Holy Communion will now be administered at the altar rail. This means that all special measures brought in for Covid have now been relaxed.

The collection plate will be passed round during the 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.

This Tuesday evening, 4th October there will be a Contemporary Service here in the church. Do come and join us for a contemporary style of service with modern worship songs. The theme of the service is "Healing"; refreshments from 7.30pm and the service is at 7.45pm.

In two weeks' time, Sunday, 16th October we will have our Harvest Family Service here at 11.00am. After the service there will be a **Bring & Share lunch** - everyone is invited to bring a plate of food to share with others. Drinks will be provided.

THE RECTOR'S BIBLE STUDY AT THE RECTORY:

The dates of the next Bible Study at The Rectory is Thursday 20th October at 8.00pm. All welcome.

FOOD BOX:

There has been in recent weeks an increase in demand for goods from the Food Box. If anyone would like to donate suitable items, please place them either in or close to the box in the church porch. All items must be non-perishable and well in-date. Suggested items:- tea, coffee, long-life milk, cereal, rice, pasta, pasta sauce, tins vegetables, tins soup, tins meat/chicken/tuna, long-life tinned meals

MONDAY MORNING COFFEE CLUB:

The Monday morning Coffee Club is held every Monday during term time from 9.30am – 11.30am, a great way to start the week. Call in

to the church and have a coffee and a chat, meeting up among old friends and new. Any age most welcome!

PARISH NEWSLETTER:

The October Parish Newsletter has been circulated. A printed copy of a scaled down version of the Newsletter, including just the news items, has been delivered to those known to us in the village who are not able to receive the Newsletter any other way. If you know of anyone who might like to receive this, please get in touch with Debbie Pincott who is kindly coordinating the list:-

01525, 261637 debbiepincott@hotmail.co.uk

"Link to Hope" SHOEBOX APPEAL:

The shoeboxes will be sent to Romania, Moldova, Ukraine or Bulgaria. If you would like to help with this scheme, you will find the details for filling a shoebox on the bookcase just inside the church – please take a leaflet, follow the instructions and **return the completed box to Rosie Dawson by 23rd October**, 01525 261425. Alternatively, you can donate any amount towards the Shoebox Appeal so that items can be bought in bulk to fill the boxes - details on the following link:- <https://linktohope.co.uk/we-fill-a-shoebox-2022>

DATES FOR THE DIARY:

On Saturday 22nd October there will be an informal **Coffee Morning in the church** from 10.30am to 12 noon. Everyone is welcome to call in for a coffee and a chat.

On Saturday 3rd December we will be holding a **Christmas Coffee Morning in the church**, from 10.00am - 1.00pm.

SERVICES IN THE NEXT FEW WEEKS:

Next Sunday 9th October, there will be just one service in the Benefice:- **Benefice Holy Communion, 10.00am at Bow Brickhill**

Then next Sunday service here will be Sunday, 16th October, the **Harvest Family Service at 11.00am**, followed by a **Bring & Share lunch**.

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