

The Church of St Mary the Virgin, Great Brickhill

SUNDAY 30th JULY 2023: The Eighth Sunday after Trinity

Welcome to our Benefice Service this morning, which will be led by the Rector. As today is the fifth Sunday of the month it gives us an opportunity to do something a little different. Hence, the decision to hold an Open Air Service, ...unless the rain forecast for this afternoon arrives early, in which case we will have the service in the church.

Our theme is "Finding Treasure" and we are reminded of Matthew 6: 21:- "For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also".

We will start the service in the churchyard, sing some songs and have a reading:- Matthew 13: 44 – 46

There will then be an activity, to find hidden church treasure, nine items to locate inside the church and six in the churchyard. We will then gather together for the conclusion of the service with more songs and prayers. After the service do stay for coffee and a chat.

The collection plate will be on a table as you walk back to the church path. Please use the Gift Aid envelopes provided if you are able to. If you prefer to give your collection via the **debit/credit card device**, please see **Phillipa after the service**.

HELP REQUIRED FOR THE BUCKS SHOW, 31st AUGUST:

As part of their mission, the four Deaneries of Aylesbury, Buckingham, Claydon and Mursley have a Hospitality Tent at the Bucks County Show, providing free "tea and cake" for anyone who calls in. **Volunteers are required to help with this.** If you could offer an hour of your time, please get in touch with me for more details - the time slots are 1-2pm; 2-3pm; 3-4pm; 4-5pm. (Volunteers receive a free ticket to the Show).

In addition cakes are required, **one cake per parish**. If you could provide this, please let me know and delivery/collection for the cake will be arranged.

"WORKDAY" WITH REFRESHMENTS, SATURDAY 12 AUGUST:

A reminder about the "Workday" at the church on Saturday 12th August starting at 10am. Lots of jobs to be done, inside and outside. Refreshments will be provided. To plan the day, please let me or Julia know if you might be able to come along.

DEFECTS WORK ON NEW FACILITIES:

The external doors have been removed from the new extension and the doorways have been boarded up. The doors have been taken to the new contractor's workshop and will be away until August when the other work to rectify all the other defects will be carried out. Apologies for any inconvenience caused during this essential work.

CONFIRMATION SERVICE:

A reminder that anyone interested in being confirmed, or wanting to hear more about what is involved, is asked to contact the Rector before the end of July:-

Revd John Waller 01525 261062 rector@brickhillschurches.org.uk

Preparation classes for all ages will be in September/October and the Confirmation Service will be on Sunday 5th November, the venue tbc.

FOOD BOX:

Recently, demand for produce from the Food Box has been high. If anyone would like to contribute to the stocked goods, we would be very grateful. All contributions can be placed inside the box or next to it. The main requirements at the moment are:-

Tea, coffee, long life milk, cereal, tinned meals, pasta sauce, soup, baked beans, tinned fruit, custard.

There is a full list of suggestions inside the box lid.

If you know of anyone who would benefit from this initiative, please pass this information on. For anyone in real need, there is also information near the Food Box on some local Food Larders, held in various locations on different days in Milton Keynes.

MONDAY MORNING COFFEE CLUB:

The Coffee Club is taking a break over the summer until the start of the Autumn term.

SERVICES NEXT WEEK:

Next Sunday 6th August, the service here in Great Brickhill will be:- Holy Communion at 9.30am

Other services in the Benefice will be:

9.30 (Stoke Hammond) Morning Worship

11.00 (Bow Brickhill) Family Service in the Hall

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