

# **The Church of St Mary the Virgin, Great Brickhill**

## **Sunday 3rd August 2025 – The Seventh Sunday after Trinity**

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

The readings for today are:- Ecclesiastes 1: 2 & 12-14; 2: 18-23; Colossians 3: 1-11; Luke 12: 13-21

**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.**

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

### **RECTOR'S AUGUST MESSAGE:**

#### **Saying 'Thank You'**

Dear Friends,

It is good to say 'Thank-you'. I am sure that we have all had the experience of feeling that we are being taken for granted, when nobody shows that they appreciate what we do. And we know how good it feels when somebody takes the trouble to say 'Thank-you', and to show that they do appreciate us.

We all have troubles and difficulties in our lives, but we all have many things to be thankful for as well. Perhaps we would have a better perspective on our lives if we paid more attention to all the good things we have, and were grateful for them.

But who do we say our 'Thank-you' to? The most important thing we can do, as well as showing our gratitude to other people when we can, is to thank God for all the good things in our lives. Many people pray in some way, and a very important part of prayer is to give thanks to God, as well as asking for the things we want, for ourselves and for others – and that is something we can all do.

"Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, *with thanksgiving*, present your requests to God." (Philippians 4. 6)

**Revd John Waller**

### **VOLUNTEER ROTAS:**

The rotas for September to December will be drawn up in the next couple of weeks - if you would like to add your name to the list of volunteers for any of the tasks, please get in touch with Phillipa.

## **SOUTH PORCH DOORS:**

As the church is now in a good state of repair, the PCC is now embarking on a project to decrease the Carbon footprint. An audit of the church building has been undertaken with regard to energy use. The survey assessed the current energy consumption and Carbon impact, and identified the areas of energy heat losses. The main loss is from the church porch, where the underfloor hot water pipes pass from the boiler outlet into the church. In addition, the porch is exposed to the elements, with the prevailing wind blowing straight into the porch creating significant draught through the south door. And leaves and debris from the trees continually blow into the porch. The main church entrance will be significantly enhanced, and heat loss considerably reduced, if there is an outer door to the porch. The PCC has approved plans for south porch doors to replace the very old metal birdgate, and a planning application has been submitted - the plans and drawings are now available to view on the Bucks Council Planning Application portal. The Faculty application to the Oxford Diocese will follow shortly.

## **AFTERNOON TEA THIS AFTERNOON STOKE HAMMOND:**

There will be afternoon tea at Tyrells Manor, Stoke Hammond from 3-5pm. Tickets are £20 and include canapes and Prosecco / Elderflower Cordial on arrival, followed by a range of delicious home-made treats including sandwiches, other savoury items, cakes, scones with cream and jam, and other sweet delights. Numbers are limited so, if you wish to go, contact:- Dave Webber 07711 026193

## **ADVANCE NOTICE:**

Macmillan Coffee Morning on **Friday 26th September** at the Cricket Club from 9am to 12 noon. Everyone is welcome to attend this village event in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support.

## **SERVICES IN THE NEXT TWO WEEKS:**

**The service pattern for August is slightly different as there are five Sundays, one of which is the Bank Holiday weekend.**

**Next Sunday, there will be just one service in the Benefice:-**

Family Service with Holy Communion, 11am at Stoke Hammond

**The next service here will be on:**

Sunday 17th August, Family Service with Baptisms at 11am

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