

The Church of St Mary the Virgin, Great Brickhill

Sunday 3rd November 2024 – All Saints' Sunday

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.

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

The readings for this morning are:-

Isaiah 25: 6-9; Revelation 21: 1-6a; John 11: 32-44

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**.

This afternoon, the annual All Souls Service for the Benefice will be at Little Brickhill at 4pm, when we will remember with thanksgiving all those we know who have died in recent times.

NEXT SUNDAY – REMEMBRANCE DAY SERVICE:

The Remembrance Day Service will follow the usual format, **a service in the church at 10.50am with a two-minute silence at 11am** where we remember those from this village who have served and given their life for their country. At the conclusion of the service there will be a procession to the war memorial for the laying of the wreaths. After the service, the bar at the Cricket Club will be open and refreshments will be available.

The House to House Poppy Appeal collection from 24th October to 10th November is again being coordinated by Stefan Kobewka.

If anyone would like to buy a poppy, Phillipa will have some available after today's service.

ADVENT WINDOWS:

Claire Pincott is again coordinating the windows. The first Advent Window will be lit on 1st December and a new window will be lit every day until the final one at the church on Christmas Eve. The windows will light up the village until 31st December. **If anyone would like to decorate one of the windows, please get in touch with Claire, with a note to say when you would prefer to light your window:-**

07870 583182 clairepincott@me.com

To avoid disappointment, do hurry and contact Claire as there are usually more offers of windows than the 23 required.

COLLECTION OF PLASTIC BOTTLE TOPS:

Plastic milk bottle tops, drink bottle tops i.e. coke/water bottles, and yoghurt drink tops are being collected in support of Ukraine. There is a collection point here at the church - please leave your used bottle tops in the box on the bench in the porch. This initiative by BAM UK is to help buy a much-needed drone for Ukraine.

CHRISTMAS COFFEE MORNING, SATURDAY 30th NOVEMBER:

The Christmas Coffee Morning is being held in the church from 10am to 1pm and will include the usual mince pies, mulled wine, Christmas hamper raffle, tombola, a variety of visiting craft stall. **Plus, there will be the usual St Mary's stall - offers please for cakes, preserves, plants, Christmas decorations, bric-a-brac (not jumble sale items).** If you are able to help on any of the stalls, please contact:

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FOOD BOX:

Thank you to the families of Little Ashes / The Forest School for the gifts that they gave for their Harvest Celebrations, which have been donated to the Food Box. Also, to the families at High Ash - their Harvest produce is being donated to our Food Box and the St Luke's, Stoke Hammond Food Bank. There is access to the Food Box in the church porch at any time of day.

MONDAY MORNING COFFEE CLUB:

The Coffee Club is held in the church every Monday during term time from 9.30am – 11.30am. All ages are very welcome.

SERVICES FOR THE NEXT TWO WEEKS:

Next Sunday 10th November - Remembrance Services:

- **Here at Great Brickhill at 10.50am** (details above).
- **Services also at:-**
 - 10.45am at St Luke's, Stoke Hammond
 - 10.50am at St Mary Magdalene, Little Brickhill
 - 3.00pm at Bow Brickhill at the war memorial

On Sunday 17th November:

There will be just one service in the Benefice, a joint service for everyone in the four villages of the Brickhills & Stoke Hammond:-

10.00am at Bow Brickhill Benefice Holy Communion

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