

The Church of St Mary the Virgin, Great Brickhill

Sunday 4th October 2026 - Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity

Welcome to our Morning Worship service this morning, which will be led by Phillipa. Thank you to Jerry for providing the music for our singing today.

We will be continuing our theme of recent weeks and during this Harvest season, we will be hearing about the parable of the tenant farmers, looking at God's patience and stewardship as the theme for our service today.

The readings for today are:- Isaiah 5: 1 - 7; Matthew 21: 33 – 46
Today's psalm is Psalm No 80, verses 7-14. The response for the congregation is:-

“For the vineyard of the Lord of hosts is the house of Israel”

The collection plate will be passed round during the last 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.

APPOINTMENT OF NEW RECTOR:

Following a tour of the Benefice and formal interviews earlier this week, an offer has been made to one of the candidates, which has been verbally accepted. A formal announcement with further details will be made before too long. We are unable to say more at this point until the person appointed has things in place at their current Diocese.

WORKDAY NEXT SATURDAY:

We are holding a workday next Saturday, 10th October from 10am to 1pm to tackle some jobs both inside and outside the church before the cold weather sets in. There are jobs to suit everyone, a few more physically demanding tasks but mainly lightweight jobs suitable for anyone. Please come and lend a hand if you can, any time that you can spare will be much appreciated.

After the Workday, there will be some jobs that can be allocated to those who are willing to help, but will be doing so at a separate time to suit themselves.

VISITING BELL RINGERS:

A team of North Bucks Bellringers came on Monday and rang a full three-hour peal, which could be heard, and by all accounts enjoyed, throughout the village. There will be a visiting team from Surrey ringing the bells for a short time on Thursday morning.

CHRISTMAS COFFEE MORNING:

The date for this has moved to avoid a clash with the Christmas Fair at the Cricket Club. It will now be on **Saturday 5th December** in the church, from 10.30am - 1pm. **If anyone would like to have a stall, please get in touch with Phillipa.**

ANOTHER DATE FOR THE DIARY:

Sunday 8th November is Remembrance Sunday. We will have our usual service at 10.50am, followed by the laying of wreaths at the War Memorial.

THE MONDAY MORNING BABY & TODDLER GROUP:

The Baby & Toddler Group is in full swing every Monday during term time. All are welcome, parents, grandparents, carers, child-minders, to meet in the church from 10am - 12 noon and enjoy a cup of coffee and a chat. A perfect way for mums to meet, especially newcomers to the village with young babies.

DURING THE INTERREGNUM,

If anyone has any pastoral concerns, please contact:

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General enquiries to Phillipa - details below

FORTHCOMING SERVICES:

The pattern of services during the vacancy remains as normal with visiting clergy having been arranged to cover the Holy Communion services.

Next Sunday, 11th October, there will be a Benefice Holy Communion service here at 10.00am.

The following Sunday 18th October, there will be a Family Service here at 11am.

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