

The Church of St Mary the Virgin, Great Brickhill

SUNDAY 4th SEPTEMBER 2022: Eleventh Sunday after Trinity

Welcome to the monthly Benefice Holy Communion service led by the Rector. Thank you to Jerry for the music and we hope that the choir will be with us to lead our singing.

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

The readings this morning are:-

Deuteronomy 30: 15-20; Philemon 1-21; Luke 14: 25-33

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**.

REVIEW OF SUNDAY SERVICE PATTERN:

The new service pattern having been running for twelve months is now being reviewed. The PCCs of the four parishes will have their own discussion at their September meetings and report back to the Wardens for them to complete the review when they meet in October.

Anyone who would like to send their individual comments on the service pattern, please get in touch with either Julia or Phillipa by Friday 30th September so that these can be added to the overall review.

THE RECTOR'S BIBLE STUDY AT THE RECTORY:

The dates of the next two Bible Studies at The Rectory are Tuesday 13th September & Thursday 20th October at 8.00pm. All welcome.

MONDAY MORNING COFFEE CLUB STARTS TOMORROW:

The Monday morning Coffee Club starts again after the summer break tomorrow, Monday 5th September. It 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:

As you will know the Parish Newsletter is no longer distributed to every house in the village. Since the start of Covid-19 it has only been available online. While this is the best way for people to receive the Newsletter, enhanced with many photos etc and no printing costs, it

remains the case that there are those in the village who are unable to receive it. For some time, a printed copy of a shortened version of the Newsletter has been available for people to read in the church porch. Arrangements have now been made to deliver a copy of the Newsletter to those unable to receive the online version. To make it viable for printing this will be a scaled down Newsletter, just including the news items. If you know of anyone who might like to receive this, please get in touch with Debbie Pincott who is kindly coordinating the list:- debbiepincott@hotmail.co.uk

"Link to Hope" SHOEBOX APPEAL:

The shoeboxes will again 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. 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>

BHCT RIDE & STRIDE, SATURDAY 10th SEPTEMBER:

The next annual Ride & Stride will take place next Saturday 10th September. Participants may be cyclists, walkers, horse-riders or drivers of mobility scooters. They can be of any age, but under-13s must be accompanied by an adult. Visit as many churches as you like, planning your own route. Seek sponsorship from friends, relations and colleagues, so much per church visited or a lump sum. The funds collected initially go to Bucks Historic Church Trust and they return half the amount to the local church.

Contact Phillipa if you would like further information, or go to the Bucks Historic Churches website for sponsorship forms and full details:- <https://bucks-historic-churches.org/ride-stride/>

SERVICES NEXT WEEKS:

Next Sunday, 11th September, the service here in Great Brickhill will be:- Evensong at 6.00pm

Other services in the Benefice will be:

9.30 (Little Brickhill) Holy Communion

11.00 (Stoke Hammond) Family Service

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