

The Church of St Mary the Virgin, Great Brickhill

SUNDAY 5th JUNE 2022: PENTECOST / WHIT SUNDAY

What a great weekend it has been so far, a fantastic celebration in the village for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. How wonderful it is to live in such a great village. And it is not over yet! We have an afternoon "Time to Unwind" here in the church, from 3pm-5pm – cream teas while looking at the huge array of photos of the villages from times past. And lots of other extra memorabilia to look through.

With thanks to Pat and Barry Thorne for the original cine footage, we also have a 20-minute video of the Great Brickhill Silver Jubilee celebrations, which took place on Monday 6th June 1977 – a large procession around the village with numerous floats, sports on the cricket field, tugs of war and lighting of the bonfire.

Welcome to our service this morning of Holy Communion, which will be led by the Rector. We will be celebrating both Pentecost and the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. Two of our hymns are for Pentecost and two are from the Silver Jubilee Order of Service celebrated here in this church on Sunday 5th June 1977.

Thank you to Jerry for playing the organ for us this morning and we hope that there may be a choir who will sing a Jubilee anthem chosen by George III at his Jubilee celebrations in 1809.

We will sing the National Anthem at the end of the service.

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

The readings for this morning are:-

Acts 2: 1 - 8, 12 - 21; Romans 8: 14 - 17; Luke 4: 14 - 21

The collection plate will be passed round during the offertory (third) hymn. 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**.

NEWS OF TWO FORMER RECTORS:

We were sad to receive the following two pieces of news yesterday: From Mark Harries whose late father, Revd Rayner Harries, was Rector of the Brickhills for ten years from 1984-1994:-

My mother, Anne Harries, died yesterday after a long struggle with dementia. Whilst sad for us as a family, it is also a significant relief and the end was relatively quick and very peaceful.

From Michael Toze:-

My father, Stephen Toze, was a former rector of the Brickhills, up until around 2001 (prior to the merger with Stoke Hammond). He is unfortunately now approaching the end of life, and his illness is causing him to be very confused and tired.

Michael has asked that we mention this to advise some of the longer-standing church members. People are very welcome to contact him on michael_toze@yahoo.co.uk or on 07914 083063.

Please keep the Harries and Toze families in your prayers at this difficult and sad time for them.

BIBLE GROUP:

A new monthly Bible Group will be starting on the second Tuesday of the month. The sessions will focus on readings which will be used in the Sunday services. The first one, which will be led by the Rector, will be on **Tuesday 14th June at The Rectory at 8.00pm.**

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK, 15th to 21st May

Thank you to those who have made donations to Christian Aid. £120 mainly given under the Gift Aid scheme, was collected at the Coffee Morning here in the church on 21st May and a further £240 plus gift aid was donated online via the special fundraising page for the Brickhills set up on the Christian Aid website.

MONDAY MORNING COFFEE CLUB:

The Coffee Club resumes tomorrow and will be held every Monday during term time, between 9.30am and 11.30am. Anyone is welcome to call in to the church for a coffee and chat.

SERVICES IN THE BENEFICE FOR THE NEXT TWO WEEKS:

Next Sunday, 12th June:

There is just one service in the Benefice:- 10.00am at Stoke Hammond a Benefice service of Holy Communion.

Sunday 19th June:

9.30am (Bow Brickhill) Holy Communion

9.30am (Stoke Hammond) Café Church

11.00am (Great Brickhill) Family Service

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