

The Church of St Mary the Virgin, Great Brickhill

SUNDAY 5th NOVEMBER 2023: 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. This weekend marks 20 years since Jeremy's licensing as an LLM. Do stay behind for a coffee and a chat to celebrate this milestone.

The readings for this morning are:-

Revelation 7: 9 - 17; 1 John 3: 1 - 3; Matthew 5: 1 - 12

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.**

SAD NEWS:

We have received the news that Lady Rachel Duncombe passed away earlier this week. We send our thoughts and prayers to all the Duncombe family at this sad and difficult time.

FUNERAL DETAILS:

The funeral service for Sheila McLoughlin will be held in the church on Monday 6th November at 2pm, followed by a private family interment in the Cemetery. Refreshments will be served after the service at Great Brickhill Cricket Club.

NEXT SUNDAY will be the Remembrance Day Service:

The service in the church is at 10.50am, a quieter and more reflective service than usual, with a two-minute silence at 11.00am 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.

The Poppy Collection: The annual poppy appeal around the village is being held from Thursday 26th October through to next Saturday. If anyone would like to buy a poppy here today, please see Phillipa. Alternatively, donations may be made by visiting the Royal British Legion website:- www.britishlegion.org.uk

RECTOR'S BIBLE STUDY AT THE RECTORY:

This takes place on the evening of the third Thursday of the month. The next Bible Study is on Thursday 16th November at 8pm. All are welcome to come and discuss the passages from the bible from one of our forthcoming services. No prior knowledge of the text is required.

MURSLEY DEANERY QUIET DAY :

Next Saturday 11th November, there will be a Deanery Quiet Day, from 10am to 4pm at Wingrave Community Centre. If anyone is interested in attending, please see Phillipa for more details.

CHRISTMAS COFFEE MORNING, SATURDAY 25th NOVEMBER:

This will be held in the church from 10am - 1pm ** Coffee / mulled wine & mince pies ** Christmas Hamper & Christmas cake Raffle ** St Mary's stall ** Tombola ** and a variety of other stalls. **N.B. Offers please of cakes, preserves, Christmas decorations, bric-a-brac, plants. Also, items for the tombola for both adults and children - these can be left in the Refreshment Area from Monday 20/11.**

PLUS, A ** SILENT AUCTION ** for a painting by Anne Marlow and Gill Wilson - it will be on display at the Christmas Coffee Morning, private viewings on request. Bids on the Bidding Form will be accepted until mid-day on Saturday 9th December. All proceeds to Willen Hospice and St Mary's Church Great Brickhill.

ADVENT WINDOWS:

Advent Windows will again light up the village from 1st December. Claire Pincott has kindly agreed to coordinate the windows. If anyone would like to offer to decorate a window, please get in touch with Claire:- 07870 583182 clairepincott@me.com

SERVICES FOR THE NEXT TWO WEEKS:

Next Sunday 12th 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 19th 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

DATE FOR THE DIARY:- The Village Nativity is being held on **Sunday 17th December** at the Cricket Club at 11.00am.

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