

The Church of St Mary the Virgin, Great Brickhill

SUNDAY 6th AUGUST 2023: The Ninth Sunday after Trinity

Welcome to our service of Holy Communion, which will be led by the Rector. Thank you to Rosemary 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 55: 1 - 5; Romans 9: 1 - 5; Matthew 14: 13 - 21

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.**

OUTDOOR SERVICE LAST SUNDAY:

What a lovely service it was last Sunday. The weather was kind and so we were able to hold the service outside in the churchyard. We were very pleased to welcome people from across the Benefice and even as far away as Australia! We were also joined by four four-legged friends. Thank you to Andrew and Margretta for providing the music for our joyful songs. Having participated in the Treasure Hunt, everyone had a great opportunity to have a good look around the whole of the inside and outside of our wonderful church.

"WORKDAY" NEXT SATURDAY 12th AUGUST:

The "Workday" at the church will take place next Saturday 12th August starting at 10am. We have a variety of jobs that need doing both inside and outside, there will be something to suit everybody's talents/abilities. To plan the day, please let me or Julia know if you might be able to come along. Refreshments will be provided.

DEFECTS WORK ON NEW FACILITIES:

The external doors have been removed from the new extension and the doorways have been boarded up. The doors have been taken to the new contractor's workshop and will be away until later this month when the other work to rectify all the other defects will be carried out. Apologies for any inconvenience caused during this essential work.

CONFIRMATION SERVICE:

A final reminder that anyone interested in being confirmed, or wanting to hear more about what is involved, is asked to contact the Rector before the end of July:-

Revd John Waller 01525 261062 rector@brickhillschurches.org.uk

Preparation classes for all ages will be in September/October and the Confirmation Service will be on Sunday 5th November, the venue tbc.

FOOD BOX:

Recently, demand for produce from the Food Box has been high. If anyone would like to contribute to the stocked goods, we would be very grateful. All contributions can be placed inside the box or next to it. The main requirements at the moment are:-

Tea, coffee, long life milk, cereal, tinned meals, pasta sauce, soup, baked beans, tinned fruit, custard.

There is a full list of suggestions inside the box lid.

If you know of anyone who would benefit from this initiative, please pass this information on. For anyone in real need, there is also information near the Food Box on some local Food Larders, held in various locations on different days in Milton Keynes.

MONDAY MORNING COFFEE CLUB:

The Coffee Club is taking a break over the summer until the start of the Autumn term.

SERVICES NEXT WEEK:

Next Sunday 13th August, the service here in Great Brickhill will be:- Said Compline at 6pm. Please note that this is a change from the scheduled service of Evensong. There will be an Evensong service next month on 10th September.

Other services in the Benefice next week are:

9.30 (Little Brickhill) Holy Communion

11.00 (Stoke Hammond) Family Service

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