

The Church of St Mary the Virgin, Great Brickhill

Sunday 7th June 2026 – the First Sunday after Trinity

Welcome to our service of Holy Communion, which will be led by Revd Tim Norwood who was with us a month ago for the Rector's Farewell Service. Thank you to Jerry for playing the organ for us this morning.

The readings for today are:-

Hosea 5: 15 - 6: 6; Romans 4: 13-25 ; Matthew 9: 9-13, 18-26

The collection plate will be passed round during the third/offertory hymn. Please use the Gift Aid envelopes provided if you are able to and see Phillipa if you prefer to use **the debit/credit card device**.

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

THE RECTOR'S DEPARTURE:

On Monday the removal men will be packing up at The Rectory and on Tuesday the Rector will be leaving the village for his new life in Worcester. We wish John a fond farewell and send our best wishes to him and his family for the retirement years ahead.

RECRUITMENT OF RECTOR:

The advertisement for a new Rector went live on 22nd May. The closing date for applications is 18th June.

BRICKSTOCK:

Thank you to those who made the cakes and helped serve the teas for Brickstock on Sunday 24th Maty. The number of people who visited St Mary's Cafe was a bit disappointing, although not surprising, due to the heat. But it was good to have a presence at this major village event and to act as an additional water bottle filling station. Well done to all at the Cricket Club for coping so well in the challenging temperatures. The total raised from the teas came to **£205**, compared to last year £423, and £287 in 2024 - these figures appear to be in direct correlation to the temperature.

PHOTO EXHIBITION IN THE CHURCH, 27th & 28th June:

There will be lots of photos of the village from times past on display in the church. **On Saturday** the church will be open from 10am to 4pm. **On Sunday** the church will be open from 10am, but from **3pm to 5pm** there will be additional material on display, memorabilia

celebrating 100 years of the WI, and other archive items.

Cream teas will be served on Sunday from 3-5pm.

Please pass on details to friends and family.

MONDAY MORNING BABY & TODDLER GROUP:

The Baby & Toddler Group meets in the church during term time on Mondays, 10am - 12 noon. All are welcome, parents, grandparents, carers, child-minders, to meet up and enjoy a cup of coffee and a chat. A perfect way for new mums to meet, especially newcomers to the village with young babies. **Please pass on the details to anyone whom you know that might be interested.**

THE FOOD BOX:

The Food Box is available in the church porch at all times for anyone who finds themselves in need. Thank you to High Ash for their donations and to all who have been leaving items in the Food Box. If anyone would like to leave suitable items, please place them either in or close to the box. All items must be non-perishable and well in-date. Below is a list of suggested items:

Tea, coffee, long-life milk, cereal, rice, pasta, pasta sauce, tins vegetables, soup, tins meat/chicken/tuna, long-life tinned meals.

DURING THE INTERREGNUM,

If anyone has any pastoral concerns, please contact:

Jeremy Hopkinson, LLM:- 07740 169260 jeremysfh@gmail.com

General enquiries to Phillipa - details below

FORTHCOMING SERVICES:

Next Sunday 14th June, there will be just one service in the Benefice, a joint service for everyone in the four villages:-

10.00 Benefice Holy Communion at Little Brickhill, which will be led by Revd Steve Barnes

On Sunday, 21st June – our monthly Family Service at 11am. Other services in the Benefice:- 9.30 (Bow Brickhill) Holy Communion & 9.30 (Stoke Hammond) Morning Worship

During the vacancy, clergy cover has been arranged, and all services will be held as normal.

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