

The Church of St Mary the Virgin, Great Brickhill

Sunday 8th September 2024: The Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity

Welcome to our final service of Evensong for the year, which will be led by the Rector. Thank you to Jerry and the choir for the music and leading our singing.

The readings this evening are:- Isaiah 35: 4-7a; Mark 7: 24-37

The collection plate will be passed round during the last 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**.

SERVICE OF THANKSGIVING:

To celebrate the completion of the re-roofing project, the service is being held on **Sunday, 13th October**. Due to a change in circumstances, the service will not now include presentation of the Francis Coales chalice. The service will otherwise be as publicised at 11am, followed by refreshments.

NOMINATION FOR NATIONAL CHURCH AWARD:

As a recipient of the National Churches Trust grants, we were encouraged to send in an application for a National Church Award. There are four categories, and this week we have submitted an application for the "**Care & Conservation Award**", 'celebrating the great care taken of churches, honouring the dedication and time spent maintaining the buildings, keeping them safe and able to serve local people for generations to come'.

WORKDAY, SATURDAY 28th SEPTEMBER, 10.00am - 1.00pm

There are a number of jobs that need doing before the bad weather arrives, including insulation of heating pipes in the porch, plus other smaller, less strenuous tasks. Please offer to lend a hand if you are able to at the **Workday on Saturday 28th September, from 10.00am to 1.00pm**. Refreshments will be provided. Some tasks can be carried out on a separate occasion if anyone is willing to do that.

BUCKS COUNTY SHOW, THURSDAY 29th AUGUST:

This year's show was at its usual venue, Weedon Park, between Aylesbury and Whitchurch. There was a Deanery Hospitality Tent for visitors to call in for a cup of tea and cake. Many thanks to Claire Pincott who again volunteered to help in the tent. Claire has reported back that she and the boys enjoyed it as much as they did last year.

BUCKS HISTORIC CHURCHES RIDE & STRIDE:

The annual Sponsored Ride & Stride will take place **next Saturday 14th September between 10am and 6pm**. The church will be open for visitors during that time. If you would like more details visit <https://bucks-historic-churches.org/ride-stride/>

The Ride is run in conjunction with the National Churches Trust to assist the preservation of all our historic Churches. Coupled with that is a **Heritage weekend** in Milton Keynes - **Bow Brickhill being within the MK boundary, will have their church tower open**. There are spectacular views from there, and for those who don't like heights, there will be tea and cake to enjoy.

“LINK to HOPE” FAMILY & ELDERLY SHOEBOX APPEAL:

If you would like to help fill a Christmas shoebox to be delivered to some of the poorest people in Eastern Europe (Ukraine, Moldova, Romania, Bulgaria), please contact:-

Rosie Dawson:- 07708 066497 robin.rosie@zen.co.uk

MONDAY MORNING COFFEE CLUB:

The Coffee Club resumes after the summer school holidays tomorrow, Monday 9th September. It is held in the church every Monday during term time from 9.30am – 11.30am. All are welcome, any age from the very young, to the not quite so young!

FOOD BOX:

Access to the Food Box in the church porch is available throughout the week, at any time of day.

HARVEST CELEBRATION – NEXT SUNDAY 15th SEPTEMBER:

Our Harvest **Family Service will be at 11am, followed by a Bring & Share Lunch**. Just bring a plate of food of your choice to share with others. Drinks will be provided.

Any gifts of produce, fresh or otherwise, will be gratefully received and will be taken to the MK Food Bank. The church will be decorated next Saturday morning between 10am - 12 noon.

Other services in the Benefice next Sunday:-

9.30 Holy Communion (Bow Brickhill)

9.30 Morning Worship (Stoke Hammond)

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