

The Church of St Mary the Virgin, Great Brickhill

SUNDAY 9th JULY 2023: The Fifth Sunday after Trinity

Welcome to our service of Evensong this evening. Thank you to Jeremy for leading the service and to Jerry and the choir for the music and leading our singing.

The readings this evening are:-

Zechariah 9: 9-12; Matthew 11: 16-19, 25-29

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 the **debit/credit card device**, **please see Phillipa after the service.**

PATHWAYS MAGAZINE

Pathways is the magazine for the people of Oxford Diocese. The Summer edition has just been released - a PDF copy can be downloaded via the Benefice Website, halfway down the front Home page. It is also available on the Diocesan website via the following link:- <https://www.oxford.anglican.org/pathways>

Some printed copies will be available from the bookcase just inside the church later this week, for those unable to access the online version.

CONFIRMATION SERVICE:

A Confirmation Service will be held locally in the Deanery on **Sunday 5th November**, the venue tbc. The Rector will be holding preparation classes for all ages in September/October. **Anyone who is 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

"WORKDAY" WITH REFRESHMENTS, SATURDAY 12 AUGUST:

There are a number of jobs that need doing both inside the church and in the church yard. A "Workday" is being held on **Saturday 12th August starting at 10am**. Any amount of time that you could give will be very helpful, no matter how long or short that will be. Refreshments will be provided. To plan the day, it would be useful if you could let Phillipa or Julia know if you might be able to come along. A list of jobs is being drawn up - if you are not able to join us on 12th August, there may well be jobs that you could do at a time convenient for you, just get in touch.

RECTOR'S BIBLE STUDY AT THE RECTORY:

This month's Bible Study at The Rectory will be on **Thursday 20th July** at 8.00pm. All are welcome to attend and explore the bible readings for one of our forthcoming services.

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 August when the other work to rectify all the other defects will be carried out. Apologies for any inconvenience caused during this essential work.

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 takes place in the church on Mondays from 9.30am – 11.30am. Call in for a coffee and a chat, any age most welcome!

The last Coffee Club before the summer break is on 17th July.

SERVICES OVER THE NEXT FEW WEEKS:

Next Sunday 16th July there will be just one service in the Benefice:- 10.00 Benefice Holy Communion at Bow Brickhill

The next service here will be a special Benefice service on **Sunday 30th July at 11am**, an **Outdoor All Age Service** similar to the one we had last summer. Provided the weather is good enough for us to hold the service outside, pets will again be welcome.

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