

The Church of St Mary the Virgin, Great Brickhill

SUNDAY 23rd May – PENTECOST and Whit Sunday

Good Morning and welcome to our **Family Service with Baptism** today, led by the Rector.

We would like to extend the welcome to the family and friends of Lee and Nikki Morgan whose son, Oliver, is being baptized today. You will remember that Oliver's parents, Lee and Nikki, were married here in 2007. We hope that you all have a particularly joyous family occasion.

Everyone is warmly invited to join us after the service for refreshments.

The reading this morning is: **Luke 11 vs. 9 – 11.**

THIS WEEK

On **Wednesday 26th May** a service of House Communion will be held at Knightleys, Heath Road at 10.30am. Everyone is welcome.

PLEASE NOTE that it will be our Rector's 50th Birthday next Thursday, 27th May and there will be a **Special Benefice Service here at 11am next Sunday, followed by a 'Bring and Share' party in the Parish Hall at noon.** Everyone is very welcome and please tell your friends who may not be in Church today.

NEWS

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK

Thank you to everyone who donated money and distributed and collected the **envelopes** for **Christian Aid** last week. Phillipa reports that the total raised from the House-to-House collection in Great Brickhill was £936.98; despite the economic situation, due to some very generous donations, this was £140 more than last year. Thanks to those who helped with the collection and to all who gave so generously, including those who made their donations on-line.

MUSIC IN THE BRICKHILLS

The Spring Concert was a great success and it is particularly pleasing to report that the concert raised £1374, which will be split equally between the St Francis Society (MK) and our Church.

Please join with us to thank Jerry Breslin and the Brickhill Choir for both giving us such an enjoyable evening and also in donating half of the proceeds to the upkeep of our church.

Please note that on **Sunday 26th September** we are looking forward to the **Music in the Brickhills** annual performance of **Handel's "Messiah"** here in the Church. Please put the date in your diary and tell your friends too.

THE CHURCH BELLS

Work on the Tower and Church Bells has slowed and no progress was made last week. We are hoping to have the Church open during this period of no progress and we will let you know as soon as we hear what is happening.

Also, the leaking central heating pipes have been repaired, so no more buckets and bowls catching the drips. from now on! This work cost in the order of £4500, which we will need to raise during the year. So, please support all the church money-raising events. Speaking of which

A MOVEABLE FEAST

On **June 19th**, we are planning a Midsummer Evening of eating, drinking and convivial company around the Parish. Please save the date in your diary and join in. The emphasis will be on 'social' but we hope to raise some money for the Church, as well. Please tell your friends. Everyone is invited!

A VERY SPECIAL SERVICE NEXT SUNDAY at 11am, please note.

Next Sunday, 30th May, there will be a Benefice Service here at 11 am to celebrate our Rector's 50th Birthday.

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To contact the Rector by e-mail please use his new address: rector@brickhillschurches.org.uk We will be using this contact address during John's Sabbatical in July, August and September.