

The Church of St Mary the Virgin, Great Brickhill

SUNDAY 8th August – The tenth Sunday after Trinity

Welcome to **Morning Worship**, led by Phillipa Cook. Thank you, Phillipa and also thanks to Susan Noon who is playing the organ this morning and thanks to Betty who is covering for me as I am away this Sunday.

The theme for today's service is: ***“Are we ready in faith?”***

The Psalm for today is No 33. The response from the congregation is: ***“Happy the people the Lord has chosen as his own”***.

The readings are: **Genesis 15 vs. 1 – 6; Luke 12 vs. 32 – 40.**

Welcome to **Evensong**, led by Rev. John Saunders. It is a great pleasure to welcome John to our church for the first time and we thank him warmly for leading our service this evening. Thank you, also to the choir and Paul Dickens for the music.

The readings are: **Isaiah 11 vs. 10 – 12 vs. 6; Mark 7 vs. 24 – 30.**

On Thursday, 5th August, Pauline Cooke's funeral was held in this Church. Pauline was Rosie Dawson's mother and was 100 years old when she died. The funeral was held on what would have been Pauline's 101st birthday. The service, conducted by Sister Hazel, was full of music and thanksgiving for what was a long and very happy family life.

House Communion on Wednesdays and Thursday Group

There will be a break during August and both House Communion and Thursday Group will reconvene in September. Dates will be announced at the end of this month.

Services in Great Brickhill during the remainder of August

August 15th: Holy Communion, led by Rev. Valerie Rushton.

August 22nd: Family Service, led by Barbara De Butts.

August 29th: Benefice Service at Stoke Hammond, led by Rev. Valerie Rushton.

DATES FOR THE AUTUMN

On Saturday, 11th September the annual Bike Ride in aid of Bucks Historic Churches will take place across the County. As in

the recent few years, we are planning a walk instead of a Bike Ride. We plan to walk to each of the four churches in a Circular Walk around the Benefice. Please consider taking part. We hope that all who decide to do so will make a donation for Bucks Historic Churches, who have been so generous to us in the past and who have aided the recent work on the Tower and Bells. We will approach you over the next few weeks to get you 'signed up' for the Walk! So, get in training now!!

The Rector will return from his Sabbatical leave on **Monday 20th September.**

On Friday 24th September this year's **Macmillan Coffee Morning** will be held. Our village has raised over £2000 in the past four years and we want to make this year's the best coffee morning yet. Plans are underway, coordinated by Anne Humphreys, so please note the date and tell your friends and contact Anne if you need information or can offer to help in any way. Anne's number is 261345.

Messiah Weekend is on October 2nd and 3rd with the public performance on the evening of Sunday 3rd October. There will be a service of Holy Communion at 9.30am on Sunday October 3rd, probably in the Lady Chapel.

On Sunday October 17th we will celebrate our **Harvest Festival** in the morning service of Holy Communion and during the afternoon, at 3pm, a service will be held to dedicate the bells and bless them. The Bishop will be visiting the Parish for this service. After this service there will be a joint Harvest and Bells tea party. More details will follow and we will be asking for help from friends to decorate the Church for the Harvest Festival and to assist with catering and serving at the tea party during the afternoon.

NEXT SUNDAY

Next Sunday, **15th August**, there will be a service of **Holy Communion** held here at **9.30am**, led by Rev. Valerie Rushton.

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