

The Church of St Mary the Virgin, Great Brickhill

SUNDAY 15th August – The eleventh Sunday after Trinity

Welcome to **Holy Communion** this morning, led by Rev. Valerie Rushton. It is a great pleasure to welcome Valerie to our church today and we thank her warmly for giving us such a lot of support during the Rector's Sabbatical this summer. Thank you, also, to Jerry Breslin for playing the organ.

The readings are: **Isaiah 5 vs. 1 – 7;**
Hebrews 11 vs. 29 – 12 vs 2.

The Holy Gospel reading is: **Luke 12 vs. 49 - 56**

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 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 3rd October, 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, **22nd August**, there will be a **Family Service** held here **at 11am**, led by Barbara De Butts.

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