

The Church of St Mary the Virgin, Great Brickhill

SUNDAY 5th September – The fourteenth Sunday after Trinity and our Patronal Festival

Welcome to **Holy Communion** this morning, led by Rev. Sister Hazel.

The readings for our Patronal Festival are:

Isaiah 61 vs. 10 – 11

Galatians 4 vs. 4 – 7.

The Holy Gospel reading is: **Luke 1 vs. 46 - 55**

Thursday Group will reconvene this week after the summer break. The meeting will be held on Thursday, 9th September at Janet Simpson's house, as usual.

Services in Great Brickhill during the remainder of September

September 12th: Morning Worship at 9.30am, led by Phillipa and Evensong at 6pm led by Jeremy.

September 19th: Sung Holy Communion, led by Rev. Steve Barnes.

September 26th: Family Service at 11am, led by the Rector. This is John's first service after his Sabbatical Leave.

NEXT SATURDAY, 11TH SEPTEMBER

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 have planned a walk instead of a Bike Ride. We are going 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. Please 'sign up' for the Walk on the clip board on the bookcase by the door

DATES FOR THE AUTUMN

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.

THE BELLS

You will have noticed that there were no bells rung this morning and the ringers will not be able to ring for the next couple of Sundays because work is underway to fit the benches and furnishings in the ringing room.

NEXT SUNDAY

Next Sunday, **12th September**, there will be **Morning Worship** at 9.30am, led by Phillipa and **Evensong** at 6pm, led by Jeremy.

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