

The Church of St Mary the Virgin, Great Brickhill

SUNDAY 7 November – The third Sunday before Advent

Welcome to **Holy Communion** this morning and also welcome to Sister Hazel who is leading our service. Please stay for coffee or tea after the service.

The Bible readings this morning are:

Job 19 vs. 23 – 27 and
2 Thessalonians vs. 1 – 5 & 13 – 17.

The Holy Gospel reading is: **Luke 20 vs. 27 – 38.**

THIS WEEK

On Wednesday November 10th, Midweek House Communion will be celebrated at 10.30am at Knightleys, Heath Road. Everyone will be very welcome.

NEXT SUNDAY: Sunday, November 14th, is Remembrance Sunday. The morning service, led by the Rector, **will begin at 10.50am in the Church.** The service will finish with the procession and laying of the wreath ceremony at the War Memorial. This year Edward Maley is making the arrangements for the service in consultation with Sir Philip. We are very grateful to Edward for his help.

At 6pm next Sunday there will be a service of Compline (said evening prayers) instead of Evensong.

NEWS

The PCC

At the PCC Meeting on Thursday, 4th November, Mrs Valerie Beardmore-Baldwin was appointed as the PCC's Health and Safety Representative. Valerie would be pleased to hear from you at any time if you have an issue to raise with her about your own or other peoples' health and safety when in or around the church building at all times and not just when attending services. Val can be contacted on 01525 261592.

The Sound System

Some of our congregation has been experiencing problems with the church loop induction system. We have spoken to the company that installed the sound system - they have heard of problems with the aerial of some makes of modern ear pieces. Their suggestion is that anyone experiencing a problem should try moving to a slightly different part of the church as there are some "dead spots" where the signal is weak. This is just the solution that I know some of you have already tried! We feel that there is little to be gained by having the system serviced as it is unlikely to remedy the situation.

Baptism

Last Sunday, 31st October, Hayley and Graham Barnes' young son, Joshua, was baptised here. You will recall that Hayley and Graham were married here two years ago.

CHRISTMAS

As we rush at ever increasing speed towards Advent, I thought you would like to know that it is planned to have a Christmas Card Tree in the church again this year with a donations given to the Nuevo Reto Orphanage in Guatemala.

There will be the opportunity to **Sponsor a Light**, as in previous years and even more lights will decorate the yew tree by the gate this year. So, please consider 'giving' a light for Christmas.

There will also be a celebration of the **Nativity** on Sunday afternoon, 19th December at its original location at the bottom of Pound Hill.

There will be Carol Singing around the village late afternoon on Saturday, 18th December.

The service of Nine Lessons and Carols will be at 5pm on Christmas Eve and a service of Holy Communion on Christmas Day at 11am. Both services will be taken by the Rector.

DECEMBER EVENSONG

On Sunday 12th December, there will be a very special service of Evensong. We are calling this “**An Evensong for Kay**”. The service will give all her friends the chance to thank Kay for all the work she has done for us over many years and, not least, for her devotion to St Mary 2000. Kay, together with John, is planning the service and afterwards we will serve mulled wine and mince pies and have a chance to hear from Janet about Charlotte Pritchard’s latest visit to the orphanage in Guatemala.

NEXT SUNDAY

Next Sunday, **14th November**, the **Remembrance Sunday Service** will begin at 10.50am and will be led by the Rector. At 6pm there will be Evening Prayers (Compline) led by the Rector.

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