

# **The Church of St Mary the Virgin, Great Brickhill**

## **SUNDAY 21st August – The Ninth Sunday in Trinity**

Welcome to our celebration of **Holy Communion** this morning, led by the Rector with Tim Holden playing the organ. Please stay for tea or coffee and a chat after the morning service.

The readings are:-

**Isaiah 51 vs. 1 – 6;** and

**Romans 12 vs. 1 – 8**

The Gospel reading is: **Matthew 16 vs. 13 - 20.**

## **THIS WEEK**

**Drop-In is as usual on Monday afternoon at the Parish Hall.**

**House Communion will be said at 10am on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> August at Knightleys, Heath Road.**

## **NEWS**

**THE NEXT FUND-RAISING EVENT for the Church** will be held on **Saturday, September 10<sup>th</sup>** when we will be participating in the **Bucks Historic Churches Walk and Ride** and there will be a **Bar-B-Q** afterwards, at 6pm at Juliet and Simon Bennett's house, to restore the inner man and woman after the exertions! Please let them know if you will be attending the barbeque by Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> August:- 261210 or [simon.bennett7@tesco.net](mailto:simon.bennett7@tesco.net).

Please put the date in your diary and persuade your friends to join you for an interesting day out in good company. Details are on the bookcase near the door. There will be a bike ride and (possibly) three conducted walks of varying length and ease, depending on demand and interest. Valerie Vestergaard has kindly agreed to 'Church sit' and welcome visitors to Saint Mary's and offer some refreshments.

**Thursday Group returns for a New Season on Thursday, 15<sup>th</sup> September**, with tea at Knightleys, Heath Road. Please contact Betty if you need details (261836). The Group will meet fortnightly thereafter. The new and varied programme will be announced soon.

Then, on **Sunday, September 25<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm** will be the 5th anniversary of "The Music in the Brickhills" performance of **Handel's Messiah** in church: for this reason we want to celebrate again this stunning piece of music, the singers and musicians love coming together to perform, to share it with others and to raise money for Willen Hospice and our church in Great Brickhill. All donations will be very much appreciated.

This year admission is free. As usual we shall be serving drinks in the interval and for those who would like to make a more social occasion of the evening, to have a pre-concert light meal at the home of a parishioner before the performance.

If you would like to be sure of a seat in church please ring Robin Dawson (261425) or Jerry Breslin (07977292602)

If you would like a meal beforehand please ring Rosie Dawson (261425) or Christine Agambar (261527)

On **Friday, 30<sup>th</sup> September**, the annual **MacMillan Coffee Morning** will be held at 14 Holts Green, with Bring and Buy, Cake and Book stalls and tombola and greetings cards and much more – and also, coffee and chat!!!

**Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> October is Harvest Sunday.** There will be a service of Common Worship Holy Communion at 11am, led by the Rector with Sister Hazel, followed by a **Harvest Lunch** in the Parish Hall to which everyone is warmly invited. The service will launch a month-long series of celebrations in services to mark the 400<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the publication of the King James' Bible.

**News about Christmas will follow soon.....**

**NEXT SUNDAY, 28th August**, there will be a **United Benefice Service of Holy Communion held at Great Brickhill at 10am**, led by the **Revd. Norman Thorp**.

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