

The Church of St Mary the Virgin, Great Brickhill

SUNDAY 4th September – The Eleventh Sunday in Trinity and our Patronal Festival

Welcome to our **Celebration of Holy Communion** this morning on the day of our **Patronal Festival**. The service this morning is led by Revd. Norman Thorp, who kindly agreed to come to lead our worship at very short notice. Sadly, Sister Hazel is unable to be with us this morning because she is unwell, and her doctor has prescribed complete rest for a while. I would like to thank Norman and his wife, Bettine, on behalf of you all.

Please stay for tea or coffee and a chat after the morning service.

The readings are:- **Isaiah 61 vs. 10 - 11**; and
Galatians 4 vs. 4 – 7.

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

THIS WEEK

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

On **Thursday evening, 8th September at 8pm** there will be a **PCC Meeting, here in the Church**. If anyone has any matter that they wish to raise at the PCC please consult any member to ensure that the issue is discussed.

Next **Saturday, September 10th**, we will be participating in the **Bucks Historic Churches Walk and Ride** and there will be a **Bar-B-Q** afterwards, at 6pm at Juliette and Simon Bennett's house, to restore the inner man and woman after the exertions! Please 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. **We will meet at the Church at 10.30 am** to decide who will take which route. Valerie Vestergaard has kindly agreed to 'Church sit' and welcome visitors to Saint Mary's and

offer some refreshments.

Everyone is welcome to join in the Bar-B-Q at Simon and Juliette's home in the evening. Please see the leaflet on the bookcase and tell Simon and Juliette if you will be coming so that they can cater for the right number of people:- 261210 or simon.bennett7@tesco.net.

Donations will be shared between Bucks Historic Churches and our church funds.

NEWS

Thursday Group returns for a New Season on Thursday, 15th 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.

Sunday, September 25th at 7.30pm will be the 5th anniversary of "The Music in the Brickhills" performance of **Handel's Messiah** in church. We want to celebrate again this stunning piece of music as 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 there will be the opportunity 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). And, if you would like a meal beforehand please ring Rosie Dawson (261425) or Christine Agambar (261527)

On **Friday, 30th 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 2nd 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 400th Anniversary of the publication of the King James' Bible. **There is a separate leaflet about the services during October and, in particular, details of the special Songs of Praise at 6pm on Sunday, 9th October. Please respond to Simon's request for readings and hymns to include during the Songs of Praise.**

News about Christmas will follow soon.....

NEXT SUNDAY, 11th September, there will be **Morning Worship at 9.30am**, led by Phillipa and **Evensong at 6pm**, led by the Rector.

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