

The Church of St Mary the Virgin, Great Brickhill

SUNDAY 11th September – The Twelfth Sunday in Trinity

Welcome to our services of Morning Worship and Evensong today. Morning Worship is led by Phillipa, with Susan Noon playing the organ and this evening the Rector will lead Evensong with Paul Dickens playing the organ. Thank you everyone.

The service this morning and this evening will have a slightly different format to include time for remembrance and prayers for the victims of the 9/11 disaster and their families.

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

Morning Worship

The readings are:-

Genesis 50 vs. 15 - 21
Romans 14 vs. 1 – 12 and:
Matthew 18 vs. 21 - 35.

The Psalm is:- ***Verses from Psalm 103***

The response for the congregation is:

*“The Lord is full of compassion and mercy,
slow to anger and of great kindness”*

Evensong

The readings are:-

Genesis 50 vs. 15 - 21; and
Mark 8 vs. 27 – 38.

THIS WEEK

On Monday, there is the senior’s lunch in the Old Red Lion – please confirm your booking with Anne.

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

On Thursday, the first THURSDAY GROUP meeting of the new season will be held at Knightleys, Heath Road at 2.30pm. There will be tea and lots of conversation! All are most welcome.

NEWS

Yesterday, we participated in the **Bucks Historic Churches Walk and Ride** and then gathered for a restoring and most enjoyable **Bar-B-Q** hosted by Juliette and Simon.

We walked from our church to Little Brickhill church and then on to Bow Brickhill church where we were able to climb the tower and enjoy the panoramic views across Milton Keynes and also some splendid refreshments and a warm welcome.

During the day, Valerie Vestergaard welcomed visitors to St Mary's and offered them some refreshments.

We had a very jolly evening and would like to thank Simon and Juliette for their hospitality. Donations from the day were shared between Bucks Historic Churches and our church funds.

HARVEST FESTIVAL

Sunday 2nd October is Harvest Sunday. There will be a service of Common Worship Holy Communion at 11am, led by the Rector. 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. The service will be followed by a **Harvest Lunch** in the Parish Hall to which everyone is warmly invited. **PLEASE SIGN THE CLIP BOARD ON THE BOOKCASE IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO BOOK PLACES AT THE LUNCH.**

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 (07977 292602). 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!!! Anne Humphreys would be very pleased to receive donations of raffle prizes, cakes for sale, tombola prizes and books for the book stall. Please contact Anne if you are able to donate items. She will be pleased to have them in advance or on the 30th in the morning (261345).

Saturday, 8th October – A Barn Dance at 8.30pm at Rectory Farm. Please support this village event. The tickets cost £12.50, which includes a fish and chip supper. The money raised will be distributed to benefit the Cricket Club, High Ash School and the Church. Please see the poster in the porch for details of how to purchase tickets.

OCTOBER CELEBRATIONS FOR THE ANNIVERSARY OF THE KING JAMES BIBLE

Please collect the separate leaflet about the services during October and, in particular, details of the special Songs of Praise at 6pm on Sunday, 9th October.

NEXT SUNDAY, 18th September, there will be a celebration of **Holy Communion at 9.30am**, led by the Revd. Carole Peters from Ivinghoe. The Rector will be away on a retreat next weekend.

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