

The Church of St Mary the Virgin, Great Brickhill

Sunday 24th June - The Third Sunday in Trinity

Welcome to our **Special Family Service** this morning, led by the Rector with Margaret Oliver playing the piano.

The reading this morning is: **Mark 4 vs. 35 - 41.**

THE SERVICE TODAY: will begin with coffee, tea, juice and cake and John will introduce the special task that we have been asked to consider. Your participation is gratefully welcomed. Please take part with enthusiasm.

In today's service we will begin the first stage in the process of developing a Mission Action Plan (MAP). This is an initiative from the Diocese. Today there will be an opportunity for people to share their own stories of what has brought them to faith, and to be part of this church (as what has brought us in may help us to see what may draw others in). Everyone will be invited to write up ideas and suggestions under these headings:

I would love our church to be... *(including ideas about what we could do better, and new ideas, or even things to stop doing?)*

I could make a contribution by... *(while affirming all that people do already, invite ideas for new/different things people might do).*

Our Synod representatives would also be happy to receive any comments or ideas after the service:

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Val and Clare with John will go through the comments and report back to the PCC meeting in September. They will then meet with members from the other three churches in the benefice to draft a ten minute report for the Deanery Synod meeting in November.

THIS WEEK

On **Wednesday 27th June** there will be **House Communion** held at 10.30am at Knightleys, Heath Road. Everyone is welcome.

NEWS

The funeral of John's mother was held last Friday in Bristol. I am sure that you will wish to join with me in sending our sincere condolences and good wishes to John, Pauline and Timothy at this sad time and also to John's sister and brother and their families.

Thank you to Drop-In.

Drop-In has given the church a very generous donation of £100 which has been used to cover the cost of the Jubilee tree and has been used towards the refreshments for the Jubilee Event. We are most grateful to Drop-In for their kind gift.

Flame of Faith 2012

The Buckingham Archdeaconry has purchased 2,012 little candles on which the inscription "Flame of Faith" is inscribed. These candles have been distributed to each parish in the Archdeaconry and we were asked to suggest those village organisations that might be recipients of the candles. The eight candles that we requested have been delivered and will be passed to High Ash School and the two village Pre-Schools. Candles will also be given to Drop-In, Good Companions, the WI, and the Old Red Lion. It is suggested that the candles are lit when people come together, especially during the period in the run up to the Olympics. There is also a candle for the Church and it will be placed on the altar and lit at services over the next month. The text associated with the initiative is:

"Fan into Flame the gift of God that is within you"

(2 Timothy 1 vs. 6)

Next Sunday, 1st July there will be a celebration of **Holy Communion at 11am, here in Great Brickhill**, led by Father Colin Griffiths, assisted by Sister Hazel. At Bow Brickhill there will be Holy Communion at 9.30am, and at Stoke Hammond there is a Family Service at 11am.

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