

The Church of St Mary the Virgin, Great Brickhill

Sunday 16th September - The Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity

Welcome to our service of **Holy Communion (Common Worship)**, led by the Rector. Thank you to Jerry Breslin for playing the organ for us this morning.

You are warmly invited to join us after the service for refreshments and a chat.

The readings this morning are:

Isaiah 50: 4 - 9a; James 3: 1 - 12; Mark 8: 27 - 38

THIS WEEK

DROP-IN will be held in the Parish Hall tomorrow, 17th September. The Post Office and refreshments plus access to toilets are back to the usual arrangements.

House Communion will be held at 10.30am on **Wednesday, 19th September**. Everyone is welcome to join this celebration of Holy Communion at Knightleys, Heath Road.

There will be a **PCC Meeting** here in the church on Thursday evening – if anyone has a matter they wish to be raised, please contact any member of the PCC.

NEWS:

HARVEST SERVICE & LUNCH NEXT SUNDAY

This year the Harvest Festival Service will be held during the Family Service at 11am, next Sunday **September 23rd**, led by the Rector. We hope that you will join us after the service for an informal **Bring and Share Harvest Lunch**. Contributions to the lunch will be accepted in the Lady Chapel as you arrive for the service. Drinks will be provided. There will also be a Baptism during the service so we hope to have a full church for what is bound to be a joyful occasion. For more information please contact:-

Phillipa on 261521 or neilacook@aol.com
or Julia on 261213 or msturner@btopenworld.com

BUCKS HISTORIC CHURCHES BIKE RIDE AND STRIDE

Thank you to those who participated in the annual Bucks Historic Churches Sponsored Walk/Bike Ride last Saturday. Half of the proceeds go to Bucks Historic Churches and the other half will go to the church here in Great Brickhill. The amount raised is not yet known. Thank you to **Simon and Juliet** who hosted an evening barbeque in their garden for all the participants and supporters.

The SHOE BOX APPEAL

A reminder about the Romanian Shoe Box Appeal. Anne Humphreys hopes that you will choose to contribute again this year, either by providing gifts for the boxes or by filling boxes. All the details are in the leaflet on the bookcase by the church door, or you can contact Anne (261345) for advice or information.

The MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING

This hugely popular and successful event will be held this year on **Friday 28th September at Great Brickhill Cricket Club from 10.30am to 12.30pm.** Please come and support the World's Biggest Coffee Morning. While you enjoy your coffee you can browse the many stalls. Contact Pauline (261159) for information.

BARN DANCE AT RECTORY FARM, SATURDAY 6th OCTOBER

The annual village Barn Dance will be held at Rectory Farm, 7.30pm on Saturday 6th October. Tickets are £13.50 to include a Fish & Chip Supper and live band – proceeds will be shared between the cricket club and the church. Contact Linda Woodhouse (07795 542169) or Julia Turner (261213) or gbccevents@hotmail.co.uk

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER & WORSHIP, WEMBLEY ARENA

This National Day of Prayer & Worship on Saturday 29th September will be the largest public gathering of Christians across all denominations and groups. To find out more about the event and to purchase tickets, visit:- www.ndopwembley.com

VISIT TO LEE ABBEY

Jane Castle is travelling down to Lee Abbey for the first week of October - if there is anyone else in the area who would also like to go down to Devon for a week's teaching and focus, please contact Jane:- j.castle38@btinternet.com.

To check out details of the venue, visit the website <http://www.leeabbey.org.uk/devon/>.

URGENT MESSAGE FROM NORTHANTS POLICE: Circulated to all parishes by the Archdeacon. Please read the notice on the bookcase.

NEXT SUNDAY 23rd SEPTEMBER will be our Harvest celebration - a Family Service with Baptism at 11.00am led by the Rector, followed by a Bring and Share Lunch in the church.

At Bow Brickhill there will be Holy Communion at 8.00am.

At Little Brickhill there will be Holy Communion at 9.30am.

At Stoke Hammond there will be Harvest Holy Communion at 9.30am.

General enquiries, please contact:-

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The address of the benefice website is: www.brickhillschurches.org.uk