

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

## **Sunday 18th November – the Second Sunday before Advent**

Welcome to our celebration of **Holy Communion** this morning, led by the Rector with Jerry Breslin playing the organ. You are warmly invited to join us after the service for refreshments and a chat.

The readings this morning are: **Daniel 12 vs. 1-3;**  
**Hebrews 10 vs. 11 – 14 & 19 - 25;**  
**Mark 13 vs. 1 – 8.**

### **THIS WEEK:**

**DROP-IN** will be held in the Parish Hall **tomorrow, Monday 19th November**. The Post Office and refreshments will be available as usual.

**Thursday Group will meet this week at 2.30pm on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> November at 32, Pound Hill for tea and pleasant company.** Everyone is very welcome.

**THE CHURCH CHRISTMAS FAIR will be held on SATURDAY 24<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER IN THE PARISH HALL FROM 11AM TO 2PM.** Please come and bring your friends and neighbours.  
**BETTY KINSEY WOULD BE VERY GRATEFUL IF YOU COULD BAKE A CAKE TO SELL ON THE CAKE STALL.** Please contact Betty if you are able to help (261836)

### **NEWS**

#### **The SERVICE of REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY LAST WEEK**

I am sure that you will wish to join with me to thank Jeremy for leading the Remembrance Service last week and to thank Edward Maley for organising the ceremonial aspects of the service and for his invitation to us to join in refreshments after the service at the Cricket Club.

**THE ANNUAL CHARITY EVENSONG will be held this year on Sunday, December 9<sup>th</sup> at 6pm.** This year Willen Hospice will be the beneficiary of your donations, both at the Evensong and also from the donations given with the Christmas Card Tree. Please encourage your friends and neighbours to come. Sung Evensong (without a sermon), will be followed by a short organ recital and the opportunity for the church community to say

thank you to the choir, organists and bell ringers who enhance our worship throughout the year. We will also hear a short talk given by Revd. Steve Barnes, the Chaplain at Willen, who will reflect his year at the Hospice. Wine and refreshments will be served during the evening. Please come.

## **THE SHOEBOX CHRISTMAS APPEAL**

Anne has asked me to pass on her grateful thanks to everyone who participated in this appeal and gave so generously. This enabled the village to send 56 shoeboxes to Romania this week. They joined nearly 400 others at our collecting point at Woughton-on-the-Green.

**THE CHURCH TEMPORARY TOILET is ready for your use. It is a chemical toilet and, as such, please be sparing in your use of toilet paper and do not dispose of paper towels etc. because the toilet is not designed to manage such waste. The toilet is brand new and clean and comfortable so you should feel happy to use it. The toilet will be unlocked before, during and after services. At other times the key to unlock it may be found hanging on the coat pegs in the vestry. The key has a large label so you should be able to find it. Oh! The toilet is located close to the North wall of the church next to the bins. It has a grey cubicle. We hope to install a light in due course, plus other homely touches!**

## **NEXT SUNDAY, 25<sup>th</sup> November**

**There will be a Family Service with Baptism here in Great Brickhill at 11am, led by the Rector.**

### **Other Benefice Services on the 25<sup>th</sup> November:**

- Bow Brickhill:- Holy Communion at 8 am.
- Little Brickhill:- Holy Communion at 9.30am.
- Stoke Hammond:- Morning Worship at 9.30am.

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