

The Church of St Mary the Virgin, Great Brickhill

SUNDAY 18th AUGUST:- Twelfth Sunday after Trinity

We welcome back the Rector from his holiday to our celebration of **Holy Communion** this morning, with Jerry Breslin playing the organ. Everyone is warmly invited to stay after the service for refreshments and a chat.

The readings this morning are:-

Jeremiah 23: 23 – 29; Hebrews 11: 29 - 12: 2; Luke 12: 49 – 56

Congratulations to Dominic and Philippa Mitchell who were married here yesterday afternoon. We wish them a very long and happy life together. The flowers in the church looked stunning, the churchyard was mowed in the morning and the weeds removed from the path – thanks to all those who carried out these tasks.

NEWS AND EVENTS:

Drop-in with the Post Office will be held, as usual on Monday afternoon, 19th August, at the Parish Hall.

Please note that the fortnightly **Midweek Holy Communion Services** and the **Thursday Group** will resume after the summer break on Wednesday 4th September at 10.30am and Thursday 12th September at 2.30pm – both at Knightleys, Heath Road.

SERVICE OF MORNING PRAYER

The form of service used last Sunday morning was the "**Service of Morning Prayer on a Sunday**", which was sent to us by the Diocese and is designed to be used when a Minister fails to arrive for the Sunday Service. The Rector and the Diocesan Liturgical Committee would very much welcome any feedback from anyone who attended the service – please send any comments that you may have to Phillipa Cook:- 261521 pjcook6@gmail.com.

CEMETERY WINDBREAK

The old bell frame timbers that were taken out of the tower during the bell restoration project are being used to form a windbreak in the cemetery. Yesterday there was a second working party, to start laying the timbers onto the foundation. Thank you to all those who have helped with the project so far, and to Simon Bennett who has drawn up the plans and is masterminding the construction.

SHOEBOXES FOR ROMANIA

It is now time to be thinking about Shoeboxes again. The Customs forms are in the Church on the bookcase just inside the door. Please read and follow the instructions carefully. Boxes should be completed by 25th October. It may be that two people might like to share a box. Marion Ralph would welcome help with one of her boxes. Any queries please ring Anne (261345) or Marion (261611).

BUCKS HISTORIC CHURCHES TRUST BIKE AND STRIDE

The annual sponsored event takes place this year on Saturday, 14th September from 10am - 6pm. The Rector will be walking between our four churches and you are all warmly welcome to take part either on your own, or in a group - cycling, walking or riding between any churches of your choice from the printed list. Please pick up the details of the "Stride and Ride" from the bookcase or contact Rosie Dawson (261425 robin.rosie@zen.co.uk)

There will be a post event barbeque at Claremont, Ivy Lane for participants and others – please contact Juliet Bennett if you wish to attend (261210 juliet.l.bennett@googlemail.com)

All money raised will be divided equally between our church and Bucks Historic Churches Trust. (B.H.C.T. is a charity that gives grants for repairs to deserving churches and has always been very generous towards applications from St Mary the Virgin).

HARVEST FESTIVAL

A special Benefice Harvest celebration will be held at **Rectory Farm on Sunday 29th September**. There will be a short walk and activities from 12noon with a "Bring and Share Lunch" at 1pm. The **Bishop of Buckingham** will join us for a **Harvest Service at 3pm**.

NEXT SUNDAY 25th AUGUST is the Bank Holiday weekend. There will be a **United Benefice Service of Holy Communion at 10am at Little Brickhill**, led by Revd Norman Thorp.

The next service in Great Brickhill is on 1st September - a service of Holy Communion at 11am, led by Father Colin Griffiths. There will also be a Family Service at 11am at Stoke Hammond and Holy Communion at 9.30am at Bow Brickhill.

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