

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

## **SUNDAY 1st SEPTEMBER:- Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity**

Welcome to our Prayer Book Service of Holy Communion, led by Father Colin – it is the first time that he has been able to be with us for a few months and it is good to welcome him back. Everyone is invited to stay after the service for refreshments and a chat.

The readings this morning are:-

**Proverbs 25: 6 - 7; Hebrews 13: 1-8, 15-16; Luke 14: 1, 7-14**

### **THIS WEEK AND NEXT:**

**Drop-in with the Post Office** will be held, as usual on Monday afternoon, 2nd September, at the Parish Hall.

The fortnightly **Midweek Holy Communion** Services resume this week, on **Wednesday 4th September at 10.30am at The Rectory**. All are welcome to attend.

The first session after the summer break of the **Thursday Group** will be held on **12th September** at 2.30pm at Knightleys, Heath Road.

### **NEWS AND EVENTS:**

#### **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 a third working party was held, to continue 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.

#### **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](mailto: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](mailto: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).

### **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).

### **HANDEL'S MESSIAH**

The Music in the Brickhills' annual performance of Handel's Messiah is being held this year at **St Michael's Church, Woburn Sands** on **Sunday 22nd September**. The concert is again in aid of Willen Hospice. Tickets will be available on the door, or in advance from either Jerry Breslin (01908 582952; [jerrybreslin@hotmail.com](mailto:jerrybreslin@hotmail.com)) or Robin Dawson (01525 261425; [robin.rosie@zen.co.uk](mailto:robin.rosie@zen.co.uk)).

### **HARVEST FESTIVAL**

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

### **SERVICES NEXT SUNDAY, 8th SEPTEMBER:**

**There will be Morning Worship, led by Jeremy at 9.30am and Evensong at 6pm, led by the Rector.**

Other Services across the Benefice:

**Bow Brickhill:-** 11am: Family Service with Baptism

**Little Brickhill:-** 11am Morning Worship

**Stoke Hammond:-** 9.30am Holy Communion

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