

The Church of St Mary the Virgin, Great Brickhill

SUNDAY 22nd SEPTEMBER:- Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity

Welcome to our **Family Service with Baptism** this morning, led by the Rector. Thank you to Rosemary Howell who is playing the organ to accompany our singing today.

The reading this morning is: **Luke 15: 1 - 10**

We are particularly pleased to welcome Maisie Ava Birtle and her family on the occasion of her baptism. Everyone is invited to stay after the service for refreshments and a chat after the service.

THIS EVENING - HANDEL'S MESSIAH

The Music in the Brickhills' annual performance of Handel's Messiah is being held **this evening at 7.30pm at St Michael's Church, Woburn Sands**. The concert is again in aid of Willen Hospice. Tickets will be available on the door.

THIS WEEK AND NEXT:

Drop-in with the Post Office will be held, as usual on Monday afternoon, 23rd September, at the Parish Hall.

Thursday Group - please note that there will **not** be a meeting on Thursday this week. The next session will be on 10th October.

The next fortnightly **Midweek Holy Communion** Service will be held on **Wednesday 2nd October, 10.30am at Knightleys, Heath Road**. All are welcome to attend.

NEWS AND EVENTS:

BUCKS HISTORIC CHURCHES TRUST BIKE AND STRIDE:

This annual event took place on 14th September. A good number of people from Great Brickhill participated, either cycling or walking. The Rector walked around the Benefice, calling in to say prayers at each of the four churches. Well done to Robin and Rosie, top scorers for churches visited, a grand total of 17, and to the Smith family who rode around the Benefice in great style with their tandem. Thank you to Simon and Juliet for hosting a very convivial post event barbeque. All money raised will be divided equally between our church and Bucks Historic Churches Trust (a charity that has been very generous with grants for repairs to St Mary's).

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).

MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING

Great Brickhill's "World's Biggest Coffee Morning" in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support will be held in **The Parish Hall** next **Saturday 28th September**, 10.00 to 12.30pm. Cakes and preserves will be very much appreciated, either on the day or in advance to Rosie Dawson (261425) or Anne Humphreys (261345).

CONCERT AT STOKE HAMMOND CHURCH, 13th OCTOBER

A concert featuring the "Brickhills with Stoke Hammond Benefice Choir" is being held in the church at **Stoke Hammond on Sunday, 13th October, at 3.00pm**. Please support this event as it is **in aid of the restoration of the Great Brickhill organ**. For tickets contact:- Jerry Breslin: 01908, 582952 jerrybreslin@hotmail.com

SERVICES FOR THE NEXT TWO SUNDAYS:

A special **Benefice Harvest celebration** will be held at **Rectory Farm next 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**. The Bishop will then proceed to **Ivinghoe Church** to conduct a **Deanery Confirmation Service** at 6 o'clock.

Please include in your prayers this week **Ron Snape** and all the other candidates for confirmation.

On Sunday 6th October there will be a said Holy Communion (BCP) Service at Great Brickhill, led by the Rector at 11am.

Other Services across the Benefice:

Bow Brickhill:- Holy Communion at 9.30am

Little Brickhill:- No Service

Stoke Hammond:- Family Service the Methodist Church, 11am.

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