

The Church of St Mary the Virgin, Great Brickhill

SUNDAY 20th OCTOBER:- Twenty-first Sunday after Trinity

We welcome back the Rector who has been away on retreat in Devon this past week and will lead our Service of Holy Communion (Common Worship) this morning, with Jerry Breslin playing the organ. Everyone is invited to stay after the service for refreshments and a chat after the service.

The readings this morning are:-

Genesis 32: 22 - 31; 2 Timothy 3: 14 - 4: 5; Luke 18: 1 - 8

THIS WEEK AND NEXT:

Drop-in with the Post Office will be held, as usual on Monday afternoon, 21st October, at the Parish Hall.

The Thursday Group will meet for tea this week on **24th October** at 2.30pm at 30 Pound Hill (please note the change of venue).

The next fortnightly **Midweek Holy Communion** Service will be held on **Wednesday 30th October** at **10.30am** at **Knightleys, Heath Road**. All are welcome to attend.

NEWS AND EVENTS:

CEMETERY WINDBREAK PROJECT

Thank you to the volunteers who yesterday morning worked on the second stage of the cemetery windbreak project – laying some of the grave stones from the old chapel site as paving around the windbreak bench and treating the timbers with preservative.

CONCERT IN STOKE HAMMOND

Last Sunday afternoon, 13th October the "Brickhills with Stoke Hammond Benefice Choir" performed a concert in the church at Stoke Hammond. Thanks go to all the members of the choir for their accomplished singing and to Jerry Breslin for arranging such a marvellous variety of songs and anthems from across the centuries. A big thank you also to the PCC at Stoke Hammond for allowing the concert to be held in their church in aid of the restoration of the organ at Great Brickhill. The terrific sum of £509 was raised.

SHOEBOXES FOR ROMANIA

There is less than a week to go to complete the Shoeboxes for Romania. The Customs forms and instructions are in the Church on the bookcase just inside the door. Boxes should be with Marion Ralph (261611) or Anne Humphreys (261345) **by 25th October**.

HARVEST FESTIVAL

The special Benefice Harvest celebration at **Rectory Farm** was a huge success. In excess of 100 people enjoyed the fellowship before the service in wonderful sunshine. A beautifully decorated altar had been constructed from bales of hay. With Jerry Breslin playing his accordion the choir sang some traditional harvest songs, and the Rector and the **Bishop of Buckingham** led the service. A huge thank you to all the Turner family for their hard work in hosting the event and making everyone feel so welcome. The collection for the **Water Aid Harvest Appeal** raised **£444**.

CHANGE TO PATTERN OF SERVICES

The PCCs in each of the four parishes are considering a change to the pattern of services whereby the Rector's regular commitment would be two services each Sunday, offering a service of Holy Communion and a Family Service to each church in each month. Each PCC will decide what services they wish to hold on the remaining two weeks of the month. No decisions have yet been made and so please pass on your views to the Wardens, any written comments to Phillipa Cook:- pjcook6@gmail.com

SERVICES NEXT SUNDAY, 27th OCTOBER (BIBLE SUNDAY):

There will be a Family Service at 11.00am in Great Brickhill, led by the Rector.

Other Services across the Benefice:-

Bow Brickhill:- Holy Communion at 8.00am

Little Brickhill:- Holy Communion at 9.30am

Stoke Hammond:- Morning Worship at 9.30am

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