

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

## **SUNDAY, 13th JULY:- The Fourth Sunday after Trinity**

Welcome to our service of Holy Communion (Common Worship) this morning, led by the Rector. Thank you to Susan Noon for playing the organ for us today and to the choir for leading our singing. Everyone is invited to stay after the service for refreshments and a chat.

The readings this morning are:-

**Isaiah 55: 10 - 13; Romans 8: 1 - 11; Matthew 13: 1 - 9, 18 - 23**

**In the last couple of weeks Val Baldwin has been busy moving house. Her phone number is now (01525) 237265; her e-mail address is unchanged. We wish Steve and Val well as they settle in their new home in Heath and Reach.**

**SUNDAY SERVICE PATTERN: there are flyers available from the bookcase giving details of the service pattern across the benefice and also the details of Family Services for the next few months.**

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

**Drop-in with the Post Office** will be held, as usual on Monday afternoon, 14th July at the Parish Hall.

**THURSDAY GROUP** – the next fortnightly meeting will be held this Thursday 17th July. Weather permitting it is planned to go to **The Visitors' Centre on the Downs** for tea. Meet at **2.15pm** at 30 Pound Hill, where tea will be held as normal if the weather is poor.

**High Ash School** will be holding their Leavers' Service in church on Tuesday 22nd July at 9.30am. All are welcome to attend.

### **NEWS & EVENTS:-**

#### **ORGAN VISIT**

Around twenty children came to the church recently for a demonstration and tuition session on the organ – the children enjoyed an opportunity to play the organ. Thank you to Rosemary Howell and Jerry Breslin for arranging and supervising the visit.

## **ACCIDENT IN THE RINGING ROOM**

As some of you might already know, sadly, there was an accident in the Ringing Room in August 2010. The novice bell ringer who suffered an injury brought a claim for negligence against the PCC and our Tower Captain, David Middleton. The PCC denied liability, supported by our insurers. The matter was dealt with at a hearing in the County Court on Thursday.

The Judge found that there was no negligence. In his summing up the Judge said that there are sometimes accidents without any fault, and this was one of those occasions. We are not required to pay any costs or financial penalty.

Much of the burden in facing and seeing off this claim fell on the shoulders of David. The PCC want you all to know how grateful we are for David's commitment to our Church and to bell ringing in Great Brickhill and for managing a difficult time with such fortitude.

## **FAREWELL EVENT FOR BISHOP JOHN**

Say Farewell to Bishop John at the **Diocese of Oxford's Grand Day Out! Saturday 20th September from 10.00 – 17.00**, Oxford City Centre. Everyone is invited to give thanks for Bishop John's ministry, for prayer and worship, a feast of different activities, a massive picnic on Christ Church Meadow and a huge open-air farewell Eucharist. For full information about the day, please go to [www.oxford.anglican.org/granddayout](http://www.oxford.anglican.org/granddayout) .

## **SERVICES NEXT SUNDAY, 20th JULY:**

**In Great Brickhill there will be a service of Evensong, at 6.00pm led by the Rector.**

Other Services across the Benefice next Sunday:-

**Bow Brickhill:-** [ Church open, 9.00 - 11.00am ]

**Little Brickhill:-** Family Service at 11.00am

**Stoke Hammond:-** Holy Communion at 9.00am

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