

The Church of St Mary the Virgin, Great Brickhill

SUNDAY, 3rd AUGUST:- The Seventh Sunday after Trinity

Welcome to our Prayer Book Service of Holy Communion this morning led by the Rector. Sister Hazel may also be joining us to read the gospel and assist at communion.

Everyone is invited to stay after the service for refreshments and a chat.

The readings this morning are:-

Isaiah 55: 1 - 5; Romans 9: 1 - 5; Matthew 14: 13 - 21

SUNDAY SERVICE PATTERN: there are flyers available on the bookcase giving details of the **service pattern** across the benefice.

THIS WEEK AND NEXT:-

There will be no Drop-in or Post Office for the next few weeks due to the closure of the Parish Hall for 3 weeks. Remedial work is required due to the recent flooding of the Hall. The Post Office and Drop-in will resume on Monday, 18th August.

THE THURSDAY GROUP – Please note there will be **no more Thursday Group meetings now until September**. (This news was received after the August Parish Newsletter had gone to print – please ignore the dates given in that publication).

NEWS & EVENTS:-

“LINK TO HOPE” SHOEBOX APPEAL

The annual “Link to Hope” shoebox appeal is being launched this weekend. The forms and all the information that people might need to take part are available on the bookcase. Rosie Dawson who is organising this year’s appeal will be happy to answer any queries:-
Tel: 261425 or e-mail: robin.rosie@zen.co.uk .

The charity now helps destitute people in Romania, Moldova, Bulgaria, Ukraine and Albania and the contents of the shoeboxes is direct contact with people who have not forgotten them, and give them a few essentials to make their very difficult circumstances more bearable for a little while..... it brings smiles to their faces.

NEWSPAPER COLLECTION

Thank you to the team of volunteers who helped to load the newspapers onto the lorry the Saturday before last. The load weighed over 6 tonnes – around £350 will have been raised, the exact amount will be reported at a later date. Thank you to all those who deposit their old newspapers and cardboard in the container at Lower Rectory Farm, and to Frank and Betty Kinsey who collect the newspapers from around the village every fortnight.

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 .

SERVICES NEXT SUNDAY, 10th AUGUST:

In Great Brickhill there will be a service of Holy Communion (Common Worship), at 9.00am led by the Rector. At the end of the service, to commemorate the start of the First World War a century ago, prayers will be said in the Lady Chapel – behind the altar is the stained glass window commemorating the parishioner who fell during World War One, the son of the Rector, the Reverend Hayle.

Other Services across the Benefice:-

Bow Brickhill:- Family Service, 11.00am

Little Brickhill:- No Service

Stoke Hammond:- Following afternoon tea, Compline 5.00pm

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