

The Church of St Mary the Virgin, Great Brickhill

SUNDAY, 17th AUGUST:- The Ninth Sunday after Trinity

Welcome to our service this morning led by Christine and Val, the Church Wardens. This service of Morning Prayer, which has been used here once before, broadly follows a Common Worship form of Mattins. Thank you to Jerry for playing the organ for us this morning.

The theme will be taken from the Service held at Westminster Abbey last November to celebrate the Sixtieth Anniversary of the National Churches Trust. The address was given by The Most Reverend and Right Honourable Justin Welby, Archbishop of Canterbury. Our readings are those used at this service:

Genesis 28: 10 - 18; 1 Peter 2: 4 - 9

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

THIS WEEK AND NEXT:-

Drop-in with the Post Office resumes this Monday afternoon, 18th August at the Parish Hall.

THE THURSDAY GROUP

The fortnightly meetings start again after the summer break on Thursday 11th September.

NEWS & EVENTS:-

BUCKS HISTORIC CHURCHES TRUST BIKE AND STRIDE

The annual sponsored event takes place on Saturday, 13th September from 10am - 6pm. This can be done either on your own, or in a group - cycling, walking or riding between any churches of your choice from the printed list. The details and sponsorship forms of the "Stride and Ride" are now in the church for anyone to pick up from the bookcase. Alternatively for more details contact Rosie Dawson (TEL: 261425 or e-mail: robin.rosie@zen.co.uk).

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).

“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.

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 .

HARVEST CELEBRATIONS

On Sunday, 28th September there will be a Harvest Family Service held at 11 o'clock. The theme will be the "Bread of Life" and this will be continued through to the Bring & Share Lunch which will be held in church immediately after the service. Please bring along some of your favourite type of bread to share with others.

All are welcome to attend, either for just the service, or just the lunch, or both!

SERVICE NEXT SUNDAY, 24th AUGUST:

As is customary on the August Bank Holiday weekend there will be a United Benefice service next Sunday. It will be held here in Great Brickhill and will take the form of Mattins (Sung) at 11.00am. (The normal fourth Sunday services will be held this month on the fifth Sunday, 31st August).

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