

The Church of St Mary the Virgin, Great Brickhill

SUNDAY 19th OCTOBER:- Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity

Welcome to our Prayer Book Service of Mattins led by Jeremy. Thank you to Jerry for playing the organ for us today and to the choir for leading our singing.

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

The readings this morning are:- **Isaiah 45: 1-7; Matthew 22: 15-22**

This Afternoon in All Saints Church, Bow Brickhill at 3.00pm there will be a **talk on the Just War by Fr Nick Gosnell**, the R.C. Padre to the Grenadier Guards. Father Nick has served in many theatres of action and will also discuss the issues of being a Christian and a soldier today. There will be an opportunity to ask questions. All are welcome and admission is free.

During the last seven days the urgent repairs to the roof that were identified in the recent quinquennial report have been carried. The work on the defective lead work and pointing should ensure that the roof is now watertight.

THIS WEEK:-

Drop-in with the Post Office will be held on Monday afternoon, 20th October at the Parish Hall.

The Thursday Group – the next fortnightly meeting will be this Thursday 23rd October, 2.30pm at 30 Pound Hill.

NEWS & EVENTS:-

“LINK TO HOPE” SHOEBOX APPEAL

A reminder that the forms and information that people might need to take part in this annual “Link to Hope” shoebox appeal 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 .

INFORMATION SHEET FROM THE PCC CONCERNING THE PLANNING OF ADDITIONAL FACILITIES IN THE CHURCH

If you haven’t already received one of the pink sheets giving an update on the project to provide additional facilities for our church, please collect a copy from the bookcase.

VACANCY IN SEE

With Bishop John's retirement at the end of the month, comes the start of the consultation about the new Diocesan Bishop. A range of clergy, LLMs and Churchwardens and others from across the diocese have been invited to meet with the Archbishops' and Prime Minister's Appointment Secretaries. They would however like to hear the view of anyone wishing to comment on the needs of the diocese, or the wider Church, or who wishes to propose candidates. You are welcome to attend a public meeting in Christ Church Cathedral Oxford on Tuesday 11th November at 7.15pm, or you can write to them, before 19th January 2015 – for details please contact Phillipa 261521 or pjcook6@gmail.com .

CHARITY SONGS OF PRAISE

On Sunday 16th November we will be holding a Charity Songs of Praise in church at 5.00pm.

CHURCH CHRISTMAS FAIR

The Church Christmas Fair is being held in the Parish Hall from 11am to 2pm on **Saturday 22nd November**. More details to follow.

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

REMEMBRANCE SERVICES:

The annual Remembrance Sunday Service will be held on 9th November at 10.50am. There will also be a short service of commemoration in church on Tuesday 11th November at 11.00am with laying of a wreath in the Lady Chapel.

SERVICES NEXT SUNDAY, 26th OCTOBER:

There will be a Family Service at 11.00am in Great Brickhill.

Other Services across the Benefice:-

Bow Brickhill:- Holy Communion at 9.00am

Little Brickhill:- No Service

Stoke Hammond:- Morning Worship at 9.00am

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