

The Church of St Mary the Virgin, Great Brickhill

SUNDAY 26th OCTOBER:- Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity

Welcome to our **Family Service** this morning, led by the Rector. Thank you to everyone who has helped with the arrangements for this service. Thank you also to Andrew and Margretta for playing the music to accompany our songs.

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

The reading this morning is:- **Colossians 3: 12 - 17**

THIS WEEK:-

Drop-in with the Post Office will be held on Monday afternoon, 27th October at the Parish Hall.

The Thursday Group – the next fortnightly meeting will be on Thursday 6th November, 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.

REPAIR WORKS TO THE ROOF

During the last two weeks 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 and building are now watertight.

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**. Come and start your Christmas shopping, meet up with Father Christmas and your friends. Lots of stalls and refreshments. Pick up a flyer from the bookcase for all the details.

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, 2nd NOVEMBER:

There will be a said Holy Communion (BCP) Service at 11.00am in Great Brickhill, led by Sister Hazel.

Other Services across the Benefice:-

Bow Brickhill:- Mattins at 11.00am (All Saints Service)

Little Brickhill:- All Souls Service at 6.00pm

Stoke Hammond:- Family Service with Baptism at 11.00am

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