

The Church of St Mary the Virgin, Great Brickhill

SUNDAY 2nd NOVEMBER:-

Fourth Sunday before Advent, All Saints Sunday

Welcome to our Prayer Book Service of Holy Communion this morning led by Sister Hazel. Everyone is invited to stay after the service for refreshments and a chat.

The readings this morning are:-

Micah 3: 5 - 12; 1 Thessalonians 2: 9 - 13; Matthew 24: 1 - 14

This evening at Little Brickhill the All Souls' Service will be held at 6.00pm – this is the annual service to remember with thanksgiving our loved ones who have died.

THIS WEEK:-

Drop-in with the Post Office will be held on Monday afternoon, 3rd November at the Parish Hall.

The Thursday Group – the next fortnightly meeting will be this Thursday 6th November, 2.30pm at 30 Pound Hill.

NEWS & EVENTS:-

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, SUNDAY 16th NOVEMBER, 5pm

Everyone is warmly invited to come and sing and celebrate this first event of our Christmas Season. Familiar hymns and readings have been chosen by members of our church community and the Benefice Choir will lead the singing and also sing for us. Refreshments will be served.

Our chosen charity for Christmas this year is **Christian Aid – DEC Ebola Crisis Appeal**. Our choice has been influenced by events in West Africa. This week a joint appeal was launched by the Disaster Emergency Committee on behalf of thirteen charities, including Christian Aid, to support the fight against the spread of Ebola and to provide medical support to those communities in dire need of our help. Please consider supporting the appeal by coming to our Charity Songs of Praise and making a donation to Christian Aid.

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.

REMEMBRANCE SERVICES:

The annual Remembrance Sunday Service in Great Brickhill will be held next Sunday, 9th November **at 10.50am**. Edward Maley has again kindly made all the arrangements for this service. The collection will be for The Poppy Appeal and there will be special gift aid envelopes available.

After the service members of the congregation are invited to join servicemen, ex-servicemen and their families in the Cricket Club for drinks and canapés (voluntary donations will be welcome).

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.

There will **be no Pew Sheet next Sunday** - services on the following **SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 16th:- “Songs of Praise”** here in Great Brickhill at **5.00pm** – see item above.

Other Services across the Benefice:

Bow Brickhill:- Church open, 9.00 – 11.00am.

Little Brickhill:- Family Service with Baptism at 11.00am.

Stoke Hammond:- Holy Communion at 9.00am.

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