

The Church of St Mary the Virgin, Great Brickhill

SUNDAY 2nd AUGUST 2015:- Ninth Sunday after Trinity

Welcome to our Prayer Book Service of Holy Communion this morning led by the Revd Peter Green. We hope that Sister Hazel will feel well enough to join us.

The readings this morning are:-

Exodus 16: 2-4, 9 -15; Ephesians 4: 1 - 16; John 6: 24 - 35

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

THIS WEEK:-

Please ignore the note in the August Parish Newsletter saying that the Happy Cup Coffee Club will take a break over the summer. Due to popular request, the child-friendly weekly drop-in coffee morning, especially welcoming parents and carers of young children is being held **throughout the holiday period, every Monday except the Bank Holiday from 9.15am to 11.15am. All welcome** – not obligatory to bring a child with you!

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

Healing Prayer Group. This month's benefice meeting to pray for healing in the lives of individuals and the communities of the four villages will be held **this Wednesday, 5th August, at The Rectory from 7.00 - 8.00pm.** The meetings are open to anyone who would like to take part - all are very welcome to join the meeting. Requests to pray for people are also welcome. Anyone who would like prayer for themselves, or for someone they are concerned about - please let the Rector know.

The Thursday Group is now taking a break over the summer. The next fortnightly meeting will be held on **Thursday 10th September.**

NEWS & EVENTS:-

CHRISTMAS FAIR - SCARVES WANTED:

An appeal please for anyone who has unwanted scarves to donate them for the Christmas Fair as there will be a Scarf Stall at this year's Fair on Saturday 28th November. Either leave them in the vestry or give them to one of the Wardens or to any PCC member.

CONCERT & GARDEN PARTY:

On Sunday afternoon 5th July we welcomed **The Sands Cryers Choir** for the concert "In Old England, Jolly Good Times". They performed a selection of early choral music that would have been enjoyed by the villagers of Great Brickhill in days gone by. Thank you to Jerry for organising the singers and to all who helped with the cream teas. The event raised **£477** which was shared between the church and Macmillan Cancer Support.

ROOF REPAIRS:

The roofing contractor completed the repair work on the north aisle roof following the theft of the lead, just before the recent heavy rain. This interim repair will make the roof water tight for the foreseeable future. This will allow time to decide on how best to approach a more permanent repair.

SERVICES ON SUNDAY, 9th AUGUST:

There will be a service of Holy Communion (Common Worship) at 9.30am in Great Brickhill, led by the Rector.

Other Services across the Benefice next Sunday:-

Bow Brickhill:- Family Service, 11.00am

Little Brickhill:- No Service

Stoke Hammond:- Compline at 5pm, following afternoon tea

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