

The Church of St Mary the Virgin, Great Brickhill

SUNDAY 9th AUGUST 2015:- Tenth Sunday after Trinity

Welcome to our service of Holy Communion (Common Worship) this morning led by the Rector. Thank you to Susan for playing the organ for us and to the choir for leading our singing.

The readings this morning are:-

1 Kings 19: 4 - 8; Ephesians 4: 25 - 5: 2; John 6: 35, 41-51

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

This afternoon there will be a **special service of baptism for Phoebe Read**, the little girl who was born very prematurely and for whom we have been praying since she was born last autumn. Phoebe's family very much want to bring her to a Family Service when her health allows, for us to welcome her into the church family. Please include Phoebe, her parents Jeni and Stuart, and sister Evelyn in your prayers.

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, 10th August at the Parish Hall.

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 last downfall of 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.

RECTOR'S CHANGE OF E-MAIL ADDRESS:

Please note that the Rector's e-mail address has changed – anyone who has been using the "... @virgin.net" email address to contact John, please note that this address will soon be withdrawn. Please use:- "rector@brickhillschurches.org.uk"

SERVICES ON SUNDAY, 16th AUGUST:

There will be a service of Evensong at 6.00pm in Great Brickhill, led by Phillipa.

Other Services across the Benefice next Sunday:-

Bow Brickhill:- [Church open, 10.00 - 11.00am]

Little Brickhill:- Family Service at 11.00am

Stoke Hammond:- Holy Communion at 9.00am

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