

The Church of St Mary the Virgin, Great Brickhill

SUNDAY 6th SEPTEMBER 2015:- Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity

Welcome to our Prayer Book Service of Holy Communion this morning led by the Revd. Robert Wright. We hope that Sister Hazel will feel well enough to join us. We will be celebrating our Patronal Festival. The readings this morning are:-

Isaiah 61: 10 - 11; Galatians 4: 4 - 7; Luke 1: 46 - 55

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

THIS WEEK:-

The Happy Cup Coffee Club, the child-friendly weekly drop-in coffee morning, especially welcoming parents and carers of young children is held **every Monday during term time in the church, 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, 7th September at the Parish Hall. The first of the **“Swap Shops”** for the Shoe Box appeal will be held – see details in item below.

The Thursday Group resumes this week after the summer break. The first of the fortnightly meetings will be held on **Thursday 10th September at Knightleys, Heath Road** – meet at 2.30pm for a cup of tea and a chat. **All are welcome to attend.**

High Ash would welcome anyone who would like to attend their first monthly Prayer Meeting since the summer holidays, this Friday 11th September at 2.45 - 3.10pm.

NEXT SATURDAY, 12th SEPTEMBER – THE ANNUAL BUCKS HISTORIC CHURCHES TRUST RIDE AND STRIDE:

The church will have refreshments for the participants from 10am - 6pm. Sponsor Forms are available on the bookcase just inside the church and even if people do not want to walk or ride to other churches, there is an opportunity to be involved by sponsoring somebody who is. 50% of the money collected will go to our church and 50% to Bucks Historic Churches Trust, an organisation which we in the church have had cause to be extremely grateful by

receiving grants on numerous occasions when in need, for the fabric of the church.

For further details contact Rosie Dawson (TEL: 01525 261425 or email: robin.rosie@zen.co.uk).

NEWS & EVENTS:-

PAULINE & KATE'S BIG HAIRCUT:

A message from Pauline Waller & Kate Johnson:-

“After many years of lovingly nurturing our long locks we have decided to donate them to a better cause. 12 inches will be donated to The Little Princess Trust to make wigs for children with cancer and we will be raising money through sponsorship for Macmillan as part of the World’s Biggest Coffee Morning fundraising event.”

They have a Just Giving page where people can make donations:

<https://www.justgiving.com/Kate-Johnson21/>

In addition, Pauline has brought with her this morning a sponsorship form.

The Macmillan Coffee morning will be held at the Parish Hall on **Saturday, 26th September**, from 11.00am to 1.00pm.

“LINK TO HOPE” CHARITY SHOE BOX APPEAL:

Last year the Brickhills sent off 84 boxes - it would be wonderful if we could better that this year and make many more poor families happy at Christmas time. The contents of the shoeboxes are taken and distributed directly to the impoverished of Romania, Bulgaria, Moldova and Ukraine, wherever the need is greatest. The shoeboxes provide these very poor people with items that they only may dream about; that make their existence more tolerable and comfort them in the knowledge that they have not been forgotten. Each (size 9) shoebox needs a form for customs - the necessary forms are on the bookcase just inside the church, with some literature about the charity and some other activities it runs.

There will be a **“Swap Shop” at Drop In, this Monday 7th September and 12th October** where you can take or pick up items that would help fill corners of your boxes. All the boxes need to be with Rosie Dawson (Tel: 261425) by the end of October.

SAFARI SUPPER - SATURDAY, 26th SEPTEMBER:

Meet at the church at 7pm for drinks and canapés, and then move on to enjoy meeting and eating with friends old and new. The tickets are £15 – to book your place, please contact:

Gill Wilson 279005 gill.wilson@btconnect.com or

Julia Turner 261213 msturner@btopenworld.com

HARVEST CELEBRATION – SUNDAY 27th SEPTEMBER:

On Sunday 27th September there will be a Harvest Family Service held at 11 o'clock. This will be followed by a Bring & Share Harvest Lunch, which will be held in church immediately after the service. Please bring along some of your favourite food to share with others. All are welcome to attend, either for just the service, or just the lunch, or both!

AND TO COMPLETE A WONDERFUL WEEKEND, the annual Music in the Brickhills HANDEL concert takes place on **Sunday evening, 27th September** at St Mary's Catholic Church in Woburn Sands at 7 .30pm. The first half of the concert will feature extracts from Jephtha and in the second half there will be a concentrated Messiah. Please pick up a flyer from the bookcase with all the details. Donations in aid of Willen Hospice.

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, 13th SEPTEMBER:

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

Other Services across the Benefice next Sunday:-

Bow Brickhill:- Family Service, 11.00am

Little Brickhill:- No Service

Stoke Hammond:- Café Church, 9.30am

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