

The Church of St Mary the Virgin, Great Brickhill

SUNDAY 27th SEPTEMBER 2015:-

Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity

Welcome to our **Harvest Family Service** this morning, led by the Rector. Thank you to everyone who has helped to decorate the church for our Harvest celebrations. Thank you also to Rosemary Howell for providing the music to accompany our songs.

The reading this morning is:- **Matthew 6: 25 - 33**

Everyone is invited to stay after the service to join in our "Bring and Share" Harvest lunch.

This afternoon there will be a service of baptism for Millie Prater. Please include Millie and her parents Daniel and Melissa in your prayers.

Macmillan Coffee Morning:

The Macmillan Coffee Morning was held yesterday in the Parish Hall. Thank you to everyone who helped with the various stalls etc. to raise money for Macmillan Cancer Support.

The SAFARI SUPPER also took place yesterday. Thank you to Julia and Gill and all others who helped to make this a very happy and successful event.

To complete this busy weekend, the annual Music in the Brickhills HANDEL concert is being held this evening 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. Donations will be in aid of Willen Hospice. Fliers are available from the bookcase

THIS WEEK:-

The High Ash School Harvest Service is being held here in the church tomorrow morning at 9.00am. All are welcome to attend.

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.**

Please note that due to the High Ash Harvest Service **tomorrow the Coffee Club will start at 10.15am.**

Drop-in with the Post Office will be held on Monday afternoon, 28th September at the Parish Hall.

Thursday Group - the next fortnightly meeting will be held on **Thursday 8th October at 30 Pound Hill** – meet at 2.30pm for a cup of tea and a chat. **All are welcome to attend.**

NEWS & EVENTS:-

NEWSPAPER COLLECTION

Thank you to all who helped with the recent newspaper collection. A note of the weight loaded onto the lorry and the amount raised will follow shortly.

THE BUCKS HISTORIC CHURCHES TRUST RIDE AND STRIDE

took place a week last Saturday. Thank you to those who took part – there will be more news later about the amount raised. 50% of the money collected will go to our church and 50% to the Bucks Historic Churches Trust.

“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 **another “Swap Shop” at Drop In, on Monday 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.

BOOKLET PUBLISHED BY THE RECTOR:

The Rector has written a booklet about being a carer, and supporting carers. Full details are available via the following link:-

<http://grovebooks.co.uk/products/p142-caring-for-the-carers-insights-for-carers-and-those-in-pastoral-ministry>

PAULINE & KATE'S BIG HAIRCUT:

Pauline Waller & Kate Johnson have had their hair cut and will be sending their long locks to a better cause. 12 inches will be donated to The Little Princess Trust to make wigs for children with cancer and they have been 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/>

Alternatively, Pauline has a sponsorship form.

THE RECTOR'S CHANGE OF E-MAIL ADDRESS:

Please note that the Rector's e-mail address has changed – John's old ".....@virgin.net" email address will soon be withdrawn. Please use:- "rector@brickhillschurches.org.uk"

SERVICES ON SUNDAY, 4th OCTOBER:

There will be a said Holy Communion (BCP) Service at 11.00am in Great Brickhill, led by the Revd Norman Thorp.

Other Services across the Benefice:-

Bow Brickhill:- Mattins at 11.00am

Little Brickhill:- Holy Communion at 9.30am

Stoke Hammond:- Family Service at 11.00am

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