

The Church of St Mary the Virgin, Great Brickhill

SUNDAY 11th OCTOBER 2015:- Nineteenth 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:-

Amos 5: 6-7, 10-15; Hebrews 4: 12-16; Mark 10: 17-31

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

THIS WEEK AND NEXT:-

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, 12th October at the Parish Hall - the second of the **“Swap Shops”** for the Shoe Box appeal will be held – see details in item below.

Thursday Group - The next fortnightly meeting will be held on **Thursday 22nd October at 30 Pound Hill** – meet at 2.30pm for a cup of tea and a chat. **All are welcome to attend.**

NEWS & EVENTS:

THE SAFARI SUPPER a couple of weeks ago was a very happy and successful evening. Thank you to Julia and Gill and all the hosts - a wonderful **£435** was raised, which included some donations which were gift aided.

THE BUCKS HISTORIC CHURCHES TRUST “Ride and Stride”. Grateful thanks to those who sponsored Robin and Rosie - they cycled to 14 churches with only aching muscles as a consequence! It was a fine dry day making the ride around the red ways of Milton Keynes very pleasurable. Unfortunately this year they were the only people from this parish taking part, but they can recommend it as

fun day out visiting new places and meeting new people. Thank you to those who kindly donated £170 to this worthy cause.

THE NEWSPAPER COLLECTION last month raised **£420**. Thank you to all who helped to load the lorry, to those who give their unwanted newspaper/cardboard and to Michael and Julia for the use of the containers at Lower Rectory Farm

MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING:

Great Brickhill held their tenth Macmillan Coffee Morning on Saturday 28th September. The first ever Coffee Morning, held in 2006 in the village bus shelter, made £321 and since then each year the village's Macmillan Coffee Morning has grown. The total raised this year is a fantastic £1,697.96, making the grand total for the ten years £10,062.66, thereby exceeding the target of £10k in ten years. Well done to all concerned.

The Little Princess Trust

Pauline Waller and Kate Johnson had grown their locks and had their hair cut just before the Macmillan Coffee Morning. They donated 12 inches of their hair to The Little Princess Trust who make wigs for children with cancer. In addition they raised £1,680.29 which they have donated to Macmillan.

The village's grand total going to **Macmillan** this year is **£3,378.25**.

“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 **the final “Swap Shop” at Drop In, on Monday 12th October in the Parish Hall** between 1.30pm and 3.30pm 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.**

ADVANCE DATES FOR NOVEMBER:

Please make a note of the two special events planned for next month:

- Charity Songs of Praise in church on Sunday 15th November at 5.00pm
- Christmas Fair, Saturday 28th November in the Parish Hall between 11.00am – 3.00pm.

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>

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, 18th OCTOBER:

There will be a service of Morning Worship at 9.30am in Great Brickhill, led by Phillipa.

Other Services across the Benefice next Sunday:-

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

Little Brickhill:- Harvest Family Service at 11.00am

Stoke Hammond:- Patronal Festival Songs of Praise at 3.00pm

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