

# **The Church of St Mary the Virgin, Great Brickhill**

## **SUNDAY 1st NOVEMBER 2015:- All Saints' Sunday**

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

The readings this morning are:-

**Isaiah 25: 6 - 9; Revelation 21: 1 - 6a; John 11: 32 - 44**

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

**This evening at Little Brickhill the All Souls' Service will be held at 6.00pm – this is the annual service to remember with thanksgiving particularly those who have died in the past year.**

### **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, 2nd November at the Parish Hall.

**Thursday Group** - The next fortnightly meeting will be held this coming **Thursday 5th November at 30 Pound Hill** – meet at 2.30pm for a cup of tea and a chat. **All are welcome to attend.**

**“Link To Hope” Charity Shoe Box Appeal** – a reminder that all the shoe boxes should by now have been passed to Rosie Dawson (Tel: 261425).

### **NEWS & EVENTS:**

#### **CHARITY SONGS OF PRAISE, SUNDAY 15th NOVEMBER, 5pm**

Everyone is warmly invited to come and sing and celebrate this first event of our Christmas Season. There will be familiar hymns and readings and the Benefice Choir will lead the singing. Refreshments will then be served and Jeni Read will be there to tell us about this year's Church Christmas charity - L&D NICU.

The chosen charity is in support of an appeal set up by the parents of Phoebe Read, who was born prematurely at 24 weeks last November. Phoebe spent 177 days in the neonatal intensive care unit (NICU) of Luton & Dunstable Hospital. Her parents, Jeni and Stuart who live in Holts Green, are trying to raise money for a house for parents/family to stay at the L&D when babies are in NICU - there is generally very little space for parents to just relax for 5 mins let alone a house for parents to stay when potentially travelling longer distances.

### **CHURCH CHRISTMAS FAIR**

The Church Christmas Fair is being held in the Parish Hall from 11am to 3pm on **Saturday 28th November**.

The Christmas cake is now ready and Janet Pritchard is selling tickets at £1 each (**Tel: 261573**).

### **REMEMBRANCE SERVICES:**

**The annual Remembrance Sunday Service in Great Brickhill** will be held **next Sunday, 8th November at 10.50am**. Edward Maley has again kindly made all the arrangements for this service. The collection will be for The Poppy Appeal and there will be special gift aid envelopes available – these will need your signature if you wish for us to claim the tax back.

After the service members of the congregation are invited to join servicemen, ex-servicemen and their families in the Cricket Club for drinks and canapés (voluntary donations will be welcome).

**There will also be a short service of commemoration in church on Wednesday 11th November at 10.45am** with laying of a wreath in the Lady Chapel.

**There will be not be a Pew Sheet next Sunday** - services on the following **SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15th will be:- “Charity Songs of Praise”** here in Great Brickhill at **5.00pm** – see item above.

Other Services across the Benefice:

**Bow Brickhill:-** Church open, 10.00 – 11.00am.

**Little Brickhill:-** Family at 11.00am.

**Stoke Hammond:-** Holy Communion at 9.00am.

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