

The Church of St Mary the Virgin, Great Brickhill

SUNDAY 3rd July 2016:- Sixth Sunday after Trinity

Welcome to our Prayer Book Service of Holy Communion this morning, celebrating the feast of Thomas the Apostle. The Rector will be leading the service and we hope that Sister Hazel may also be here with us.

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

The readings this morning are:-

Habakkuk 2: 1 - 4; Ephesians 2: 19 - 22; John 20: 24 - 29

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 morning 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 as usual on Monday afternoon, 4th July at the Parish Hall.

Thursday Group will now take a break over the summer, resuming on Thursday 15th September.

NEWS & EVENTS:-

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK, 15th to 21st MAY

The amount raised for the Christian Aid house to house collection round the village now stands at **£830.54**. This is down on last year's figure by £120, which was to be expected as it was not possible to find a collector to cover one of the areas. The total is still greater than that collected in the whole village in 2014. Well done and thank you to all the collectors, and to all who gave so generously.

NEWSPAPER COLLECTION

Thank you to Frank and Betty Kinsey who have for many years collected the unwanted newspapers / magazines / cardboard from those in the village who are unable to deliver them to Rectory Farm. **Henry Clark** (261284) has kindly agreed to take over the task from the beginning of July. **As from this week, 5th July** the collection will now be done during the day on **Tuesdays**. (The amount raised from the load collected on Saturday 7th May was **£340**).

THE MIDSUMMER SUPPER a couple of weeks ago was a huge success. Following canapes and drinks in the church everyone went to supper with their respective hosts, returning to the church for dessert and coffee. Thank you to the hosts and to those involved with the overall organisation. The evening raised **£386**.

LITTLE BRICKHILL SUMMER FETE, SATURDAY 16th JULY is being held at The Stables, Woburn Road, from 2pm - 4.30pm. Steam train rides, cream teas, stalls, games and more All proceeds in aid of Little Brickhill Church Restoration Appeal.

BENEFICE CHOIR CONCERT, BOW BRICKHILL, 24th JULY

A concert featuring the Benefice Choir is being held at **Bow Brickhill Church at 3.00pm on Sunday 24th July** – “**Shall we Anth?**” will feature old favourites, new works, secular and religious. There will also be a cream tea! The collection and donations will go to The Alzheimer’s Society.

HISTORY WEEKEND, 27th – 28th August

A village History Weekend is being planned for the August Bank Holiday in the church. There will be displays, walks and talks and the unmissable tea and cakes! So save the date and bring family and friends to learn more about Great Brickhill and its rich history.

If you have, either as an individual or a group, any artefacts or documents or memories that would help us to paint the picture of village life in days gone by, please contact:-

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SERVICES ON SUNDAY, 10th JULY:

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

Other Services across the Benefice:-

Bow Brickhill:- Family Service at 11.00am

Little Brickhill:- No Service

Stoke Hammond:- Morning Worship at 9.00am

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