

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

**SUNDAY 2nd October 2016:-   Nineteenth 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 Andrew and Margretta for providing the music to accompany our songs.

The reading this morning is:- **Deuteronomy 26: 1-4**

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

The **High Ash Harvest Service** will be held here in the church tomorrow morning at 9.15am. All are welcome to attend.

## **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, 3rd October at the Parish Hall.

**Thursday Group**. The next fortnightly meeting will be held on Thursday, 13th 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 VIVALDI AND MESSIAH CONCERT** held in the church last Sunday evening was a huge success. The audience was treated to a wonderful performance. Thanks go to the musicians, the soloists and the choir, and of course to Jerry for masterminding the whole performance. The evening raised £1530 for Willen Hospice.

## **STONE WORK:**

The stone mason has carried out work in the church to remove the plinth from the altar in the Lady Chapel and to take away the overhang on the base of the font. This will make both areas safer and the space in the Lady Chapel more versatile.

**THE SPONSORED “RIDE & STRIDE”**, the annual Bicycle Ride, Horse Ride and Walk took place on 10th September. What a shame that the weather was so awful - well done to all those who braved the elements. Held in aid of Bucks Historic Churches Trust the money raised goes half towards the local church and half to the Trust for church repairs.

**“LINK TO HOPE” SHOEBOX CHARITY:**

A reminder to all those who would like to take part in this charity appeal that this year’s forms are available from the bookcase in the church or from Rosie Dawson (261425). Those who have been helped in the past are desolate and impoverished people in Moldova, Bulgaria, Ukraine and Romania. In filling and sending a shoebox with suggested items it gives these people renewed hope.

**NOVEMBER DATES FOR THE DIARY:**

**Friday 11th November:-**

Remembrance Day – Short Service in Church at 10.45am

**Sunday 13th November:-**

Remembrance Sunday Service in Church at 10.50am

**Sunday 20th November:-**

Charity Songs of Praise at 5.00pm. Familiar hymns and readings will be chosen and refreshments will be served. The Christmas charity will be “SolarAid”, an international charity that combats poverty and climate change, providing access to solar lights in some of the most remote regions of Africa – for more information go to:- [www.solar-aid.org](http://www.solar-aid.org)

**SERVICES ON SUNDAY, 9th OCTOBER:**

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

Other Services across the Benefice:-

**Bow Brickhill:-** Harvest Family Service at 11.00am

**Little Brickhill:-** No Service

**Stoke Hammond:-** Morning Worship at 9.00am

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