

The Church of St Mary the Virgin, Great Brickhill

SUNDAY 23rd October 2016:-

The Last Sunday after Trinity – Bible Sunday

Welcome to our Family Service this morning led by the Rector. The theme of the service will reflect on how the Bible / Word of God can 'bear fruit' in our lives. Thank you to Andrew and Margretta for playing the music to accompany our songs. There will be children's activities in the Lady Chapel.

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

The bible reading this morning is:- **Romans 15: 1 - 6**

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, 24th and 31st October at the Parish Hall.

Thursday Group. The next fortnightly meeting will be held next Thursday, 27th October at 30 Pound Hill – meet at 2.30pm for a cup of tea and a chat. All are welcome to attend.

NEWS & EVENTS:-

CHARITY SONGS OF PRAISE:-

This year's Charity Songs of Praise will be held on **Sunday 20th November at 5.00pm**. If you would like to suggest a hymn, bible reading, poem or prose extract along the **theme of 'LIGHT'** please send your **requests by 6th November** to:- Julia 261213 juliaturner.jt@icloud.com or Phillipa 261521 pjcook6@gmail.com

Each year St Mary's Church supports a particular charity. This year we have chosen '**SolarAid**' and at the special service of Songs of Praise, donations will be received to help provide solar lights to transform peoples' lives in Africa. Donations can be received until 18th December. For more information see the notice board in the church porch or visit:- www.solar-aid.org

“LINK TO HOPE” SHOEBOX CHARITY:

A reminder to all those who would like to take part in this charity appeal that **the shoeboxes have to be with Rosie Dawson (261425) by the end of the month.**

CHRISTMAS COFFEE MORNING, SATURDAY 10th DECEMBER:

A Christmas Coffee Morning will be held in the church on Saturday 10th December, from 10.00am to 12 noon:-

Christmas Cake Raffle; Tombola; Bric-a-brac; Gill-y-Anne Art

Please sort out any unwanted gifts or items you can spare, plus bottles, jars, tins etc.

Tickets for the Christmas cake are already on sale at £1 each – contact Julia 261213 or Janet Pritchard 261573. The cake has kindly been decorated by Jackie Coram (photos of the cake can be seen on the bookcase just inside the church).

ADVANCE DATES OF SERVICES:

Friday 11th November:-

Remembrance Day – Short Service in Church at 10.45am

Sunday 13th November:-

Remembrance Sunday Service in Church at 10.50am

SERVICES NEXT SUNDAY, 30th OCTOBER:

There will be two United Benefice Services:

- **11.00am: Family Service with Holy Communion at Bow Brickhill, led by the Rector.**
- **6.00pm: The annual All Souls’ Service at Little Brickhill – the service to remember with thanksgiving particularly those who have died in the past year.**

SERVICES ON SUNDAY, 6th NOVEMBER:

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

Other Services across the Benefice:-

Bow Brickhill:- Mattins at 11.00am

Little Brickhill:- Holy Communion at 9.30am

Stoke Hammond:- Family Service at Methodist Church, 11am

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