

The Church of St Mary the Virgin, Great Brickhill

SUNDAY 11th June 2017:- Trinity Sunday

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

The readings this morning are:- **Isaiah 40: 12-17, 27-31;**
2 Corinthians 13: 11-14; Matthew 28: 16-20

THIS WEEK AND NEXT:-

The Happy Cup Coffee Club tomorrow, 12th June. The child-friendly 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.**

Village Drop-In, tomorrow 12th June. Although there is no longer a Post Office, the Drop-In continues on Monday afternoons at the Parish Hall, from 1.20 - 3.20pm, so please call in for a cup of tea, slice of cake and a chat.

NEWS AND EVENTS:

CHURCH ROOF:

Unfortunately the recent rain has been coming into the church. The roofing contractor came on Monday afternoon to secure the felt, but with the high winds that evening and on Tuesday, the same thing happened again with the rain pouring down the walls and soaking the south aisle. We had been advised that the temporary repair to the roof should last for at least two years, which would give us plenty of time to fund raise and make arrangements for the permanent repair work. As Great Brickhill is very exposed at the top of a hill the worry is that, with only a temporary cover, the roof will continually leak and cause much damage to the fabric of the church. We are now looking at bringing forward the permanent repair and are in discussion with the DAC as to how we might expedite the process, to minimise any delay which will inevitably result in further damage to the fabric of the church.

SALE OF CHURCH HONEY:

Many of you will have enjoyed the delicious local honey that Andrew Beer has kindly been supplying St Mary's for the past 19

years - the proceeds of the sale of the honey has helped to raise funds for projects and maintenance of our church. He very much regrets he will be unable to continue due to ill health. We would like to thank Mr Beer for providing the honey, all those who purchased the honey and Rosie for making sure that the "honey tin" was continually replenished. Please leave any empty jars that you would like to recycle by the tin and Rosie will return them.

MUSIC IN QUIET PLACES: The series of six classical concerts are held in churches across Aylesbury Vale on Saturday and Sunday evenings at 7.30pm in May and June. **The final concert will be next Saturday at Thornborough.** Copies of the programme are available from the bookcase. Tickets:- £12 – concessions £10.

BRICKSTOCK 2017 LAST SUNDAY, 28th MAY:

What a great day it was last Sunday at Brickstock! Starting with a wonderful Family Service at 11 o'clock in one of the marquees, the main event was held in lovely, sunny weather with a fantastic atmosphere all the way through to the close in the evening. Many, many thanks to all those who supported the two fund raising events: to those who helped set up on Saturday evening and Sunday morning, to all who baked cakes or helped with the "St Mary's Café" and to those who did such a good job in "gently persuading" people to purchase the raffle tickets. We raised a magnificent total of **£1458 for the Church Roof Fund (£286 from the teas and £1162 from the raffle).**

The winners of the three raffle prizes were:-

1st prize: John Lewis vouchers for £200:- Linda Sharman

2nd prize: Mixed case of 12 bottles of champagne, whisky and fine wines (value £150):- Brett Shannon

3rd prize: Bottle of 10 year old single malt Jura whisky:- Pat Prasad

SERVICES ON SUNDAY, 18th JUNE:

There will be a service of **Evensong at 6.00pm in Great Brickhill**, led by Phillipa. Other Services across the Benefice:-

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

Little Brickhill:- Family Service at 11.00am

Stoke Hammond:- Holy Communion at 9.00am

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