

The Church of St Mary the Virgin, Great Brickhill

SUNDAY 2nd July 2017:- The Third after Trinity Sunday

Welcome to our Prayer Book Service of Holy Communion this morning, led by the Rector. We are hope that Sister Hazel is able to be here with us.

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

The readings this morning are:-

Jeremiah 28: 5 - 9; Romans 6: 12 - 23; Matthew 10: 40 - 42

THIS WEEK AND NEXT:-

The Happy Cup Coffee Club tomorrow, 3rd July. 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 & Post Office:

The Drop-In continues on Monday afternoons at the Parish Hall, from **1.30 - 3.30pm**, so please call in for a cup of tea, slice of cake and a chat. **The Post Office** has re-opened and is now in the small room at the Parish Hall on **Thursdays, open from 2.00 - 4.00pm.**

NEWS AND EVENTS:

LITTLE BRICKHILL OPEN GARDENS NEXT WEEKEND:

On Saturday and Sunday, 8th and 9th July, there will be at least nine lovely gardens to visit between 2.00 – 6.00pm. There will also be homemade cream teas, plants & handicrafts, a competition for children and train rides. Cost £5 adults; £1 children. Maps available from the village hall. See www.opengardens.co.uk for more info.

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK, 14th to 20th MAY

The amount raised for the **Christian Aid house to house collection** round the village came to **£702.41**. This is down on last year's figure by £130, which was to be expected as we were unable to cover the whole village due to a shortage of collectors. Well done to those who kindly did the collecting, and thank you to all who gave so generously.

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.

CHURCH ROOF:

Unfortunately during the rain this week more water has come into the church through the south aisle roof. The roofing contractor has repaired a fault with the temporary cover and we hope that will stop further rain coming in. 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. Having had the recent problems with rain coming into the church, in order to avoid more damage to the fabric of the church, we are now looking at bringing forward a more permanent repair to the roof and are seeking the necessary permissions.

SERVICES ON SUNDAY, 9th JULY:

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

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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