

The Church of St Mary the Virgin, Great Brickhill

SUNDAY 9th July 2017:- The Fourth after Trinity Sunday

Welcome to our service of Holy Communion (Common Worship) this morning led by Revd Norman Thorp. 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:-

Zechariah 9: 9-12; Romans 7: 15-25a; Matthew 11: 16-19, 25-30

LITTLE BRICKHILL OPEN GARDENS THIS WEEKEND:

This afternoon 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.

THIS WEEK AND NEXT:-

The Happy Cup Coffee Club tomorrow, 10th 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:

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.

STOKE HAMMOND OPEN GARDENS NEXT WEEKEND:

Next Saturday and Sunday, 15th and 16th July, there will be 11 gardens in Stoke Hammond open to the public from 11 - 4pm. There will be a quiz involving finding clues in each garden for children. Tickets are a mere £5. Please contact Dave Webber:-
Tel: 01525 270409 / 07711 026193 david.webber@btinternet.com

CHURCH ROOF:

Unfortunately during the rain last week more water came 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, 16th JULY:

There will be a service of **Evensong at 6.00pm in Great Brickhill**, led by the Rector. 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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