

The Church of St Mary the Virgin, Great Brickhill

SUNDAY 23rd July 2017:- The Sixth after Trinity Sunday

Welcome to our Family Service and Baptism this morning, led by the Rector. Thank you to Andrew and Margretta for playing the music to accompany our songs. There will be children's activities in the Lady Chapel.

We are delighted to welcome friends and family of Jon and Claire Pincott to celebrate the baptism of their son, Wilf.

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

The bible reading this morning is:- **Matthew 13: 24 – 30**

THIS WEEK AND NEXT:-

The Happy Cup Coffee Club, the weekly Monday child-friendly drop-in coffee morning for parents and carers of young children, has now finished until after the summer holidays. **It will re-start next term on Monday 11th September.**

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:

CHURCH ROOF:

The roof has continued to give problems this week with water coming into the church each time that it has rained. Despite our best efforts to get professional help to carry out the necessary repairs this did not happen. Thank you to those who helped to deal with all the water flooding in through the south aisle roof.

Special thanks to Andrew who has spent many hours working on the areas of the roof causing the various leaks. We hope that this will stop more water coming through until a more permanent solution can be done.

AUCTION OF PROMISES, SATURDAY 21st OCTOBER

An Auction of Promises is being held to raise much needed funds for the repair to the Church roof following the theft of lead. It is ten years ago since the last Auction of Promises was held – many will recall what a great night it was, a thoroughly entertaining evening and very successful in terms of funds raised. We were fortunate in having the renowned Charlie Ross of BBC “Flog It” fame as our auctioneer – as a former resident of Great Brickhill, Charlie has kindly offered his services again. The venue is the Parish Hall and the evening will start with a two course meal, followed by the auction. Anyone unable to attend the auction will be able to submit bids in advance.

All the details and paperwork will be distributed in the next couple of weeks, including a list of possible promises that you might like to consider offering for auction. In the meantime please put your thinking caps on to come up with some interesting items/promises to auction.

NEXT SUNDAY, 30th JULY there will be a United Benefice Service of Holy Communion at Little Brickhill at 11.00am, led by the Rector.

SERVICES ON SUNDAY, 6th AUGUST:

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

Other Services across the Benefice:-

Bow Brickhill:- Evensong at 6.00pm

Little Brickhill:- Holy Communion at 9.30am

Stoke Hammond:- Family Service at 11.00am

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