

# **The Church of St Mary the Virgin, Great Brickhill**

## **SUNDAY 13th August 2017:- The Ninth after 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:-

**1 Kings 19: 9 - 18; Romans 10: 5 - 15; Matthew 14: 22 – 33**

**Thank you to the team who helped to load the newspapers from the container to the lorry early yesterday morning.**

### **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, is taking a break over the summer holidays. **It will resume at the start of 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:**

#### **SUMMER AFTERNOON TEA:**

A note from Rosie:- ..... to express huge thanks to everyone who came to the Willen Hospice Tea Party on 23rd; to the large band of people who worked so hard to set up and run the event and above all to wonder at people's generosity ..... an amazing £1859.73 was raised: as it costs £7 per minute to run Willen Hospice, everything that can be collected is so very much appreciated. We were so incredibly fortunate that we were able to put up the marquees, enjoy the event and take down the marquees in the dry, as it poured with rain at every moment in-between!

#### **CHURCH ROOF:**

As has been mentioned over the last few weeks the roof has given problems with water coming into the church each time that it has rained. A new roofing contractor has laid a covering of felt over the

roof of both the north and the south aisle, replacing the plastic sheeting, as a temporary measure to stop more water coming through until a more permanent solution can be done.

### **LINK TO HOPE SHOEBOX APPEAL:**

It is time to start thinking again of the Link to Hope shoebox appeal. If anyone would like to take part in this charity appeal the information and forms are available to take from the bookcase by the door of the church. Over 39,000 shoeboxes were delivered personally to people throughout Eastern Europe last year, who are on the edge of life, living in dire situations. Every shoebox really does give hope and changes lives. Please can any filled shoeboxes be given to Rosie Dawson by 22nd October (TEL: 261425).

### **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 few days, 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.

### **SERVICES ON SUNDAY, 20th AUGUST:**

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