

The Church of St Mary the Virgin, Great Brickhill

SUNDAY 20th August 2017:- The Tenth after Trinity Sunday

Welcome to our Service of Evensong, led by Phillipa. Thank you to Jerry for playing the organ for us and to the choir who will be accompanying our singing.

The readings for this evening are:-

Isaiah 56: 1, 6-8; Matthew 15: 21-28; Psalm for the day: 67

This afternoon we welcomed friends and family of Angus and Emily Johnstone to celebrate the baptism of their daughter Beatrice and Arlo Clark, son of Katie (Emily's sister) and Adam.

FOUND:- last week a **ladies watch** with a leather strap was found in one of the front pews – for details contact Julia or Phillipa.

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**. There will be **no Drop-In on Bank Holiday, Monday 28th August.**

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!

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.

NEXT SUNDAY, 27th AUGUST there will be a United Benefice Service of Holy Communion at Stoke Hammond at 11.00am, led by the Revd Robert Wright.

SERVICES ON SUNDAY, 3rd SEPTEMBER:

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

Other Services across the Benefice:-

Bow Brickhill:- Evensong at 6.00pm

Little Brickhill:- Holy Communion at 9.30am

Stoke Hammond:- Family Service at 11am, Methodist Church

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