

The Church of St Mary the Virgin, Great Brickhill

SUNDAY 10th September 2017:- The Thirteenth after Trinity

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:-

Ezekiel 33: 7 - 11; Romans 13: 8 - 14; Matthew 18: 15 - 20

LADY CHAPEL / CHILDREN'S CORNER:

You will see that we are making a few changes in the Lady Chapel and in the Children's Corner. The idea is to make a more comfortable space for the coffee club but retain the Lady Chapel as an area for quiet contemplation. This is work in progress and a temporary measure, until more substantial improvements can be made.

LETTER FROM BISHOP STEVEN ("Called to be Christ-like")

The Bishop of Oxford has circulated a letter asking all in the Diocese to read, study and dwell in the opening words of Jesus in the Sermon on the Mount: the Beatitudes in Matthew 5:1-10. He tells us that we have a common calling and vision: to become a more Christ-like church. The Beatitudes show us that to be more Christ-like means to become a more contemplative church, a more compassionate church and a more courageous church.

For a copy of the letter please contact Phillipa pjcook6@gmail.com. A hard copy of the letter is available on the bookcase.

FOUND three weeks ago:- A LADIES WATCH with a leather strap in one of the front pews – for details contact Julia or Phillipa.

THIS WEEK AND NEXT:-

The Happy Cup Coffee Club, the child-friendly drop-in coffee morning for parents and carers of young children, comes **resumes tomorrow, Monday 11th September and is held every Monday morning during term time, in the church from 9.15am to 11.15am.** All are welcome.

Village Drop-In & Post Office:

The Drop-In is held 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** is held each week in the small room at the Parish Hall on **Thursdays, open from 2.00 - 4.00pm.**

NEWS AND EVENTS:

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:

The Auction of Promises with celebrity auctioneer, **Charlie Ross**, will be held in **the Parish Hall at 7.00pm.** The evening will start with **a two course supper with coffee – tickets £10.**

Can you offer a promise to be auctioned to raise funds for the church? Would you like to join us for a highly entertaining evening? **The information has been widely circulated – if you have not received a copy please contact Phillipa 01525 261521 or email pjcook6@gmail.com.** Offers of promises please by 14th October, ticket application forms (with choice of menu) by 16th October.

SERVICES ON SUNDAY, 17th SEPTEMBER:

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:- Harvest Holy Communion at 9.00am

On Sunday 24th September the Archdeacon of Buckingham, the Venerable Guy Elsmore, will be joining us for our HARVEST FAMILY SERVICE & LUNCH at 11.00am. This may be held at Rectory Farm or in the church, to be confirmed.

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