

The Church of St Mary the Virgin, Great Brickhill

SUNDAY 8th October 2017:- The Seventeenth 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 for this morning are:-

Isaiah 5: 1 - 7; Philippians 3: 4b - 14; Matthew 21: 33 - 46

THIS WEEK AND NEXT:-

The Happy Cup Coffee Club, the child-friendly drop-in coffee morning for parents and carers **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:

HARVEST CELEBRATIONS:

We were delighted to welcome the Archdeacon of Buckingham, the Venerable Guy Elsmore, to join us last weekend for our Harvest Family Service and Lunch. Thank you to the Turner family for hosting the service in one of the barns at Rectory Farm – we were blessed with perfect weather and it was a most enjoyable occasion. David Marlowe has kindly put some of the photographs on his website:- www.davidmarlowphotography.com

LINK TO HOPE SHOEBOX APPEAL:

If anyone would like to take part in the Link to Hope shoebox charity appeal the information and forms are available to take from the small table by the entrance to 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. **Filled shoeboxes to Rosie Dawson by 22nd October** (TEL: 261425).

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.

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? **Offers of promises please by next Saturday, 14th October**, and **ticket application forms** (with choice of menu) **by Monday, 16th October**. If you are not able to be there but would like to see the Promises on offer, please make sure you have requested a Catalogue, which will be distributed later this week – advance bids will be accepted.

The information has been widely circulated – if you have not received a copy, or have any queries, please contact Phillipa 01525 261521 or email pjcook6@gmail.com.

SERVICES ON SUNDAY, 15th OCTOBER:

There will be a service of **Evensong at 6.00pm in Great Brickhill**, led by the Jeremy. Other Services across the Benefice:-

Bow Brickhill:- [Church open, 10.00 - 11.00am]

Little Brickhill:- Harvest Family Service at 11.00am

Stoke Hammond:- Holy Communion at 9.00am

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