

The Church of St Mary the Virgin, Great Brickhill

SUNDAY 5th NOVEMBER 2017:- ALL SAINTS DAY

Welcome to our Prayer Book Service of Holy Communion this morning. Thank you to Revd Robert Wright for leading our service. We hope that Sister Hazel is also able to be here with us.

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

The readings this morning are:-

Revelation 7: 9 - 17; 1 John 3: 1 - 3; Matthew 5: 1 - 12

ALL SOULS SERVICE THIS EVENING AT 6.00pm

This is the annual benefice service held at **Little Brickhill**, in which we remember with thanksgiving our loved ones who have died, especially those we have lost during the past year.

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.**

The Village 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 meeting room at the Parish Hall on **Thursdays, from 2 - 4pm.**

But please note the **Post Office won't be opening on Thursday, 16th November** (no village Post Office that week) and **from 27th November the Post Office will open Mondays from 1pm to 3pm**

NEWS AND EVENTS:

CHRISTMAS CAKE RAFFLE:

Janet Pritchard has again made a Christmas Cake, splendidly decorated by Jackie Coram, for a raffle with 100% of the proceeds going towards St Mary's Church. It is a straight forward raffle with one prize, which is the Christmas cake, to be drawn in the Church on 19th November after the Charity Evensong. Tickets are £1 each from Janet Pritchard:- janvf58@hotmail.com or 01525 261573. A photograph of the Christmas Cake is on the book case.

PRAYER BOARD:

There is a new prayer board hanging on the pillar to the right just inside the church door, with more notes on the table next to it. Please feel free to add your own prayers to the board.

AUCTION OF PROMISES, LAST NIGHT:

The Auction of Promises was a fantastic evening, with our celebrity auctioneer, Charlie Ross, making it as entertaining as ever. The evening started with a delicious supper – thank you to Julia, Gill and Val for all their hard work, and to all those who produced the splendid selection of desserts. **The auction raised £5835 and, together with donations and proceeds from the ticket sales, the total figure will be in excess of £6600.** The Catalogue with details of the amount raised for each Lot is available on the website and a hard copy is on the bookcase. Thank you to all who supported the event so generously. David Marlow has uploaded photos onto his website:- www.davidmarlowphotography.com

ADVANCE DATES:

The Village Nativity will take place at 11.30am on Sunday, 17th December in the centre of the village around The Old Red Lion.

A Twelfth Night Celebration - a concert with Jerry Breslin and the Cryers Singers in the church on Saturday, 6th January at 5.00pm, with drinks and canapes.

REMEMBRANCE SERVICE, 12th NOVEMBER:

The Remembrance Service in Great Brickhill will be held **next Sunday at 10.50am**. Edward Maley has again kindly made all the arrangements for this service. The collection will be for The Poppy Appeal and there will be special gift aid envelopes available – these will need your signature if you wish for us to claim the tax back.

After the service members of the congregation are invited to join servicemen, ex-servicemen and their families in the Cricket Club for drinks and canapés (voluntary donations will be welcome).

There will not be a Pew Sheet next Sunday - services on the following **SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19th will be:- “Charity Songs of Praise”** here in Great Brickhill at **5.00pm**. Our chosen charity is **The Teenage Cancer Trust**. **If anyone would like to suggest a hymn** please contact the Rector by **Wednesday, 8th November**.

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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