

Church News

Apology: Our sincere apologies to those who had intended to come to the last Afternoon teas of the season on 24th September. Unfortunately, we had to schedule a Baptism at that time which was the only mutually convenient time and date we could find. Rest assured that the afternoon teas will be returning next year, but if you can't wait that long, we will be holding a Gift day later this month and a Christmas Fair later in the year!



Review: Thanks to all those who supported the **village show** - and in particular the church stall. We held a tombola and "Play your cards right" game in the end. Both were very popular and successful, raising £141 for church funds. The show committee was blessed with fantastic weather on the day which probably accounted for the huge turnout! The new "Fun dog show" seemed particularly popular and we hope will become a regular feature!



The **community breakfast** went well this month with a continuous flow of customers and one of our biggest breakfasts so far. We definitely missed our other helpers this month: Margaret, John and Harry on the bike ride (more on that later). But thank you to Julie and to Liz for doing all the washing up!



Our **harvest festival and lunch** was a splendid affair, with a delicious buffet prepared by Dave and helpers. Thank you to all the ladies who decorated the church and those who donated food and puddings for the lunch and helped clear up.



Our Churchwarden Harry Davies valiantly completed his **Bucks Historic Churches Trust sponsored bike ride**, visiting 32 churches! Well done Harry! He is now collecting sponsor money and all donations are gratefully received. Half of the funds will go to BHCT and the other half to St Luke's.

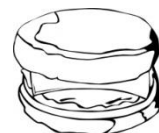
Forthcoming Events: Community breakfast: Last month our PCSOs, Tina and Natalie came along and took a photo of Dave (complete with Fred Flintstone apron!) to put on their Twitter account! Once again this month we will be serving our Community Breakfast on **Saturday 7th October** between 8.30am and (last orders at) 10.30am. Please note that this is the first Saturday of the month instead of the second owing to the church Gift day.

The usual fare will be on offer (see last month's SH news for details) along with a very warm welcome. Do come and join us!

St Luke's Day: October brings round our patronal festival again – our Patron Saint is St Luke, and his "saint day" is 18th October. As this falls midweek this year, we will be celebrating on Sunday 15th. As usual, we will also be celebrating St Luke's day by holding our annual **Gift Day** on **Saturday 14th October** between **10am and 2pm**. In the next couple of weeks, every house in the village will be receive a letter inviting you to give a donation in the envelope provided. If you would like to give a donation, place it in the envelope, which can then be left at the places listed in the letter or brought to the church gift day. We will be serving **teas and coffees** from 10 to 12 and **soup and rolls** from 12 till 2.



Café church: On **Sunday 22nd October**, we will be holding a Café church service. This is a different style of service we have been offering on an ad hoc basis for the last couple of years and aims to be more accessible to those who are completely new to church. In fact the "service" lasts only about 15 to 20 minutes. A simple breakfast (bacon/ sausage/ vegetarian sausage rolls or pain au chocolate/ toast etc.) is served **from 9.30am onwards**. There are newspapers and games and of course there's the opportunity to talk to others around! There's no charge for the breakfast, but donations are taken in place of a formal collection. At about 10.15 or so, whoever is leading the service will ask for your attention and the "service" begins. It's all very informal. There may or may not be a song or a reading, but there will generally be some prayers and thought-provoking comment on life, which is linked with how God fits into our lives in the modern world. If you have little experience of worshipping in a formal church service, this is the service for you!



Church Benefice Website: www.brickhillschurches.org.uk. If you want to come to a service, all church service times are listed on the website, along with contact details for the Rector.

If you would like to come to church but have mobility problems please ring John (see below) regarding transport. If you would like to volunteer to help, have a prayer request or enquiry, please ring **Harry: Churchwarden, on 07773065271, Diane: Assistant Churchwarden (unofficial), on 270409 or John: Treasurer, on 270202.**