

The Church of St Mary the Virgin, Great Brickhill

Sunday 18th November 2018: Second Sunday Before Advent

Welcome to our special service this evening – our **Charity Songs of Praise** led by the Jeremy. The Benefice Choir will be leading the singing with Jerry playing the organ.

This year “Willen Hospice” is our chosen charity. There are various leaflets available giving information about Willen. Julie White, one of Willen’s ambassadors, will be giving a talk at the end of the service. Please consider supporting the appeal by way of a donation. Please use the **special Gift Aid envelopes** available to record your name and address. Any cheques are to be paid to “Great Brickhill PCC”. Our appeal will be open for a few weeks – anyone who would like to contribute at a later date, please take away one of the envelopes and return it with your donation to Phillipa Cook (Green Farm) **before 20th December.**

NEWS AND EVENTS:

The Happy Cup Coffee Club, the child-friendly drop-in coffee morning for parents and carers **is held on Monday mornings 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 in the Parish Hall** is open **on Mondays, from 1pm to 3pm** in the small meeting room.

The Prayer Group is now held **in church on the second and fourth Mondays** of each month. Meet around 11.00am for a coffee with those at the Coffee Club. If you are not able to come but would like a prayer said on your behalf, please feel free to put a note on the prayer board. Future dates:- **26th November & 10th December.**

A THANK YOU MESSAGE FROM ROSIE:-

“Feed the Hungry” Charity- “Fish ‘n Chip” baby vests:

Many thanks go to all of you who have knitted baby vests, beanies and jumpers. Your time and industry have produced a wonderful 300 garments this year, which has just been delivered to the collection point in Louth, Lincolnshire. Over the last four years 1231 garments have been sent by “The Great Brickhill and Friends” group of knitters. It is an amazing result and one for which the charity is very grateful.

“Link to Hope” Charity Shoebox Appeal 2018:

48 shoeboxes have just been delivered to our area organiser from the “Great Brickhill and Friends” group ready to be trucked out to where they are needed most urgently. I was told that shoeboxes sent by us were always very well filled and beautifully wrapped.....so, very many thanks for your contribution and for the thoughtful way that you always present the boxes, saving the charity time and money as any under-weight or rattling boxes have to be opened and re-packed.

THE REMEMBRANCE DAY SERVICE:

Thank you to all who helped to make this a very special service and especially to Edward Maley for co-ordinating the arrangements for the service. It was good to see nearly 200 people here to commemorate 100 years since the Armistice Day in November 1918.

You will see the display around the church of servicemen from Great Brickhill. The names on the notice board by the vestry all survived the war. The others, on the window sills, all died during the conflict or shortly afterwards from their wounds. The research was done by Tom Rolls and Edward Maley. The poppy wreath and the single poppies have been made by members of GB WI. **The collection at the service raised £719 for The Poppy Appeal.** David Marlow took some photographs which can be viewed on his website:- www.davidmarlowphotography.com

ADVENT COFFEE MORNING, SATURDAY 1st DECEMBER

An Advent Coffee Morning will be held in the church on Saturday 1st December from 10.00-1.00pm. There will be art, pottery and craft stalls for you to buy your Christmas presents; a toy stall and craft activities for children; a tombola; and the last chance to buy tickets for the Christmas Cake raffle. And tea, coffee and festive mince pies.

SERVICES ON SUNDAY, 25th NOVEMBER:

There will be a **Family Service here at 11.00am** led by the Rector. Other Services across the Benefice:-

Bow Brickhill:- Holy Communion at 9.00am

Little Brickhill:- No Service

Stoke Hammond:- Morning Worship at 9.00am

[On Sunday 2nd December:- Advent Carols at Bow Brickhill at 5pm]

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