

The Church of St Mary the Virgin, Great Brickhill

SUNDAY 25th NOVEMBER 2018:

Sunday Before Advent celebrating “Christ the King”

Welcome to our Family Service this morning led by the Rector. Thank you to Andrew and Margretta who will be playing the music to accompany our songs. There will be children’s activities in the Lady Chapel. Everyone is invited to stay after the service for coffee and a chat.

The reading for this morning is:- **John 18: 33-37** (Jesus before Pilate)

This afternoon you may hear the bells being rung by visiting bell ringers from the Oxford Diocesan Youth team.

ADVENT COFFEE MORNING, NEXT SATURDAY 1st DECEMBER

An Advent Coffee Morning will be held in the church next 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.

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:- tomorrow 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. **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

The display around the church of servicemen from Great Brickhill will be taken down in a week’s time.

CHRISTMAS CHARITY APPEAL: This year’s chosen charity is Willen Hospice. There are various leaflets available on the bookcase and the font giving current information about Willen. **The donations collected at last Sunday’s Songs of Praise service amounted to £160**, most of which was gift aided. Our appeal will be open for a few weeks – anyone who would like to contribute, please take away one of the Willen envelopes and return it with your donation to Phillipa Cook (Green Farm) **before 20th December.**

SERVICES ON SUNDAY, 2nd DECEMBER:

There will be a said Holy Communion (BCP) Service at 11am in Great Brickhill, led by the Rector. Other Services in the Benefice:-

Bow Brickhill:- Advent Carols at 5.00pm [do take a torch!]

Little Brickhill:- No Service

Stoke Hammond:- Christingle Service at 4.00pm

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