

## LITTLE BRICKHILL CHURCH NEWS - DECEMBER 2018

Since the last news sheet lots has happened, and we've been delighted to welcome many people to some special church services and events.

### Harvest Festival



For our Harvest Festival this year, we were delighted to receive some lovely artwork from the children of High Ash School, making the church bright and colourful. Thank you to them.

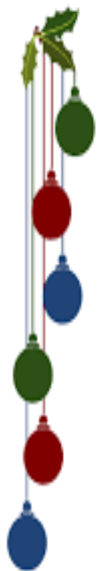
We were also delighted to welcome baby Isobel, her family - Clare, Geoff and Edward and their friends for her baptism.

Following our regular Shoebox Appeal, 15 generously filled boxes were donated and are now on their way to cheer the Christmas of families and elderly people in Eastern Europe who have very little.

The children again made a lovely Harvest loaf and vegetable soup, which was enjoyed by all after the service.

### Festival of Remembrance

This year's annual Service of Remembrance marked the centenary of the end of WW1, so was a particularly special event. The well-attended service was led by Valerie Kerr and was moving and thought-provoking. Our church's bells rang out along with church bells all over the country to mark the moment the guns stopped. A donation of £150 was sent to The Royal British Legion from the people of Little Brickhill.



### Christmas Fayre

HUGE thanks to Jo and Howard Barclay who, again, organised the Fayre brilliantly! It was a lovely start to the Christmas season - the Hall was packed with people generously parting with their money and enjoying catching up with friends. Together you raised a wonderful £1,150 for the upkeep of our historic church. Very many thanks for your support and generosity.

### Carol Service

The Carol Service, always a key part of Little Brickhill's Christmas, will be held at **5pm** on **Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> December**. This year we feature the first performance of the newly-formed Little Brickhill Children's Singing Group. The Carol Service is always a very popular event and it's great to see the church packed and hear the singing raising the roof! After the service there's a chance for a chat with friends and neighbours over some Christmassy refreshments. Do come – all very welcome!

### Christmas Day – 9.30am

Why not pop the turkey in and join us to start this special birthday with a Christmas Day celebration and Holy Communion?

### Ladies That Lunch and Coffee Mornings

Many of you will know that, thanks to the great generosity of our hosts, around £2,000 a year is raised for the maintenance of the church through these events. At the same time, we enjoy some good company and delicious meals! All welcome!

If you'd like to know more about the Lunches contact Julie Mayson on 261676 and for the Coffee Mornings contact Denise Bushell on 261170. Huge thanks to Julie and Denise for organising these great fund-raising activities.

The Lunches for the next few months will be hosted by:

Alison Packer on Jan 4<sup>th</sup>

Sue Crayford-West on 21<sup>st</sup> Feb

Peggy Bellingham on 7<sup>th</sup> March

The Coffee Mornings will resume in January after a short break for Christmas. If anyone would be willing to host a Coffee Morning in the New Year, Denise would be delighted to hear from you!

### **Church Services**

Services for the next few months are as follows:

16 <sup>th</sup> Dec	5pm Carol Service
25 <sup>th</sup> Dec (Christmas Day)	9.30am Holy Communion
30 <sup>th</sup> Dec	11am United Benefice Service in Little Brickhill Church
6 <sup>th</sup> Jan	9.30am Holy Communion
20 <sup>th</sup> Jan	11am All-Age Family Service
3 <sup>rd</sup> Feb	9.30am Holy Communion
17 <sup>th</sup> Feb	11am All-Age Family Service
3 <sup>rd</sup> March	9.30am Holy Communion
17 <sup>th</sup> March	11am All-Age Family Service
24 <sup>th</sup> March	11am United Benefice Service in Stoke Hammond Church
<b>NB!!</b> 31 <sup>st</sup> March (Mothers' Day)	9.30am Special All-Age Family Service for Mothers' Day in the Village Hall (watch out for further details nearer the time)

A warm welcome to all is guaranteed at all our services and events!