

The Church of St Mary the Virgin, Great Brickhill

SUNDAY 9th JUNE 2019: Pentecost / Whit Sunday

Welcome to our service of Holy Communion led by the Rector. This morning we will be celebrating the feast of Pentecost, or Whit Sunday. Thank you to Susan Noon for playing the organ for us this morning. Everyone is invited to stay after the service for coffee and a chat.

The readings this morning are: -

Acts 2: 1-8, 12-21; Romans 8: 14-17; John 14: 8-17

THIS WEEK we received the wonderful news that Alice (Amies) and Ruaraidh have had a baby daughter named Clare, a sister for Roddy.

ON THURSDAY AFTERNOON you may have heard the bells – a quarter peal was rung to commemorate the 75th Anniversary of D-Day. Thank you to our Tower Captain, David for organising this.

NEXT WEEKEND, 15th/16th JUNE:- There will be an exhibition of original, affordable art by Gill Wilson and Anne Marlow in the church next Saturday and Sunday, 15th/16th June from 12 noon to 4.00pm. Cream teas will be available on both days from 2.00pm to 4.00pm.

“PATHWAYS” QUARTERLY MAGAZINE:

“Pathways” is the new magazine for the people of the Diocese of Oxford. This quarterly publication replaces the former monthly newspaper, “The Door”. A copy of the second edition is available on the book case. The main articles in “Pathways” can be found on the following link:- <https://www.oxford.anglican.org/pathways/>

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 in the church from 10.00am to 11.15am during term time.

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 held in church on the second and fourth Mondays of each month. They meet around 11.00am for a coffee with those at the Coffee Club. The next meetings of the Prayer Group will be held tomorrow, Monday 10th June, & Monday 24th June.

There is an e-mail Prayer Chain for those who meet together. Anyone who wishes a prayer to be included at any time should contact:- Valerie Kerr (valeriejkerr@hotmail.com) or Mary Maley (mary@maley.org.uk).

NEWS AND EVENTS:-

BRICKSTOCK ON SUNDAY, 26th MAY:

The St Mary's Café served tea and cakes in the Parish Hall on the afternoon of Brickstock. Thank you to all who provided the cakes and served the teas. **£296 was raised.**

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK ENVELOPES

There were not that many envelopes returned and so this year's collection is well down:- £177 compared to £431.78 in 2018. There is no way of knowing how many people made a donation on-line but the digital fundraising nationally is up by over 50% on last year, so that may be a sign that people are going on-line to make their donation.

THE NEXT DEANERY SYNOD MEETING is on Tuesday 19th June at The Biggs Pavilion, Cublington. The meeting will start at 7.30pm with an address by Bishop Alan Wilson – this is open to all to attend.

SERVICES NEXT WEEK - TRINITY SUNDAY, 16th JUNE:

There will be a service of Evensong at 6.00pm in Great Brickhill, led by Valerie Kerr.

Other Services across the Benefice:-

Bow Brickhill:- [Church open, 10.00 - 11.00am]

Little Brickhill:- Family Service at 11.00am (Vocations Theme)

Stoke Hammond:- Holy Communion at 9.00am

CHARITY SONGS OF PRAISE, SUNDAY 21st JULY:

This year our **Charity Songs of Praise** will be on Sunday 21st July **at 10.00am**. We are pleased that Revd Robert Wright will be leading the service and his wife Vicky will be here to talk about her work with our chosen charity, the RNLI. **We will be asking for suggestions for the hymns and readings – please start thinking about what you would like to be included.**

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