

# **The Church of St Mary the Virgin, Great Brickhill**

## **SUNDAY 23rd JUNE 2019: First Sunday after Trinity**

Welcome to our Family Service this morning led by the Rector. **We will be celebrating Holy Communion** – the chalice and plate will be on a small table at the chancel step. The Rector will lead the service from there until after the Thanksgiving prayer, and then go up to the altar for people to receive communion. Thank you to Andrew and Margretta who will be playing the music to accompany our singing. Everyone is invited to stay after the service for coffee and a chat.

**The readings this morning are:- Isaiah 65: 8 – 9 and a version of the gospel as a story (based on Luke 8: 26 - 39), emphasising the healing and peace found in Jesus.**

### **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 24th June & Monday 8th July.**

**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 ([valeriekerr@hotmail.com](mailto:valeriekerr@hotmail.com)) or Mary Maley ([mary@maley.org.uk](mailto:mary@maley.org.uk)).

### **NEWS AND EVENTS:-**

#### **WALL SAFE:**

Unfortunately, the wall safe has been targeted again. Following the damage last year, the wall safe was repaired but someone has recently tried to forcibly open it and the lock has totally seized. Until a more secure system is installed, please do not place any money in the safe - if anyone wishes to make a donation, please hand it to either Phillipa or Julia.

**THANK YOU to Gill Wilson and Anne Marlow for exhibiting their art here last weekend – they are kindly donating 10% of their proceeds to the church.** It was lovely to see so many people come into the church and enjoy the exhibition and the cream teas that were available on both days. **£192 was raised for the church from the teas.**

### **ULTRA MARATHON MAN:**

Roger Blofeld is doing a sponsored run to raise funds for the proposed toilet extension at the church. He is attempting to run 105 miles in the Lakeland 100 Ultra Marathon at the end of July within the cut off time of 40 hours. Included in the distance is an ascent/descent of 6270m, which is equivalent to going up and down Ben Nevis nearly 5 times. Any sponsorship that you can give will be a huge encouragement for Roger – either via our envelope scheme or by:- <https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/run-to-spend-a-penny>

### **CHARITY SONGS OF PRAISE, SUNDAY 21st JULY:**

This year our Charity Songs of Praise will be on **Sunday 21st July at 10.00am.** 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 are asking for your choice of hymns and readings – **please send any suggestions you have, and possibly a note to say why you have chosen them, to Phillipa by Friday 12th July either on the blue slips available on the book case, or via e-mail to [pjcook6@gmail.com](mailto:pjcook6@gmail.com)**

### **SERVICES FOR THE NEXT TWO SUNDAYS:-**

#### **NEXT SUNDAY, 30th JUNE:**

There will be a **United Benefice Service of Holy Communion, 11.00am at Bow Brickhill, led by the Rector.**

#### **SERVICES THE FOLLOWING WEEK, 7th JULY:**

There will be a **Holy Communion (BCP) Service at 11.00am in Great Brickhill, led by the Rector.** Other Services in the Benefice:-

**Bow Brickhill:-** Evensong at 6.00pm

**Little Brickhill:-** Service at 1.30pm before the Open Gardens

**Stoke Hammond:-** Family Service at 11.00am

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