

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

**SUNDAY 4th AUGUST 2019: Seventh Sunday after Trinity**

Welcome to our Prayer Book Service of Holy Communion this morning led by the Rector. We hope that Sister Hazel is also able to be here with us.

Everyone is invited to stay after the service for coffee and a chat.

The readings this morning are: -

**Ecclesiastes 1: 2, 12-14; 2:18-23**

**Colossians 3: 1-11;**

**Luke 12: 13-21**

## **NEWS AND EVENTS:-**

**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. **It will resume after the summer holidays on the first Monday morning at the start of next term, on 9th September.**

**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. **There is now a break over the summer holiday period until Monday 9th September.**

**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)).

## **CHARITY SONGS OF PRAISE:**

Thanks go to Robert and Vicky Wright and all who contributed to last month's Songs of Praise. There was a good variety of hymns and having each of them introduced by those who had chosen them, made it very special. Thanks to our organist Jerry for providing the information for all the hymns. It was wonderful that in the absence of the Benefice choir, he was able to arrange for the Willen choir to come along and accompany our hymns and sing an anthem.

**The total of the donations came to £406, mainly given under the gift aid scheme. The appeal will remain open until the end of August – please use the special RNLI envelopes on the bookcase and pass your donations to Phillipa or Julia.**

**LINK TO HOPE CHARITY SHOEBOX APPEAL:**

Forms for the 2019 “Link to Hope” charity shoebox appeal may be obtained from a clip board on the bookcase by the porch door for those who would like to support this charity. Its work really does make a difference to the lives of extremely poor people in eastern Europe. Receiving a shoebox full of useful items brings joy to thousands of families at Christmas time.

**A WINE & CHEESE EVENING WITH JACK SHEFFIELD:**

The above event with the local author of the best-selling “Teacher” series is being held on Saturday 14th September in Stoke Hammond Community Centre at 7.00pm. Tickets £7 from Dave Webber:-  
[david.webber@btinternet.com](mailto:david.webber@btinternet.com) 07711 026193

**DATE FOR THE DIARY:-**

This year's Messiah Concert in aid of Willen Hospice is being held on Sunday evening, 29th September at All Saints Church, Leighton Buzzard.

**SERVICES ON 11th AUGUST:**

**There will be a service of Holy Communion (Common Worship) at 9.30am in Great Brickhill, led by the Rector.**

Other Services across the Benefice:-

**Bow Brickhill:-** Family Service at 11.00am

**Little Brickhill:-** No Service

**Stoke Hammond:-** Morning Worship at 9.00am

**Due to the Bank Holiday there will not be a Family Service on the last Sunday in August. The next Family Service will be on Sunday 22nd September when we will have our HARVEST CELEBRATION with a Bring & Share Lunch after the service.**

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