

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

## **SUNDAY 18th AUGUST 2019: Ninth Sunday after Trinity**

Welcome to our Service of Evensong, which will have the theme of the Blessed Virgin Mary, our Patronal Festival. The service will be led jointly by the Rector, Jeremy and Valerie. Thank you to Jerry for playing the organ for us and to the members of the choir who will be accompanying our singing.

The readings this evening are: -

**Isaiah 61: 10-11 & Luke 1: 39-45      Psalm 45 verses 11-18**

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

### **ULTRA MARATHON MAN:**

Roger would like to thank all those who so generously supported him on his recent ultra run, which will raise £1,200 for the toilet extension. Unfortunately, a simple navigational error whilst running alone in the dark caused him to lose a lot of time, which meant he was timed out at the next checkpoint. Roger would like to thank all who have encouraged him with such kind words and shared his disappointment. Well done Roger on taking on such a huge challenge.

## **CHARITY SONGS OF PRAISE:**

Last month's Songs of Praise was in aid of the RNLI. The appeal will remain open until the end of August – please use the RNLI envelopes on the bookcase and pass your donations to Phillipa.

## **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. **On Monday 9th September at the Drop-In there will be an opportunity to swap items for the shoeboxes.**

## **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

**THE MUSIC IN THE BRICKHILLS MESSIAH** performance in aid of Willen Hospice is being held on **Sunday, 29th September**, 7.00pm at All Saints Church, Leighton Buzzard. Tickets can be purchased by contacting Jerry Breslin:- 07977 292602 [jerrybreslin@hotmail.com](mailto:jerrybreslin@hotmail.com)

**THE RE-SCHEDULED "SWEET MUSIC" CONCERT** is being held in the Parish Hall on **Saturday 12th October**, from 7.00pm – 10.30pm. Ticket sales are limited - priority is being given to those who had purchased a ticket for last year's postponed concert. The tickets will be on general release from 1st September.

## **SERVICES ON SUNDAY, 25th AUGUST:**

**Next Sunday there will be a United Benefice Service here at 11.00am. Jeremy and Valerie will lead a service of ‘extended communion’, using bread and wine consecrated at an earlier service. Due to the Bank Holiday there will not be a Family Service this month - 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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