

The Church of St Mary the Virgin, Great Brickhill

SUNDAY 25th AUGUST 2019: Tenth Sunday after Trinity

Welcome to our United Benefice Service this morning. As it was not possible to arrange for a member of the clergy to be here with us today, Jeremy and Valerie will be leading a service of 'extended communion', using bread and wine consecrated at an earlier service. Thank you to Jerry for playing the organ for us and to members of the choir who will be leading our singing. Everyone is welcome to stay after the service for coffee and a chat.

The readings this morning are:-

Isaiah 58: 9b - 14; Hebrews 12: 18 - 29; Luke 13: 10 – 17

We were sad to hear last weekend of the death of Marion Ralph. There will be a memorial service for Marion here in church on Thursday 5th September, time to be confirmed.

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. **The Post Office in the Parish Hall is open on Mondays, from 1pm to 3pm** in the small meeting room. **There will be no Drop-In tomorrow due to the Bank Holiday.**

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 (valeriejerr@hotmail.com) or Mary Maley (mary@maley.org.uk).

CHARITY SONGS OF PRAISE:

Last month's Songs of Praise was in aid of the RNLI. **The appeal will close at the end of the month** – 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 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

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, 1st SEPTEMBER:

There will be a said Holy Communion (BCP) Service at 11.00am in Great Brickhill, led by the Rector.

Other Services across the Benefice:-

Bow Brickhill:- Evensong at 6.00pm

Little Brickhill:- Holy Communion at 9.30am

Stoke Hammond:- Family Service at 11.00am

Due to the Bank Holiday there has not been a Family Service this month - the next Family Service will be on Sunday, 22nd September at 11.00am when we will have our HARVEST CELEBRATION with a Bring & Share Lunch after the service.

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