

The Church of St Mary the Virgin, Great Brickhill

SUNDAY 6th OCTOBER 2019: Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity

Welcome to our Prayer Book Service of Holy Communion this morning, when Reverend Robert Wright will be leading the service. 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: -

Habakkuk 1: 1-4; 2: 1-4; 2 Timothy 1: 1-4; Luke 17: 5-10

THE HARVEST CELEBRATIONS:

Thank you to those who decorated the church for the Harvest celebrations and to those who contributed to the service and helped with the Bring and Share Lunch – it was wonderful that the choir were able to attend and sing a couple of anthems. Arrangements are being made for the Harvest gifts to be taken to a local Food Bank. Those of you who were present will know that Revd Norman Thorp was able to join us. He had recently advised us that he was retiring from taking services and we took the opportunity to give him a thank you gift for his help over many years. He has sent the following message:-

“Thank you for the generous hamper containing many local as well as other delicious items presented to me at the Harvest Thanksgiving Service at Great Brickhill last Sunday. It was a lovely thought and graciously appreciated”.

THIS WEEK AND NEXT:-

NEXT SATURDAY THE "SWEET MUSIC" CONCERT is being held in the Parish Hall. The event is a total sell-out - the evening promises to be a wonderful musical occasion of local talent. We wish all the performers a good week for their final practice.

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 at 11.00am in church on the second and fourth Mondays of each month. Do come early around 10.45am to enjoy a cup of coffee and a chat with one another and with the young families gathering in the Chapel area. **The next meetings of the Prayer Group will be held on:- Mondays 14th & 28th October. 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:-

CHARITY SONGS OF PRAISE IN JULY:

You will recall that our chosen charity was the RNLI. The appeal was left open until the beginning of September when the funds raised were sent to the RNLI. We have received a note of thanks from them for the amount raised £406.

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. **At the Drop-In tomorrow, Monday 7th October there will be the final opportunity to swap items for the shoeboxes.**

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY:-

Advent Fair in the church on Sunday afternoon, 1st December 2.00 - 5.00pm. Donations are requested of unwanted scarves and jewellery, to be given to us or left in the vestry for a church stall.

SERVICES NEXT WEEK, SUNDAY 13th OCTOBER:

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:- Harvest Family Service at 11.00am

Little Brickhill:- No Service

Stoke Hammond:- Morning Worship at 9.00am

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