

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

## **SUNDAY 20th OCTOBER 2019: Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity**

Welcome to our Service of Evensong, led by Jeremy. 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: -

**Genesis 32: 22 - 31; Luke 18: 1 - 8; Psalm 121**

### **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 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 28th October and 11th November. 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](mailto:valeriejkerr@hotmail.com)) or Mary Maley ([mary@maley.org.uk](mailto:mary@maley.org.uk)).

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

#### **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”.**

**LINK TO HOPE CHARITY SHOEBOXES - DEADLINE:**

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. **The shoeboxes should be returned to Rosie by the end of October - please contact her BEFORE delivering the boxes:- 261425 [Robin.Rosie@zen.co.uk](mailto:Robin.Rosie@zen.co.uk)**

**LAST WEEK’S “SWEET MUSIC” CONCERT** in the Parish Hall was a great success. The event was a total sell-out – all who attended had a thoroughly enjoyable time. Thanks to all the performers and especially Butch Baker for gathering together so many musically talented, local performers. Thanks also to those who provided such a wonderful selection of sweets. The evening raised a fantastic **£1477.38**. An additional **£165** was taken for the sale of tickets for the Christmas Cake raffle, which will be drawn at the Advent Fair.

**CELEBRATION OF 150 YEARS of Sister Fanny and the work of St. Etheldreda’s.** Sister Hazel has extended an invitation to anyone who would like to attend this celebration on Saturday 16th November:- 1pm Gathering; 2pm Eucharist with the Bishop of St. Albans and Bedford; 3.30pm Tea and cake. Opportunity to buy The Annals of St. Etheldreda.

**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 27th OCTOBER:**

**There will be a Family Service here at 11.00am led by the Rector.**

Other Services across the Benefice:-

**Bow Brickhill:-** Holy Communion at 9.00am

**Little Brickhill:-** No Service

**Stoke Hammond:-** Café Church at 9.30am

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