

The Church of St Mary the Virgin, Great Brickhill

SERVICE OF THANKSGIVING

Sunday 10th October 2021

Welcome to our Service of Thanksgiving where we will combine our Harvest celebration with thanksgiving for our new facilities. We are delighted that Rt. Revd. Alan Wilson, Bishop of Buckingham will be joining us for our service, which will be followed by refreshments.

We would like to acknowledge and thank all those who have contributed in any way to the project, in particular: -

Norman Hinton whose vision it was in 1997 to launch the initial appeal for funds to add facilities to the church. Those who helped to progress the project through the formative years, especially former Church Wardens and all who contributed to the fund in the early stages.

Our architects Adrian Ringrose and Russell Christion (Stimpson Walton Bond) for their excellent advice and expertise, from the design and planning stage through to completion.

Karin Kaye and her team of archaeologists (KDK Archaeology Ltd) who had more work to do than we expected when a charnel was uncovered just outside the west door.

Christine Agambar for providing us with her significant knowledge of the history pertaining to our church.

Liz Kitch and Jennie Schillig (DAC) for guiding us through the process of obtaining the necessary permissions from the Diocese.

The contractors, Simon Elbrow and his team (S C Builders (Thrapston) Ltd) who have encountered a significant number of unforeseen problems during the building work.

Gill Wilson for her tenacity as Project Leader in getting things done!

The addition of these facilities has greatly enhanced the possible use of the church in the future and we look forward now to making much better use of our lovely church.

We would like to record our thanks to the following for their financial help, without which we would still be using the portaloo!

All who have helped with and supported fund-raising events for St Mary's and especially those who contributed with donations to the local appeal in June 2020.

The legacies and charities, including:

- The Val Travis fund – in memory of Val we have installed a cupboard in the refreshment area for ease of access for all
- Legacy from the estate of the late Mrs Sophie Yuill
- Grant awarded by the Trustees of the Great Brickhill Charity
- Diocese of Oxford:- New Projects Group Grant & Internet Connectivity Grant



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TOILET TWINNING:

As part of the project, our toilet has been twinned with a latrine in Honduras via the scheme “toilet twinning” - the certificate is on display in both toilets. (1 in 4 people around the world don't have a loo - two billion people don't have somewhere safe to go to the toilet). For more information, go to:- www.toilettwinning.org

***Grateful thanks to Jackie & Trevor Stimpson and others
for sponsoring our drinks and canapes today***