

The Church of St Mary the Virgin, Great Brickhill

SUNDAY 10th October – The nineteenth Sunday after Trinity.

Welcome to **Morning Worship**, led by Phillipa with Susan Noon playing the organ. Many thanks to both of you. Please stay after the service for coffee and a chat.

The theme for today is “**Overcoming Setbacks in Life**”

The readings today are:

2 Kings 5 vs. 1 – 3 & 7 - 15; and Luke 17 vs. 11 – 19.

The Psalm today is: **Psalm 111** and the response for the congregation is:

**“Great are the deeds of the Lord,
Full of majesty and splendour”**

Welcome to **Evensong**, led by the Rector with Jerry Breslin playing the organ. Many thanks to both of you.

The readings this evening are:

Nehemiah 6 vs. 1 – 6; and John 15 vs. 12 – 27.

THIS WEEK

On Wednesday October 13th, Midweek House Communion will be celebrated at 10.30am at Knightleys, Heath Road. Everyone is very welcome.

THE ALL SOULS’ SERVICE this year will be held on **Sunday 31st October at 6pm at Little Brickhill Church**. Everyone is warmly welcome especially if you wish to pray and have prayers said for a person dear to you who has died this year or who has a special place in your memory.

NEXT SUNDAY: Sunday, October 17th, we will be celebrating **Harvest Festival** in the morning service of **Holy Communion at 9.30am** when Revd. Steve Barnes will take our service. Then, during the afternoon, **at 3pm**, a service will be held to dedicate the new bells and bless them. The Bishop will be visiting the Parish for this service. **After the Dedication Service there will be a joint Harvest and Bells tea party** served in the Church. Please come to witness this ‘once-in-a-lifetime’ occasion.

NEWS

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the Church 'BIG CLEAN' during last week and on yesterday morning. We are most grateful to you all and I hope that you all feel that the church is looking bright and clean and 'back to normal' in readiness for our important celebrations of Harvest and the Dedication of the Bells next Sunday.

LAST SUNDAY the Brickhills Choir and a local orchestra gave their performance of **Handel's 'Messiah'**. It was a truly inspiring occasion and was very well supported. We do not know yet the exact figure of how much was raised, but it will be in the region of £3000 and will make a splendid donation to Willen Hospice. Thank you to Jerry and the choir and orchestra and to all who gave so generously on the evening.

Anne tells me that the sum raised at the **Macmillan Coffee Morning** has risen even higher and is now over £1330. Anne and Betty went to a presentation morning in Aylesbury given by Macmillan for organisers of the coffee mornings to hear how the money raised will be spent.

We now know about the amount raised through the sale of the **Newspaper and Cardboard Collection** that took place a few weeks ago. We will receive £495. It is hard to believe that just two years ago, during the recession, we were told that we probably wouldn't get anything at all for our paper collection. We now raise a very significant sum for the church each year through this collection so please continue to take your papers and waste cardboard to Lower Rectory Farm and many thanks go to Frank Kinsey for all his efforts in organising and collecting the paper.

NEXT SUNDAY

Next Sunday, **17th October**, there will be **Harvest Holy Communion** at 9.30am, led by Revd. Steve Barnes and a service to **Dedicate the Bells** at 3pm, led by the His Grace The Bishop of Buckingham with the Rector, followed by a **Harvest and Bells tea in the church. The bells will be rung before and after the service.**

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