

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

## **Sunday 16th October - The Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity**

Welcome to our celebration of **Holy Communion** this morning, led by the Rector with Tim Holden playing the organ.

Please stay for tea or coffee and a chat after the service.

The readings are:- **Isaiah 45: 1 - 7 & Matthew 22: 15 - 22.**

This is the third week in our King James Bible Season - the readings will be read in two forms. The King James Version will be read for the Old Testament and the Gospel passage, and each of them will be followed by a modern version.

A dramatised version of the gospel passage will be used – the parts will be played by:

**Narrator**: Phillipa Cook; **Pharisee**: Simon Bennett; **Jesus**: The Rector

### **THIS WEEK**

**On Wednesday**, there will be a celebration of **House Communion at 10.30am at Knightleys, Heath Road**. All are most welcome.

### **PAST EVENTS**

The total raised from the **Stride and Ride** on 10<sup>th</sup> September was £215 (plus Gift Aid). The proceeds go to Bucks Historic Churches and then half of the donations are returned to help with the running costs of our Church.

The **Music in the Brickhills Choir and Orchestra** performance of Handel's Messiah, here in the Church, raised the magnificent sum of over £2075. The donations will be divided between Willen Hospice and our church. A special thanks to Jerry whose energy and devotion makes this annual treat possible.

The annual **MacMillan Coffee Morning** was held on the 30<sup>th</sup> September and, again, a magnificent sum of £1304.50 was raised. The success of the morning was all down to lots of hard work by a big team under the leadership of Anne Humphreys.

The **Harvest Festival** was held on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> October. The church was beautifully decorated for the Harvest Holy Communion Service, which was followed by a Harvest Lunch in the Parish Hall. A team of ladies provided a delicious hot meal that was enjoyed by all. Thanks to everyone who helped make the day a joyous occasion. Donations were received for the lunch - a total of £425 towards general church running costs.

## **FUTURE DATES**

**Next Saturday, 22<sup>nd</sup> October at 8.00am, the NEWSPAPER COLLECTION will be loaded onto the lorry.** Please turn up at the container at Lower Rectory Farm and lend a hand if you are able – it really is a case of many hands make light work.

**There will be an AUTUMN TIDY-UP of the church and Churchyard on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> October, starting at 10.00am.** Please put the date in your diary and come along and help, for as little or as long as you would like. All help will be much appreciated.

## **NEWS**

### **The War Memorial and Its History**

The church has been given a wonderful piece of research detailing the history of those commemorated on the Great Brickhill War Memorial. The work has been undertaken as part of a project to conduct such researches for all the parishes surrounding Leighton Buzzard. The folder containing the research and pictures can be found on the bookcase by the door. Please have a look at it when a moment presents itself. The PCC will be writing a letter of thanks for this generous gift.

**NEXT Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> October (Bible Sunday) at 11.00am** there will be a Family Service, led by the Rector. This will be the last service in our month-long celebration of the King James Bible. The reading used for the theme of the service will be read from the King James Version of the bible followed by the reading taken from a modern bible.

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