

The Church of St Mary the Virgin, Great Brickhill

Sunday 8th July - The Fifth Sunday in Trinity

Welcome to **Morning Worship** and **Evensong** today.

Morning Worship is led today by Barbara de Butts with Susan Noon playing the organ and Evensong is led by the Revd. John Saunders with Paul Dickens playing the organ. Thank you Barbara and John for leading our services today and it is a great pleasure to welcome both of you back to Great Brickhill.

You are all warmly invited to join us for refreshments after Morning Worship.

The readings this morning are:

**Ezekiel 2 vs. 1 – 5; and
Mark 6 vs. 1 – 13.**

The readings this evening are:

**Jeremiah 20 vs. 1 – 11a; and
Luke 10 vs. 1 – 11 & 16-20.**

The psalm at evensong is **Psalm 122**

THIS WEEK:

There will not be House Communion on Wednesday morning this week because the Rector is on holiday.

The Rector has started his annual holiday and will not be with us for the next two Sundays. We wish John, Pauline and Timothy a happy and restful time together. If you need to speak to a member of the clergy please contact me on 261527.

On Saturday at 1pm there will be a service to bless a wedding here at 1pm. Rosie Culverhouse and Nick McCollin have recently been married in the USA and the Rev. Norman Thorp will be conducting their wedding blessing.

NEWS:

MISSION ACTION PLAN

During last month's Family Service we began the first stage in the process of developing a Mission Action Plan (MAP), an initiative from the Diocese. Everyone was invited to write up ideas and suggestions under two headings:

I would love our church to be... *(including ideas about what we could do better, and new ideas, or even things to stop doing?)*

I could make a contribution by... *(while affirming all that people do already, invite ideas for new/different things people might do).*

Thank you to everyone who wrote their comments on the post-it slips - Clare and Val, our Synod representatives, have started to go through the responses, and they would be happy to receive any further comments or ideas that you may have:-

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It is not too late to contribute your thoughts and ideas.

Val and Clare will go through the summary of responses with John and Jeremy and report back to the PCC meeting in September. They will then meet with members from the other three churches in the benefice to draft a ten minute report for the Deanery Synod meeting in November.

Thank you to Drop-In and to the Parish Council:-

Drop-In has given the church a very generous donation of £100 which has been used to cover the cost of the Jubilee tree and towards the refreshments for the Jubilee Event. We are most grateful to Drop-In for their kind gift.

The Parish Council has given the church a donation of £ 68.30 which comes from a share of the money collected at the Jubilee Weekend events. I have passed back our thanks to the Parish Council.

Flame of Faith 2012

The Buckingham Archdeaconry has purchased 2,012 little candles on which the inscription "Flame of Faith" is inscribed. These candles have been distributed to each parish in the Archdeaconry and we were asked to suggest those village organisations that might be recipients of the candles. The eight candles that we requested have been delivered to High Ash School and the two village Pre-Schools, to Drop-In, Good Companions, the WI, and the Old Red Lion. It is suggested that the candles are lit when people come together, especially during the period in the run up to the Olympics. There is also a candle for the Church and it is being placed on the altar and lit during services. The text associated with the initiative is:

"Fan into Flame the gift of God that is within you"

(2 Timothy 1 vs. 6)

Valerie Vestergaard would be very grateful to receive offers to bring her to and from church on a Sunday morning. She lives in South Milton Keynes. Phillipa Cook has kindly said that she will organise a rota of lift givers so please contact her if you can help. (Tel: 261521 neilacook@aol.com)

In Great Brickhill next Sunday, 15th July, at 9.30am there will be a celebration of **Holy Communion**, led by Revd. Norman Thorp.

At Stoke Hammond there will be a celebration of **Holy Communion at 8.30am** and **at Little Brickhill** there will be a **Family Service at 11.15am**. **There will be Evensong at 6pm at Bow Brickhill.**

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