

The Church of St Mary the Virgin, Great Brickhill

Sunday 22nd July - The Seventh Sunday in Trinity and the Festival of St. Mary Magdalene

Welcome to our **Family Service** this morning and to the family and friends of Anthony and Kathryn Middleton whose young daughter Iris is to be baptised during the service. Thank you, also to the Revd. Norman Thorp and to Tim Holden, who will be playing the organ.

You are all warmly invited to join us for refreshments after the service.

The reading this morning is:

Acts 16 vs. 22 – 34.

THIS WEEK:

The Rector returns from his summer holidays in the Shetland Islands.

Midweek House Communion this week will be held on **Wednesday 25th July at 10.30am at the Rectory**. Everyone is welcome to attend.

NEWS:

AN IMPORTANT NOTICE ABOUT DROP-IN.

The Parish Hall will be partially closed from tomorrow, Monday July 23rd until the end of August. It is necessary to undertake some remedial work caused by a hidden leak in the toilets. Underground surfaces have to be allowed to dry out before new tiles can be laid. During this period the **Post Office will operate in its usual location accessed by the door leading to the kitchen.** However, there will be no facilities for serving refreshments or use of the toilets in the Hall, although toilets in the cricket club will be available. Please let all your friends know about this unavoidable change in the arrangements. The usual arrangements will resume in September.

The School Leavers' Service was held in the church last Thursday. It was a very joyful and emotionally charged service. The next school service to be held in the church will be the Harvest Festival!! How time flies by. We wish all the children from the village a very happy summer holiday.

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 is a portion of the money collected at the Jubilee Weekend events. I have passed back our thanks to the Parish Council.

Valerie Vestergaard would be very grateful to receive offers to bring her to 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. (Telephone: 261521, neilacook@aol.com).

Next Sunday 29th July, at 10am there will be a United Benefice Service of Holy Communion at Bow Brickhill, led by the Rector.

At Great Brickhill on Sunday 5th August there will be a celebration of Holy Communion (Prayer Book Service) at 11am led by the Revd. Peter Green.

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