

The Church of St Mary the Virgin, Great Brickhill

SUNDAY 16th JUNE:- Third Sunday after Trinity

Welcome to our Service of Holy Communion (Common Worship) this morning, led by the Rector with Jerry Breslin playing the organ. Everyone is invited to stay after the service for refreshments and a

The readings this morning are:- **2 Samuel 11: 26 - 12: 10 &13-15;**

Galatians 2: 15-end; Luke 7: 36 – 8: 3

THIS WEEK:

Drop-in with the Post Office will be held, as usual on Monday afternoon, 17th June, at the Parish Hall.

Quiet Day in the Deanery. Bishop John is leading our Deanery in a Quiet Day on the subject of **Prayer** this **Wednesday, 19th June** at **Wingrave Church** from 9.30am to 4.00pm. Handouts with details of the day are available from the bookcase.

Thursday Group will meet this Thursday, 20th June at 32 Pound Hill at 2.30pm when Sheila McLoughlin will talk about her "Village Memories". Everyone is welcome.

Presentation New Facilities Proposal – Next Weekend

As most of you will know there has been a longstanding intention to provide some new facilities for the church in the form of kitchen and toilet facilities etc. The PCC has put considerable thought and time into how the project should move ahead. After much discussion professional advice has been sought on the options open to us, as best practice and guidance on work to listed churches has changed much over the last 15 years.

Following consideration of an options appraisal an architect has been working on drawings of proposed new facilities, which the PCC would like to present to the parish. Drawings will be on display in the church next weekend and members of the PCC will be available to discuss the plans:-

Saturday 22nd June from 10.00am to 12 noon

Sunday 23rd June after the 11 o'clock Family Service

A formal presentation will be given at 10.30am, 11.00am and 11.30am on Saturday and after the service on Sunday. All are welcome to come and have a look at the proposal.

NEWS:

OPEN FARM SUNDAY – Last Sunday morning **Rectory Farm** hosted a walk around the traditional family farm. Around 28 people enjoyed the tour, which was followed by refreshments sold in aid of the church. Donations just over £100 were received. Thank you to Michael, Julia and Tom Turner for holding the event.

CONFIRMATION CLASSES will commence in the Benefice during the summer in preparation for a Deanery confirmation service on 29th September. Anyone interested in participating as a candidate for confirmation is asked to contact the Rector.

The House to House Collection in Great Brickhill for Christian Aid Week raised **£776**. Thank you to all who helped with the collection and to all who gave so generously.

CELEBRATION ON 30th JUNE

Earlier this year John Waller completed ten years as Rector of this benefice, and July 3rd will be the 25th anniversary of his ordination as a priest. The churchwardens have agreed that we will mark this at our Benefice service at Stoke Hammond on Sunday, June 30th. The themes of calling and ministry will be reflected in the service, and there will be some special refreshments after the service. Please come and celebrate the occasion with us if you can.

DATE FOR THE DIARY. A summer event, to include a concert and teas, is being planned for the afternoon of Sunday, 21st July. More details to follow.

SERVICES NEXT SUNDAY, 23rd JUNE:

There will be a **Family Service at Great Brickhill at 11.00am**, led by the Rector, which will be followed by **the presentation of the proposal for New Facilities** (see above).

Services across the Benefice:

Bow Brickhill:- Holy Communion at 8.00am

Little Brickhill:- Holy Communion at 9.30am

Stoke Hammond:- Morning Worship at 9.30am

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