

The Church of St Mary the Virgin, Great Brickhill

SUNDAY 4th AUGUST:- Tenth Sunday after Trinity

Welcome to our Prayer Book Service of Holy Communion, led by the Rector. Everyone is invited to stay after the service for refreshments and a chat.

The readings this morning are: **Ecclesiastes 1: 2, 12-14 & 2:18-23;**
Colossians 3: 1-11; Luke 12: 13-21

At 2 o'clock this afternoon a **baptism service** will be held here in the church for Ruby Anne Palmer. Please keep Ruby and her family in your prayers.

THIS WEEK:

The Rector will be starting his summer holiday on Monday. We hope that John and Pauline enjoy a well earned rest. If anyone needs to speak to a member of the clergy please contact one of the Wardens (contact details below).

Drop-in with the Post Office will be held, as usual on Monday afternoon, 5th August, at the Parish Hall.

Please note that the **Midweek Holy Communion** Services and the **Thursday Group** will resume after the summer break in September.

NEWS:

THE SPECIAL "BRING-AND-SHARE" FAMILY SERVICE last Sunday was a huge success. It was lovely to see so many young families at the service and to have the opportunity to share lunch together afterwards. Thank you to all who helped with the organisation.

THE SUMMER EVENT AND CONCERT

The event on Sunday 21st July was a great success. The Tudor music performed by The Sands Cryers was enjoyed by all present. The lovely weather made it possible for the cream teas to be served outside. The donations raised £599 in aid of the Church Organ Fund. Thank you to all who helped with the preparations for the event, and especially to Jerry Breslin for arranging the musicians.

CONFIRMATION CLASSES

These are being held in the Benefice during the summer in preparation for a Deanery confirmation service on 29th September at Stewkley. Anyone interested in participating as a candidate for confirmation is asked to contact the Rector.

READING GLASSES

There is now a pair of reading glasses available for emergency use in the vestry (unisex frames, + 2.0 lenses). If anyone finds they have come without their glasses, please ask the Warden on duty to borrow the spare pair.

SERVICES NEXT SUNDAY, 11th AUGUST:

In place of the normal service of Morning Worship next Sunday a new service of Morning Prayer will be held here in Great Brickhill at 9.30am.

This is a new form of service, which has been sent to parishes encouraging them to use "in emergency" when, for whatever reason, the person who would have been leading a service is unable to attend at short notice. It would normally be a last minute decision to hold this service but next week there will be a "trial run", with the Wardens knowing in advance that they will be leading the service.

The service broadly follows a Common Worship form of Mattins. The hymns, organist and prayers as planned for any original service will remain unchanged.

A service of **Evensong will be held at 6pm**, led by the Phillipa.

Other Services across the Benefice:

Bow Brickhill:- 11.00am: Family Service

Little Brickhill:- 11.00am Morning Worship

Stoke Hammond:- 9.30am Holy Communion

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