

The Church of St Mary the Virgin, Great Brickhill

SUNDAY 15th SEPTEMBER:- Sixteenth 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 chat after the service.

The readings this morning are:-

Exodus 32: 7 - 14; 1 Timothy 1: 12 - 17; Luke 15: 1 - 10

BUCKS HISTORIC CHURCHES TRUST BIKE AND STRIDE:

This annual event took place yesterday. A good number of people from Great Brickhill participated, either cycling or walking. The Rector walked around the Benefice, calling in to say prayers at each of the four churches. Well done to Robin and Rosie, top scorers for churches visited, a grand total of 17, and to the Smith family who rode around the Benefice in great style with their tandem. Thank you to Simon and Juliet for hosting a very convivial post event barbeque. All money raised will be divided equally between our church and Bucks Historic Churches Trust (a charity that has been very generous with grants for repairs to St Mary's).

THIS WEEK AND NEXT:

Drop-in with the Post Office will be held, as usual on Monday afternoon, 16th September, at the Parish Hall.

The fortnightly **Midweek Holy Communion** Service will be held this coming **Wednesday 18th September, 10.30am at Knightleys, Heath Road**. All are welcome to attend.

The next session of the **Thursday Group** will be held next week, on **Thursday 26th September** at 2.30pm at Knightleys, Heath Road. These sessions are open to all.

NEWS AND EVENTS:

SHOEBOXES FOR ROMANIA

It is now time to be thinking about Shoeboxes again. The Customs forms are in the Church on the bookcase just inside the door. Please read and follow the instructions carefully. Boxes should be completed **by 25th October**. It may be that two people might like to

share a box. Marion Ralph would welcome help with one of her boxes. Any queries please ring Anne (261345) or Marion (261611).

HANDEL'S MESSIAH

The Music in the Brickhills' annual performance of Handel's Messiah is being held this year at **St Michael's Church, Woburn Sands, 7.30pm on Sunday 22nd September**. The concert is again in aid of Willen Hospice. Tickets will be available on the door, or from Jerry Breslin (01908 582952; jerrybreslin@hotmail.com) or Robin Dawson (01525 261425; robin.rosie@zen.co.uk).

MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING

Great Brickhill's "World's Biggest Coffee Morning" in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support will be held in **The Parish Hall** on **Saturday 28th September**, 10.00 to 12.30pm. Cakes and preserves will be very much appreciated, either on the day or in advance to Rosie Dawson (261425) or Anne Humphreys (261345).

HARVEST FESTIVAL

A special Benefice Harvest celebration will be held at **Rectory Farm** on **Sunday 29th September**. There will be activities from 12noon with a "Bring and Share Lunch" at 1pm, followed by a short walk. The **Bishop of Buckingham** will join us for a **Harvest Service at 3pm**.

SERVICES NEXT SUNDAY, 22nd SEPTEMBER:

There will be a Family Service & Baptism at 11.00am in Great Brickhill, led by the Rector.

Other Services across the Benefice:-

Bow Brickhill:- Holy Communion at 8.00am

Little Brickhill:- Holy Communion at 9.30am

Stoke Hammond:- Holy Communion Harvest Service at 9.30am

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