

The Church of St Mary the Virgin, Great Brickhill

SUNDAY 27th OCTOBER:- Last after Trinity - Bible Sunday

Welcome to our **Family Service** this morning, led by the Rector. Thank you also to Rosemary Howell who is playing the organ to accompany our singing today. A couple of songs will be led by Andrew and Margretta Smith and so we will have a good variety of music.

We do hope that you will stay after the service for the "Bring and Share" lunch. Thank you to all those who have helped with the preparations for this service and lunch.

The reading this morning is:- **Luke 4: 16 - 24**

THIS WEEK AND NEXT:

Drop-in with the Post Office will be held, as usual on Monday afternoon, 28th October, at the Parish Hall.

The fortnightly **Midweek Holy Communion** Service will be held this **Wednesday 30th October** at **10.30am** at **The Rectory, Pound Hill**. All are welcome to attend.

The Thursday Group will next meet on **7th November** at 2.30pm at 30 Pound Hill. Sister Hazel will be talking about "The Call of the Cloister".

NEWS AND EVENTS:

CEMETERY WINDBREAK PROJECT

Thank you to the volunteers who last weekend worked on the second stage of the cemetery windbreak project – laying some of the grave stones from the old chapel site as paving around the windbreak bench and treating the timbers with preservative.

CONCERT IN STOKE HAMMOND

On Sunday afternoon, 13th October the "Brickhills with Stoke Hammond Benefice Choir" performed a concert in the church at Stoke Hammond. Thanks go to all the members of the choir for their accomplished singing and to Jerry Breslin for arranging such a marvellous variety of songs and anthems from across the centuries. A big thank you also to the PCC at Stoke Hammond for allowing the concert to be held in their church in aid of the restoration of the organ at Great Brickhill. The terrific sum of £509 was raised.

SHOEBOXES FOR ROMANIA

Thank you to all those who have in any way contributed to the preparation of the Shoeboxes for Romania, and to Anne Humphreys for co-ordinating the project.

HARVEST BOOK

As you will know the special Benefice Harvest Celebration at Rectory Farm was a huge success. David Marlow has produced a fantastic Harvest Book of his photos of the occasion. A hard copy of the 37 page book is available in church this morning. The book can be downloaded as a PDF on the internet by clicking on the link given on the front Home page of the website or via the link below:-

<https://www.dropbox.com/s/2lf3mpqpgxo5qcm/Harvest%20Book%202013.pdf>

Thank you David for this wonderful memory of a great day.

CHANGE TO PATTERN OF SERVICES

The PCCs in each of the four parishes are considering a change to the pattern of services whereby the Rector's regular commitment would be two services each Sunday, offering a service of Holy Communion and a Family Service to each church in each month. Each PCC will decide what services they wish to hold on the remaining two weeks of the month. No decisions have yet been made and so please pass on your views to the Wardens, any written comments to Phillipa Cook:- pjcook6@gmail.com

CHRISTMAS FAIR

The Christmas Fair is this year being held in the Parish Hall on Saturday 23rd November, from 11.00am to 2.00pm. Please put the date in your diaries - more details to follow.

SERVICES NEXT SUNDAY, 3rd NOVEMBER:

On Sunday 3rd November there will be a said Holy Communion (BCP) Service at Great Brickhill, led by the Reverend Norman Thorp at 11am.

Other Services across the Benefice:

Bow Brickhill:- Holy Communion at 9.30am

Little Brickhill:- All Souls' Service 6.00pm (the annual service to remember with thanksgiving our loved ones who have died)

Stoke Hammond:- Family Service, 11.00am

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