

The Church of St Mary the Virgin, Great Brickhill

Sunday 3rd November:- 4th before Advent, All Saints Sunday

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

The readings this morning are:-

Daniel 7: 1-3 & 15-18; Ephesians 1: 11 - 23; Luke 6: 20 - 31

This evening at **Little Brickhill the All Souls' Service** will be at 6.00pm – this is the annual service to remember with thanksgiving our loved ones who have died.

THIS WEEK AND NEXT:

Drop-in with the Post Office will be held, as usual on Monday afternoon, 4th November, at the Parish Hall.

The Thursday Group will meet this week on **7th November** at 2.30pm at 30 Pound Hill. Sister Hazel will be talking about “The Call of the Cloister”. All are welcome to attend.

The next fortnightly **Midweek Holy Communion** Service will be held on **Wednesday 27th November** at **10.30am** at **Knightsleys, Heath Road** – note no service on **14th November**.

There will be a **PCC Meeting on Thursday** evening, 5th November, at 51A Lower Way at 8.00pm. Please contact a member of the PCC if you have a matter you wish to be discussed.

NEWS AND EVENTS:

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. There is no news yet as to the number of boxes that have been filled.

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. There is a hard copy of the 37 page book available in church. 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.

THE CHRISTMAS FAIR will be in the Parish Hall on Saturday 23rd November, from 11.00am to 2.00pm. Come and meet Father Christmas and start your Christmas shopping – cakes, cards and craft stalls. The popular children's secret gift and wrapping area makes a welcome return. There will of course be refreshments available. All proceeds to the running costs of the church.

NEXT SUNDAY 10th November is Remembrance Sunday. The Rector will lead the Service which will begin, as usual, **at 10.50am** so that the silence can be observed at exactly 11am. The service will finish with a procession to the War Memorial for the wreath laying ceremony. Edward Maley has again kindly made all the arrangements for this service. The collection will be for **The Poppy Appeal** and there will be special gift aid envelopes available.

After the service members of the congregation are invited to join servicemen, ex-servicemen and their families in the Cricket Club for drinks and canapés (voluntary donations will be welcome). If you wish to attend please advise Edward Maley how many there will be in your party:- 261121 or ted@tedmaley.co.uk

COMPLINE NEXT SUNDAY EVENING – we are sorry to say that this has been CANCELLED. There are very few people who would have been at the service and it would have been the fourth service of the day for the Rector as, along with the Remembrance Day services, he has a Baptism service in Bow Brickhill.

There will be **no Pew Sheet** next Sunday, so to remind you of the services on the **following SUNDAY NOVEMBER 17th:- there will be Holy Communion here in Great Brickhill at 9.30am**, led by the Venerable Karen Gorham, the Archdeacon of Buckingham.

Other Services across the Benefice:

Bow Brickhill:- Mattins at 11 am.

Little Brickhill:- Family Service at 11.15am.

Stoke Hammond:- No Service

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