

The Church of St Mary the Virgin, Great Brickhill

SUNDAY, 27th JULY:- The Sixth Sunday after Trinity

Welcome to our **Family Service** in which we will have a simple form of Holy Communion as part of the service. Thank you to those who have been involved with the planning of this morning's service and to Andrew and Margretta for accompanying the singing of some of our songs.

Everyone is invited to join in our Bring and Share Lunch immediately after the service.

The reading this morning is:- **Matthew 13: 31-33 & 44-46**

SUNDAY SERVICE PATTERN: there are flyers available on the bookcase giving details of the **service pattern** across the benefice.

WESTMINSTER COMES TO LITTLE BRICKHILL

This weekend there is an exhibition of finely detailed paintings of the famous medieval Cosmati Mosaics of Westminster Abbey in **Little Brickhill Church** on **Saturday & Sunday, 26th & 27th July**, from 2.00-6.00pm. The artist, David. S. Neal, will be there to talk about his project to record one of the finest pieces of medieval art in Britain. There will be discovery & craft activities for children and refreshments will be on sale in the nearby Village Hall.

THIS WEEK AND NEXT:-

There will be no Drop-in or Post Office for the next few weeks due to the closure of the Parish Hall for 3 weeks. Remedial work is required due to the recent flooding of the Hall. The Post Office and Drop-in will resume on Monday, 18th August.

THE THURSDAY GROUP – Please note there will be **no more Thursday Group meetings now until September**. (This news was received after the August Parish Newsletter had gone to print – please ignore the dates given in that publication).

NEWS & EVENTS:-

ORGAN VISIT & SCHOOL SERVICE

Around twenty children came to the church recently for a demonstration and tuition session on the organ – the children

enjoyed an opportunity to play the organ. Thank you to Rosemary Howell and Jerry Breslin for arranging and supervising the visit.

On Tuesday **High Ash School** held their Leavers' Service in the church, which was a happy and joyous occasion. It has been good to see the children from our local school in church for these two events.

NEWSPAPER COLLECTION

Thank you to the team of volunteers who helped to load the newspapers onto the lorry last weekend. The load weighed over 6 tonnes – around £350 will have been raised, the exact amount will be reported at a later date. Thank you to all those who deposit their old newspapers and cardboard in the container at Lower Rectory Farm, and to Frank and Betty Kinsey who collect the newspapers from around the village every fortnight.

FAREWELL EVENT FOR BISHOP JOHN

Say Farewell to Bishop John at the **Diocese of Oxford's Grand Day Out! Saturday 20th September from 10.00 – 17.00**, Oxford City Centre. Everyone is invited to give thanks for Bishop John's ministry, for prayer and worship, a feast of different activities, a massive picnic on Christ Church Meadow and a huge open-air farewell Eucharist. For full information about the day, please go to www.oxford.anglican.org/granddayout .

SERVICES NEXT SUNDAY, 3rd AUGUST:

There will be a said Holy Communion (BCP) Service at 11.00am in Great Brickhill, led by the Rector.

Other Services across the Benefice:-

Bow Brickhill:- Evensong at 6.00pm

Little Brickhill:- Holy Communion at 9.00am

Stoke Hammond:- "Thankful Village Service" with the Bishop of Buckingham, on the Village Green at 11.00am

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