

The Church of St Mary the Virgin, Great Brickhill

SUNDAY, 24th AUGUST: - The Tenth Sunday after Trinity

Welcome to our Prayer Book Service of Mattins led by Phillipa. As is customary on the August Bank Holiday weekend this is a United Benefice service. Thank you to Jerry for playing the organ for us this morning. The responses will be sung but, depending on how many members of the choir are present, some parts of the service normally sung will today be said.

The theme for the service is taken from the gospel passage, "**Peter the Rock**". The readings are:- **Isaiah 51: 1 - 6; Matthew 16: 13 - 20**

The psalm for the day No 138 will be read. The congregation are asked to join in the response after each verse:-

***" O Lord, your love endures for ever;
do not abandon the works of your hands."***

Everyone is invited to stay after the service for coffee and a chat.

Earlier this week we received the sad news that Rayner Harries, Rector of Great, Little and Bow Brickhill from 1984 - 1994, died earlier this week. His funeral will take place at 1pm on Friday at Bentley Crematorium, Ongar Road, Brentwood.

THIS WEEK AND NEXT:-

There will no Drop-in this Monday due to the Bank Holiday.

THE THURSDAY GROUP

The fortnightly meetings will start again on 11th September.

NEWS & EVENTS:-

BUCKS HISTORIC CHURCHES TRUST BIKE AND STRIDE

The annual sponsored event takes place on Saturday, 13th September from 10am - 6pm. This can be done either on your own, or in a group - cycling, walking or riding between any churches of your choice from the printed list. The details and sponsorship forms of the "Stride and Ride" are now in the church for anyone to pick up from the bookcase. Alternatively for more details contact Rosie Dawson (TEL: 261425 or e-mail: robin.rosie@zen.co.uk).

All money raised will be divided equally between our church and Bucks Historic Churches Trust. (B.H.C.T. is a charity that gives grants for repairs to deserving churches and has always been very generous towards applications from St Mary the Virgin).

“LINK TO HOPE” SHOEBOX APPEAL

The annual “Link to Hope” shoebox appeal is being launched this weekend. The forms and all the information that people might need to take part are available on the bookcase. Rosie Dawson who is organising this year’s appeal will be happy to answer any queries:- Tel: 261425 or e-mail: robin.rosie@zen.co.uk .

The charity now helps destitute people in Romania, Moldova, Bulgaria, Ukraine and Albania and the contents of the shoeboxes is direct contact with people who have not forgotten them, and give them a few essentials to make their very difficult circumstances more bearable for a little while..... it brings smiles to their faces.

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 .

HARVEST CELEBRATIONS

On Sunday, 28th September there will be a Harvest Family Service held at 11 o'clock. The theme will be the “Bread of Life” and this will be continued through to the Bring & Share Lunch which will be held in church immediately after the service. Please bring along some of your favourite type of bread to share with others.

All are welcome to attend, either for just the service, or just the lunch, or both!

SERVICE NEXT SUNDAY, 31st AUGUST:

The normal fourth Sunday services will be held next week. There will be a Family Service at 11.00am in Great Brickhill.

Other Services across the Benefice:-

Bow Brickhill:- Holy Communion at 9.00am

Little Brickhill:- No Service

Stoke Hammond:- Morning Worship at 9.00am

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