

St Mary the Virgin, Great Brickhill

PCC NEWSLETTER, 4th NOVEMBER 2015

A short update and reminder about services/events in the next few weeks:-

This Sunday 8th November

Remembrance Sunday Service in Church at 10.50am

Next Wednesday 11th November

Remembrance Day – Short Service in Church at 10.45am

Sunday 15th November:-

Charity Songs of Praise at 5.00pm

Everyone is warmly invited to come and sing and celebrate this first event of our Christmas Season. There will be familiar hymns and readings and the Benefice Choir will lead the singing.

There are a couple of hymns still to be determined – **if you would like to offer a choice of a hymn** then please get in touch with John Waller by this Saturday, 7th November:- rector@brickhillchurches.org.uk

Refreshments will be served and Jeni Read will be there to tell us about this year's **Church Christmas charity - L&D NICU.**

Our chosen charity is in support of an appeal set up by the parents of Phoebe Read, who was born prematurely at 24 weeks last November. Phoebe spent 177 days in the neonatal intensive care unit (NICU) of Luton & Dunstable Hospital. Her parents, Jeni and Stuart who live in Holts Green, are trying to raise money for a house for parents/family to stay at the L&D when babies are in NICU - there is generally very little space for parents to just relax for 5 mins let alone a house for parents to stay when potentially travelling longer distances.

Saturday 28th November:-

Christmas Fair in the Parish Hall from 11.00am to 3.00pm.

A reminder that we would like your **unwanted scarves** and **unwanted books** for our St Mary's stalls. Any contributions to these stalls may be left in the church vestry. Also **whole cakes** would be appreciated for the Cake Stall.

If you feel you can help please contact Val Baldwin by email vafutcher@hotmail.com or telephone 01525 237265.

The **Christmas cake** is now ready - tickets at £1 each are available from Janet Pritchard both in advance and on the day of the Christmas Fair. Janet will be circulating the tickets at the Thursday Group, Drop In, Good Companions and WI.

Please see the photograph of the splendid cake below.

To contact Janet for a ticket:- Tel: 261573 or janvf58@hotmail.com



Sunday, 29th November:-

Advent Carols Benefice Service at Bow Brickhill, 4.00pm.

Celebrate the start of the season of Advent at this Benefice service at Bow Brickhill. Do remember to take a torch with you!

Saturday 12th or 19th December:-

Carol Singing Around the Village, 4.00 - 7.00pm

If you would like to join the singers & collectors please contact Phillipa Cook to say which of the two Saturdays is **your preferred date**:- pjcook6@gmail.com

Phillipa Cook

4th November 2015