

The Church of St Mary the Virgin, Great Brickhill

SUNDAY 18th June 2017:- The First after Trinity Sunday

Welcome to our Service of Evensong, led by Phillipa. Thank you to Jerry for playing the organ for us and to the choir who will be accompanying our singing.

The readings for this evening are:-

Exodus 19: 2-8a; Matthew 9: 35 - 10: 8; Psalm for the day:- 100

THIS WEEK AND NEXT:-

The Happy Cup Coffee Club tomorrow, 19th June. The child-friendly drop-in coffee morning, especially welcoming parents and carers of young children is held **every Monday morning during term time in the church from 9.15am to 11.15am.**

Village Drop-In & Post Office:

The Drop-In continues on Monday afternoons at the Parish Hall, from **1.30 - 3.30pm**, so please call in for a cup of tea, slice of cake and a chat. **The Post Office** has re-opened and is now in the small room at the Parish Hall on **Thursdays, open from 2.00 - 4.00pm.**

NEWS AND EVENTS:

SALE OF CHURCH HONEY:

Many of you will have enjoyed the delicious local honey that Andrew Beer has kindly been supplying St Mary's for the past 19 years - the proceeds of the sale of the honey has helped to raise funds for projects and maintenance of our church. He very much regrets he will be unable to continue due to ill health. We would like to thank Mr Beer for providing the honey, all those who purchased the honey and Rosie for making sure that the "honey tin" was continually replenished. Please leave any empty jars that you would like to recycle by the tin and Rosie will return them.

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK, 14th to 20th MAY

The amount raised for the **Christian Aid house to house collection** round the village came to **£702.41**. This is down on last year's figure by £130, which was to be expected as we were unable to cover the whole village due to a shortage of collectors. Well done to those who kindly did the collecting, and thank you to all who gave so generously.

BRICKSTOCK 2017, SUNDAY 28th MAY:

What a great day it was at Brickstock! Starting with a wonderful Family Service at 11 o'clock in one of the marquees, the main event was held in lovely, sunny weather with a fantastic atmosphere all the way through to the close in the evening. Many, many thanks to all those who supported the two fund raising events: to those who helped set up on Saturday evening and Sunday morning, to all who baked cakes or helped with the "St Mary's Café" and to those who did such a good job in "gently persuading" people to purchase the raffle tickets. We raised a magnificent total of **£1458 for the Church Roof Fund (£286 from the teas and £1162 from the raffle).**

The winners of the three raffle prizes were:-

1st prize: John Lewis vouchers for £200:- Linda Sharman

2nd prize: Mixed case of 12 bottles of champagne, whisky and fine wines (value £150):- Brett Shannon

3rd prize: Bottle of 10 year old single malt Jura whisky:- Pat Prasad

CHURCH ROOF:

Unfortunately during the recent storms the rain came into the church, particularly in the south aisle. We had been advised that the temporary repair to the roof should last for at least two years, which would give us plenty of time to fund raise and make arrangements for the permanent repair work. As Great Brickhill is very exposed at the top of a hill the worry is that, with only a temporary cover, the roof will continually leak and cause much damage to the fabric of the church. We are now looking at possibly bringing forward the permanent repair and are in discussion with the DAC as to how we might proceed to minimise further damage to the fabric of the church.

SERVICES ON SUNDAY, 25th JUNE:

There will be a **Family Service here at 11.00am** led by the Rector.

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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