

The Church of St Mary the Virgin, Great Brickhill

SUNDAY 12th September – The fifteenth Sunday after Trinity.

Welcome to **Morning Worship** this morning, led by Phillipa with Susan Noon playing the organ.

The theme for the service today is “**Reaching Out to the Lost**”

The readings are: **Exodus 32 vs. 7 – 14**; and **Luke 15 vs. 1 – 10**.

Today’s Psalm is **Psalm 14**. The response for the congregation is: “***Is there any who is wise and seeks after God***”.

Welcome to **Evensong**, led this evening by Jeremy with Jerry Breslin playing the organ. Many thanks to the choir.

The readings are: **Isaiah 60**; and **John 6 vs. 51 – 69**.

THIS WEEK

House Communion this week will be celebrated by the Revd. Jackie Brown from Newton Longville at 10.30am on Wednesday 15th September at Betty Kinsey’s home, Knightley’s, Heath Road. All are very welcome.

Services in Great Brickhill during the remainder of September

September 19th: Sung Holy Communion, led by Revd. Steve Barnes from Willen Hospice.

September 26th: Family Service at 11am, led by the Rector. This is John’s first service after his Sabbatical Leave.

YESTERDAY, we participated in the annual Bike and Stride in aid of Bucks Historic Churches Trust. Ten of us from Great Brickhill set out in miserable weather to walk to each of the four churches in the Benefice – a journey of about 10 miles and not all on the flat! The weather soon improved and we were warmly welcomed at Bow and Stoke Hammond. We even had the opportunity to climb onto the roof of the tower of Bow Brickhill Church to enjoy the stunning view over Aylesbury Vale and Milton Keynes. It was great fun and we hope to raise a good contribution to Bucks Historic Churches Trust who have been so generous to us in our appeals for St Mary’s 2000. Our thanks go to Betty for her wonderful biscuits and coffee breaks that kept us going and to Valerie Vestergaard who ‘looked after’ the visitors who travelled to our church.

DATES FOR THE AUTUMN

The Rector will return from his Sabbatical leave on **Monday 20th September**.

On Friday 24th September this year's **Macmillan Coffee Morning** will be held. Plans have now been made, coordinated by Anne Humphreys, so please note the date and tell your friends. Anne tells us that she now needs offers of raffle prizes. If you can assist with this request please let Anne know on 261345.

If you are near the Church you may have had the good fortune to hear the first rehearsals for Messiah Weekend which will be on October 2nd and 3rd with the public performance on the evening of Sunday 3rd October. Tickets are available from Rosie and Robin Dawson or on the door. There will be a service of Holy Communion at 9.30am on Sunday October 3rd, probably in the Lady Chapel.

On Sunday October 17th we will celebrate our **Harvest Festival** in the morning service of Holy Communion and during the afternoon, at 3pm, a service will be held to dedicate the bells and bless them. The Bishop will be visiting the Parish for this service. After this service there will be a joint Harvest and Bells tea party. More details will follow and we will be asking for help from friends to decorate the Church for the Harvest Festival and to assist with catering and serving at the tea party during the afternoon.

THE BELLS

You will have noticed that there were no bells rung this morning and the ringers will not be able to ring until next week because work is underway to fit the benches and furnishings in the ringing room.

NEXT SUNDAY

Next Sunday, **19th September**, there will be sung **Holy Communion** at 9.30am, led by Revd. Steve Barnes from Willen Hospice.

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