

The Church of St Mary the Virgin, Great Brickhill

SUNDAY 26th September – The seventeenth Sunday after Trinity.

Welcome to our **Family Service with Baptism** this morning, led by Rector with Tim Holden playing the organ. It is particularly good to welcome the Rector for his first service after his summer of sabbatical leave and to Tim for his music. We also extend a warm welcome to Phillip and Shelley Lutherborrow and their young son who is to be baptised today and also to welcome their family and friends to this service.

The reading today is:

Luke 16 vs. 19 – 31.

THIS WEEK

House Communion will be celebrated on **Wednesday 29th September at 10am** at Knightleys, Heath Road. Everyone is very welcome.

NEWS

This year's **Macmillan Coffee Morning** was held at Pauline Sears' house on Friday. Anne Humphreys tells me that an absolutely staggering sum of £1331 was raised and she sends her thanks to all the helpers and particularly to Pauline Sears who hosted the coffee morning, and to everyone who came, despite the rain, and gave so generously. It promised to be the best coffee morning for miles around and this it proved to be!

LAST WEEK, the regular stalwart volunteers and some new recruits met at Lower Rectory Farm to load about 9 tonnes of collected paper and cardboard on to the lorry. The paper and cardboard collection for recycling is very successful and we are now getting a good price for its sale. Please continue to recycle your paper in the Church collection containers at Lower Rectory Farm and please use the collection service provided by Frank Kinsey if you have no transport. We would like to give a warm thank you to Frank who organises and puts so much work into raising this money for the church.

TWO WEEKS ago, we participated in the annual Bike and Stride in aid of Bucks Historic Churches Trust, walking to each of the four churches in the Benefice – a journey of about 10 miles and not all on the flat! Money raised from the walk is still coming in but is already around £200. Thank you to everyone who took part and to those who made us so welcome when we arrived at Bow Brickhill and Stoke Hammond churches.

NEXT SUNDAY

Next weekend is Messiah Weekend here in the church, with the Brickhills Choir and a local orchestra preparing for the public performance of Handel's 'Messiah' to be held on the Sunday evening at 7.30pm. If you have never been, then you should experience a great occasion with a huge local following. The arrangements are as usual: tickets on the door and the performance begins at 7.30pm in a warm church and bring a cushion. There will be a hired loo and refreshments in the interval. All money paid goes to charity. There will be a service of Holy Communion at 9.30am on Sunday October 3rd, probably in the Lady Chapel.

A SPECIAL DAY: Sunday October 17th when we will be celebrating **Harvest Festival** in the morning service of Holy Communion at 9.30am when Revd. Steve Barnes will return to take our service. Then, during the afternoon, at 3pm, a service will be held to dedicate the new 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. Please come to witness this 'once-in-a-lifetime' occasion.

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Next Sunday, **3rd October**, there will be **Holy Communion** at 9.30am, led by Sister Hazel, probably in the Lady Chapel and the performance of **Handel's 'Messiah'** at 7.30pm.

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