

The Church of St Mary the Virgin, Great Brickhill

SUNDAY 19th September – The sixteenth Sunday after Trinity.

Welcome to **Holy Communion** this morning, led by Revd. Steve Barnes with Rosemary Howell playing the organ. It is particularly good to welcome Steve and Rosemary back after what seems like a very long absence.

The readings today are:

**Amos 8 vs. 4 – 7; and
1 Timothy 2 vs. 1 – 7.**

Today's Gospel reading is **Luke 16 vs. 1 – 13.**

THIS WEEK

The Rector returns from his Sabbatical Leave this week on Tuesday 21st September. We welcome him back and trust that he has had a memorable summer.

Thursday Group meets this week on the 23rd September at Brandlings, Pound Hill at 2.30pm.

There will be a **PCC Meeting** in the church at 8pm on **Thursday 23rd September**. If you have any matter that you wish to raise please contact a member of the PCC.

On Friday 24th September this year's **Macmillan Coffee Morning** will be held at 13 Holts Green from 10.30am to 12.30pm. There will be a Raffle, Bring & Buy, Cakes and Produce, a Bookstall and Phoenix Cards. As usual, we hope you will come and bring your friends. This year's event promises to be the best coffee morning for miles around!

YESTERDAY, the regular stalwart volunteers and some new recruits met at Lower Rectory Farm to load the 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.

LAST WEEK, 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.

DATES FOR THE AUTUMN

If you are near the Church in the evenings you may have had the good fortune to hear one of the rehearsals for **Messiah Weekend** which is 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 when Steve Barnes will return to take our service. Then, 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.

NEXT SUNDAY

Next Sunday, **26th September**, there will be a **Family Service with Baptism** at 11am, led by the Rector.

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