

The Church of St Mary the Virgin, Great Brickhill

Sunday 23rd October The Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity and BIBLE SUNDAY

Welcome to our **Family Service** this morning, led by the Rector with Margaret Oliver playing the piano. Thank you, Mary, for our intercessions today, and Val and Clare for the readings.

Please stay for tea or coffee and a chat after the service.

The readings are:- **Colossians 3 vs. 12 - 17** in the King James Bible and in a modern language version of the Bible. This is the fourth and last week in our King James Bible Season – the PCC hopes that you have enjoyed the special readings during October.

THIS WEEK

On Thursday, 27th October, THURSDAY GROUP will meet at Brandlings, Pound Hill at 2.30pm. Everyone is most welcome.

On Saturday 29th October there will be an AUTUMN TIDY-UP of the church and Churchyard, starting at 10.00am. Please come along and help, for as little or as long as you would like. All help will be much appreciated.

The Rector will be taking a few days leave this week, please contact me on 261527 if you need to be put in touch with a member of the clergy during the week.

PAST EVENTS

The **Music in the Brickhills Choir and Orchestra** performance of Handel's Messiah, here in the Church, raised the magnificent sum of £3505. The donations will be divided between Willen Hospice and our church. A special thanks to Jerry whose energy and devotion makes this annual treat possible.

The annual **MacMillan Coffee Morning** held on the 30th September raised the magnificent sum of £1304.50. The success of the morning was all down to lots of hard work by a big team under the leadership of Anne Humphreys.

The **Harvest Festival Lunch** donations raised £425 towards general church running costs. Thank you to everyone who came and took part.

THE NEWSPAPER COLLECTION

THANK YOU to everyone who helped load the lorry yesterday morning and thank you also to Frank for his tireless work collecting waste paper and cardboard, and arranging for the collection and the team of volunteers to load the lorry.

NEWS

The War Memorial and Its History

The church has been given a wonderful piece of research detailing the history of those commemorated on the Great Brickhill War Memorial. The work has been undertaken as part of a project to conduct such researches for all the parishes surrounding Leighton Buzzard. The folder containing the research and pictures can be found on the bookcase by the door. Please have a look at it when a moment presents itself. The PCC will be writing a letter of thanks for this generous gift.

NEXT SUNDAY, 30th October, there will be a **United Benefice Holy Communion** at 10.00am at Bow Brickhill to celebrate their Patronal Festival, All Saints Day.

The next service **in Great Brickhill** will be on **Sunday, 6th November**, when there will be a celebration of Holy Communion using the Prayer Book at 9.30am, led by Father Colin Griffiths.

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