

# **The Church of St Mary the Virgin, Great Brickhill**

## **Sunday 7th October - The Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity.**

Welcome to our Prayer Book service of Holy Communion led by the Rector. John has been on retreat this week at the Society of Mary and Martha in Sheldon, Devon and we hope that he has had a much earned rest.

We had hoped that Sister Hazel would be with us to assist in the service but she is unwell – we wish her a speedy recovery.

The readings this morning are:

**Genesis 2: 18 - 24; Hebrews 1: 1-4 & 2: 5-12; Mark 10: 2 - 16**

### **THIS WEEK:**

**DROP-IN will be held in the Parish Hall tomorrow, 8<sup>th</sup> October. The Post Office and refreshments plus access to toilets are back to the usual arrangements.**

**Thursday Group** will be held this week, 11<sup>th</sup> October, 2.30pm at Brandlings, Pound Hill. All are welcome.

We were saddened to hear the news that **Keith Hartwell** died earlier this week. His funeral will take place this coming week here in the church, followed by burial in the churchyard.

### **NEWS:**

#### **HARVEST**

Thank you to all the ladies who so splendidly decorated the church for the Harvest celebration. At the Harvest Family Service we were pleased to welcome Brian and Clare Lewis and their family, for the celebration of the baptism of their daughter, Nicole. Following the service a very enjoyable Bring and Share Harvest Lunch was held. Thank you to everyone for their contributions to the lunch.

**High Ash School** held their Harvest celebration in the church the following morning. Later that week two of the year groups made a special visit to the church, which we hope was interesting and informative for the children.

## **HANDEL'S MESSIAH**

The Music in the Brickhill's singers and musicians gave their sixth performance of Handel's Messiah on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> September. This year's performance was held at All Saints Church, Leighton Buzzard – the best performance yet! Well done to Jerry Breslin and all involved for their continual commitment.

## **SPONSORED BIKE RIDE**

All the sponsorship money for the Bucks Historic Churches Bike Ride has now been received – the event raised the fantastic sum of £481, half of the proceeds going to Bucks Historic Churches and the other half to our own church. Many thanks go to Andrew, Margretta, Jasper and Imogen Smith who joined Robin and Rosie riding round the churches. (The view from the Bow Brickhill tower was the highlight of the event!). Large thanks also to Juliet and Simon Bennett for hosting the barbeque in the evening.

## **THE SHOE BOX APPEAL**

A reminder about the Romanian Shoe Box Appeal. Anne Humphreys hopes that you will choose to contribute again this year, either by providing gifts for the boxes or by filling boxes. All the details are in the leaflet on the bookcase by the church door, or you can contact Anne (261345) for advice or information.

## **The MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING**

The event this year was held on **Friday 28<sup>th</sup> September at the Cricket Club**. There is no news yet as to how much was raised in support of the World's Biggest Coffee Morning.

## **ALAN HOWSON**

The funeral of **Alan Howson** was held here in the church on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> September – Alan will be remembered particularly for his enthusiastic and regular singing in the choir for many years. Please keep Alan's wife Hazel and family in your prayers.

## **BARN DANCE AT RECTORY FARM, SATURDAY 6<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER**

A most enjoyable Barn Dance was held yesterday evening at Rectory Farm. Thanks to Michael and Julia for hosting the event - the proceeds will be shared between the cricket club and the church.

## **AUTUMN CHURCHYARD TIDY-UP**

There are a number of jobs around the churchyard that could usefully be carried out before the bad weather sets in. Rather than have a specific tidy-up day, the PCC has agreed to let everyone decide if and when they would be able to offer any time to help with this work. A list of jobs to be done and contact details can be found on the back of this Pew Sheet. Any offer of help will be gratefully received.

**NEXT SUNDAY 14<sup>th</sup> October**, there will be a service of Morning Worship here in Great Brickhill at 9.30am, led by Jane Castle, and Evensong at 6.00pm led by the Rector and Phillipa.

- Bow Brickhill:- Harvest Family Service at 11.00am.
- Little Brickhill:- Morning Worship at 11.00am.
- Stoke Hammond:- Holy Communion at 9.30am.

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## **AUTUMN JOBS AROUND THE CHURCHYARD**

- 1. Gently remove all moss and vegetation from the base of the church walls and surface gutters.**
- 2. Cut suckers from the base of the tree trunks on either side of the church path.**
- 3. Dig out any brambles and ragwort on the north side of the church.**
- 4. Weed and tidy up the road round the war memorial and notice board.**
- 5. Remove weeds and cut out and treat the tree saplings (if possible with Root Rot or SBK) growing in amongst the large tomb on the north west corner of the church.**
- 6. Clear all ivy growing on the walls and fences at the west end of the church (but not any overhanging branches).**
- 7. Gently remove all vegetation growing in the churchyard wall to the south and east of the churchyard (adjoining Church Lane).**

**If anyone feels that they are able to carry out, or help with, any of the above jobs at any time that is convenient for them, please contact Phillipa before starting the work, to avoid any possible confusion or duplication of effort:-261521 or [neilacook@aol.com](mailto:neilacook@aol.com)**