

The Church of St Mary the Virgin, Great Brickhill

Sunday 14th October - The Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity.

Welcome to **Morning Worship** at which we welcome Jane Castle to lead the service, and to **Evensong**, led jointly by the Rector and Phillipa. Thank you to our two organists, Susan Noon and Paul Dickens.

You are warmly invited to join us after Morning Worship for refreshments and a chat.

The readings this morning are:

Amos 5: 6 - 7 & 10 - 15; Mark 10: 17 - 31

At Evensong the readings are:

Hebrews 4: 12 - 16; Mark 10: 17 - 31

The Psalm at Evensong is:- **Psalm 127**

THIS WEEK:

DROP-IN will be held in the Parish Hall tomorrow, **Monday 15th October**. The Post Office and refreshments will be available as usual.

House Communion will be held at 10.30am on **Wednesday, 17th October**. Everyone is welcome to join this celebration of Holy Communion at Knightleys, Heath Road.

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 23rd 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 - completed boxes please to Anne by Friday 26th October.

The MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING

The event this year was held on **Friday 28th September at the Cricket Club**. The fantastic total of £1153.24 was raised in support of the World's Biggest Coffee Morning. Thanks to all who made the event such a success.

KEITH HARTWELL

The funeral of **Keith Hartwell** was held here in the church on Friday. Please keep Keith's family in your prayers.

BARN DANCE AT RECTORY FARM, SATURDAY 6th OCTOBER

A most enjoyable Barn Dance was held last Saturday 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. The Raffle raised £189; the total raised from the evening will be reported as soon as known.

AUTUMN CHURCHYARD TIDY-UP

As reported last week 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 21st October, there will be a service of Holy Communion (Common Worship) here in Great Brickhill at 9.30am, led by the Rector.

- Bow Brickhill:- Mattins at 11.00am.
- Little Brickhill:- Harvest Family Service at 11.15am.
- Stoke Hammond:- Holy Communion at 8.30am.

General enquiries, please contact:-

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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

N.B. Some jobs have now been allocated but there is still a choice for anyone who would like to help.