

The Church of St Mary the Virgin, Great Brickhill

SUNDAY 11th AUGUST:- Eleventh Sunday after Trinity

We warmly welcome you to both of our services today. The service in the morning will be led by the Wardens and Evensong by Phillipa. Everyone is invited to stay after the morning service for refreshments and a chat.

The readings for today's services are:-

Morning Prayer:- **Genesis 15: 1 - 6; Luke 12: 32 - 40**

Evensong:- **Genesis 15: 1 - 6; Hebrews 11: 1 - 3, 8 - 16**

The form of this morning's service will not be the usual Morning Worship. Earlier this year we received from the diocese a "**Service of Morning Prayer on a Sunday**". It is designed to be used when a Minister fails to arrive for the Sunday Service, and to be led by a Churchwarden or Licensed Lay Minister. Rather than using this service for the first time in an emergency, it was felt it would be better to have a controlled trial of the service. Hence the Wardens will be leading the service this morning, knowing that they will be doing so in advance.

The specially printed Service Sheets should be easy to follow – **please join in the responses and all the words printed in bold**. The readings, prayers and hymns will be as if the usual form of service were being held. Due to the nature of the service it would not be normal for a sermon to be preached. The Rector and the Diocesan Liturgical Committee would very much welcome any feedback about this Service – please send any comments that you may have to Phillipa Cook:- 261521 pjcook6@gmail.com.

THIS WEEK:

The Rector is currently on his summer break. We do hope that John and Pauline enjoy their holiday on the Isle of Wight with Timothy and Clare, and other members of their family. If anyone needs to speak to a member of the clergy please contact one of the Wardens (contact details below).

Drop-in with the Post Office will be held, as usual on Monday afternoon, 12th August, at the Parish Hall.

Please note that the **Midweek Holy Communion Services** and the **Thursday Group** will resume after the summer break in September.

NEWS:

THE SPECIAL “BRING-AND-SHARE” FAMILY SERVICE at the end of July was a huge success. It was lovely to see so many young families at the service and to have the opportunity to share lunch together afterwards. Thank you to all who helped with the organisation.

READING GLASSES

There is now a pair of reading glasses available for emergency use in the vestry (unisex frames, + 2.0 lenses). If anyone finds they have come without their glasses, please ask the Warden on duty to borrow the spare pair.

CEMETERY WINDBREAK

The old bell frame timbers that were taken out of the tower during the bell restoration project are being used to form a windbreak in the cemetery. Yesterday there was a working party to carry out the first part of the work – thank you to those who turned up to help with the formation of the foundation. Next Saturday will see the start of the timbers being laid on the foundation. Anyone who feels they may be able to help, is asked to contact Simon Bennett who has drawn up the plans and is masterminding the construction of the windbreak:- 261210 or simon.bennett7@tesco.net.

SERVICES NEXT SUNDAY, 18th AUGUST:

There will be a service of **Holy Communion (Common Worship)** at **Great Brickhill at 9.30am**, led by the Rector. Other Services:-

Bow Brickhill:- Evensong at 6.00pm

Little Brickhill:- Family Service at 11.15am

Stoke Hammond:- Holy Communion at 8.30am

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