

The Church of St Mary the Virgin, Great Brickhill

SUNDAY, 22nd JUNE:- The First Sunday after Trinity

Welcome to our **Family Service** in which we will continue **the theme of Pentecost - hence the invitation for everyone to wear very bright clothing!** Thank you to those who have been involved with the planning of this morning's service and to Andrew and Margretta for accompanying the singing of some of our songs.

Everyone is invited to stay after the service for refreshments and a chat.

The reading this morning is:- **Acts 2: 1-8, 12-13**

SUNDAY SERVICE PATTERN: there are flyers available from the bookcase giving details of the **service pattern** across the benefice and also the details of **Family Services** for the next few months.

THIS WEEK AND NEXT:-

Drop-in with the Post Office will be held, as usual on Monday afternoon, 23rd June at the Parish Hall.

THE THURSDAY GROUP – the next fortnightly meeting will be held on Thursday 3rd July, 2.30pm at 30 Pound Hill.

NEWS & EVENTS:-

POP CONNECTIONS CONCERT, THURSDAY 12th JUNE

Following on from their annual curriculum week when the children worked with PopUK, a vibrant singing and recording project, High Ash held a community concert in the church on Thursday, 12th June. By all accounts the church was full to bursting, and a wonderful evening was enjoyed by all.

NEWS FROM NUEVO RETO

Charlotte Pritchard has kindly sent news from **Nuevo Reto**. She made a trip back to Guatemala earlier this year and has sent an update of what is happening at the orphanage. Her report is on a separate pink sheet - copies are available for collection from the bookcase.

LAST SUNDAY'S Garden Party at the Church

A very enjoyable Garden Party was held at the church last Sunday afternoon. The Brickhills Choir lead by Jerry, entertained everyone with some superb singing, a variety of music from across the ages. Starting with a set of 16th to 17th century pieces they finished with their piece de resistance, a rendition of the Magnificat - a Song for Mary, perfect for our St Mary's church. Tea and scones were then enjoyed outside in the churchyard. All in all, a splendid way to spend a summer afternoon – thanks to all who helped make it such a wonderful occasion.

Apologies to anyone who was disappointed that the short Evening Prayer Service was not held – for a number of reasons the service was cancelled at short notice.

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK, 11th to 17th MAY

Thank you to all those who helped with the house to house Christian Aid collection in the village. The fantastic sum of **£800.29** was raised, which was in excess of last year's figure. Many thanks to all those who gave so generously.

FAREWELL EVENT FOR BISHOP JOHN

Say Farewell to Bishop John at the **Diocese of Oxford's Grand Day Out! Saturday 20th September from 10.00 – 17.00**, Oxford City Centre. Everyone is invited to give thanks for Bishop John's ministry, for prayer and worship, a feast of different activities, a massive picnic on Christ Church Meadow and a huge open-air farewell Eucharist. For full information about the day, please go to www.oxford.anglican.org/granddayout .

SERVICES OVER THE NEXT TWO SUNDAYS:

Next Sunday, 29th June there will be a United Benefice Service of Holy Communion at Little Brickhill at 11.00am.

Sunday, 6th July:- Holy Communion (BCP), 11.00am at Great Brickhill. Bow Brickhill:- Evensong, 6.00pm; Little Brickhill:- Holy Communion, 9.00am; Stoke Hammond:- Family Service, 11.00am.

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