

The Church of St Mary the Virgin, Great Brickhill

SUNDAY, 6th JULY:- The Third Sunday after Trinity

Welcome to our Prayer Book Service of Holy Communion this morning when we welcome back Reverend Norman Thorp to lead our service. Sister Hazel may also be joining us to read the gospel and assist at communion.

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

The readings this morning are:-

Zechariah 9: 9-12; Romans 7: 15-25a; Matthew 11: 16-19, 25-30

Since our last service Val Baldwin has been busy moving house. Her phone number is now (01525) 237265; her e-mail address is unchanged. We wish Steve and Val well as they settle in their new home in Heath and Reach.

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, 7th July at the Parish Hall.

THE THURSDAY GROUP – the next fortnightly meeting will be held on Thursday 17th July, 2.30pm at 30 Pound Hill.

High Ash Prayer Meeting – the monthly prayer meeting will take place **this Friday, 11th July, 2.45 – 3.10pm**. All are welcome to join them for this last meeting before the summer holidays.

NEWS & EVENTS:-

Last Month's Garden Party at the Church

A very enjoyable Garden Party was held at the church on Sunday afternoon, 15th June. 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.

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 NEXT SUNDAY, 13th JULY:

In Great Brickhill there will be a service of Holy Communion (Common Worship), at **9.00am led by the Rector.**

Other Services across the Benefice:-

Bow Brickhill:- Family Service & Baptism, 11.00am

Little Brickhill:- No Service

Stoke Hammond:- Holy Communion, 9.00am.

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