

The Church of St Mary the Virgin, Great Brickhill

SUNDAY 14th JUNE 2015:- Second Sunday after Trinity

THEFT OF LEAD:

Thank you for coming to the church this morning. Unfortunately we will not be able to hold a service here today. Between Thursday evening and yesterday a substantial amount of lead was stripped from the north side of the church roof. With the large amount of rainfall yesterday water has poured into the church, running down the north wall. The water has collected in the ceiling and there is a chance that parts of the ceiling may collapse.

It was therefore decided last night that for safety reasons the church will remain locked for the time being. The insurance company has arranged for contractors to come today to make a temporary repair to make the roof water tight.

The permanent repair is likely to take some time to arrange and it will inevitably be a costly exercise. The insurance will cover some of the cost but there is likely to be a large shortfall.

THIS WEEK:-

Due to the damage caused by the water coming in through the roof, at the time of writing, **it is unclear whether The Happy Cup Coffee Club, can proceed on Monday morning.** Please check later today once the decision has been made as to whether it can go ahead – contact Christine 261527 or Phillipa 261521.

Drop-in with the Post Office will be held on Monday afternoon, 15th June at the Parish Hall.

The Thursday Group. The next fortnightly meeting will be this coming **Thursday 18th June**, 2.30pm at 30 Pound Hill, a chance to meet up for a cup of tea and a chat. All welcome.

NEWS & EVENTS:-

NEWSPAPER COLLECTION:

Thank you to those who helped load the first set of newspapers onto the lorry last month. A total of **6.96 tonnes** was transferred onto the lorry, which raised **£417.60**. Thank you to Michael and Julia for providing the container at Lower Rectory Farm and to Frank and Betty for their fortnightly collection of newspapers from around the village.

SUMMER WALK AND BREAKFAST, SUNDAY 31st MAY:

A good crowd gathered at Rectory Farm for a very enjoyable, if rather damp early morning Farm Walk followed by breakfast. Thank you to Michael, Julia and Tom for hosting the event, which raised **£402** for church funds.

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK:

The Christian Aid house to house collection round the village raised the amazing sum of **£950.66**, a terrific increase on last year's £800 total. Thanks to the collectors and to all who gave so generously.

LITTLE BRICKHILL OPEN GARDENS:

There will be at least nine gardens open on the weekend of the **27th and 28th June** between 2.00 - 6.00pm. Plus plants for sale and miniature train rides. The church will be open and there will be delicious homemade cakes. All proceeds go to church funds.

CRYERS SUMMER CONCERT & GARDEN PARTY:

"In Old England, Jolly Good Times" with The Sands Cryers Choir - summery songs and cream teas in and around the Church on **Sunday 5th July 2015 at 2.30pm**. The Sands Cryers sing songs and ballads from the time before the gramophone, the CD and iTunes. Come and hear music enjoyed by the villagers of Great Brickhill in days gone by. Admission free but donations will be requested and shared by St Mary's Church and Macmillan Nurses.

CHRISTMAS FAIR - SCARVES WANTED:

An appeal please for anyone who has unwanted scarves to donate them for the Christmas Fair as there will be a Scarf Stall at this year's Fair on Saturday 28th November. Either leave them in the vestry or give them to one of the Wardens or to any PCC member.

SERVICES ON SUNDAY, 21st JUNE:

There will be a service of Evensong at 6.00pm in Great Brickhill, led by Jeremy.

Other Services across the Benefice next Sunday:-

Bow Brickhill:- [Church open, 10.00 - 11.00am]

Little Brickhill:- Family Service at 11.00am

Stoke Hammond:- Holy Communion at 9.00am

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