

The Church of St Mary the Virgin, Great Brickhill

SUNDAY 4th OCTOBER 2015:- Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity

Welcome to our Prayer Book Service of Holy Communion this morning led by the Revd. Norman Thorp. We hope that Sister Hazel will feel well enough to join us.

The readings this morning are:-

Genesis 2: 7-9, 3: 1-7; Hebrews 1: 1-4, 2: 5-18; Mark 10: 13-16

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

THIS WEEK:-

The Happy Cup Coffee Club, the child-friendly weekly drop-in coffee morning, especially welcoming parents and carers of young children is held **every Monday during term time in the church, from 9.15am to 11.15am. All welcome – not obligatory to bring a child with you!**

Drop-in with the Post Office will be held on Monday afternoon, 5th October at the Parish Hall. The second of the “**Swap Shops**” for the Shoe Box appeal will be held the following Monday, 12th October – see details in item below.

Thursday Group - the next fortnightly meeting will be held this coming **Thursday 8th October at Knightleys, Heath Road – please note the change of venue.** Meet at 2.30+

pm for a cup of tea and a chat. **All are welcome to attend.**

High Ash would welcome anyone who would like to attend **their monthly Prayer Meeting this Friday, 9th October 2.45 - 3.10pm.**

NEWS & EVENTS:

The SAFARI SUPPER last Saturday was a very happy and successful evening. Thank you to Julia and Gill and all the hosts - a wonderful £435 was raised, which included some donations which were gift aided.

“LINK TO HOPE” CHARITY SHOE BOX APPEAL:

Last year the Brickhills sent off 84 boxes - it would be wonderful if we could better that this year and make many more poor families

happy at Christmas time. The contents of the shoeboxes are taken and distributed directly to the impoverished of Romania, Bulgaria, Moldova and Ukraine, wherever the need is greatest. The shoeboxes provide these very poor people with items that they only may dream about; that make their existence more tolerable and comfort them in the knowledge that they have not been forgotten. Each (size 9) shoebox needs a form for customs - the necessary forms are on the bookcase just inside the church, with some literature about the charity and some other activities it runs.

There will be **another “Swap Shop” at Drop In, on Monday 12th October** where you can take or pick up items that would help fill corners of your boxes. All the boxes need to be with Rosie Dawson (Tel: 261425) by the end of October.

BOOKLET PUBLISHED BY THE RECTOR:

The Rector has written a booklet about being a carer, and supporting carers. Full details are available via the following link:-
<http://grovebooks.co.uk/products/p142-caring-for-the-carers-insights-for-carers-and-those-in-pastoral-ministry>

THE RECTOR’S CHANGE OF E-MAIL ADDRESS:

Please note that the Rector’s e-mail address has changed – John’s old “.....@virgin.net” email address will soon be withdrawn. Please use:- “rector@brickhillschurches.org.uk”

SERVICES ON SUNDAY, 11th OCTOBER:

There will be a service of Holy Communion (Common Worship) at 9.30am in Great Brickhill, led by the Rector.

Other Services across the Benefice next Sunday:-

Bow Brickhill:- Harvest Family Service, 11.00am

Little Brickhill:- No Service

Stoke Hammond:- Holy Communion (CW), 9.00am

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