

# **The Church of St Mary the Virgin, Great Brickhill**

## **SUNDAY 28th August 2016:- Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity**

Welcome to our United Benefice Service of Holy Communion this morning, led by the Revd Norman Thorp. Thank you to Jerry for playing the organ for us and to the choir who will be leading our singing. Everyone is welcome to stay after the service for coffee and a chat.

The readings this morning are:-

**Proverbs 25: 6-7; Hebrews 13: 1-8, 15-16; Luke 14: 1, 7-14**

**This weekend is our History Weekend – you will see the splendid selection of old photographs and artefacts on display around the church. Those who were present at the Preview on Friday were treated to a very informative talk by Christine. This afternoon there will be more items on display and there will be a short guided walk starting at 2.00pm, and then there will be tea and refreshments available. All donations are in aid of St Mary’s Church. Thank you to all those who have worked so hard to make the weekend such a success.**

### **THIS WEEK AND NEXT:-**

**The Happy Cup Coffee Club**, the weekly Monday child-friendly drop-in coffee morning for parents and carers of young children, is taking a break until after the summer holidays. **It will re-start next term on Monday 5th September.**

**Drop-in with the Post Office** at the Parish Hall will not be held tomorrow, 29th August as it is a Bank Holiday.

**Thursday Group** is taking a break over the summer, resuming on Thursday 15th September.

### **NEWS & EVENTS:-**

#### **“LINK TO HOPE” SHOEBOX CHARITY**

A reminder to all those who would like to take part in this charity appeal that this year’s forms are available from the bookcase in the church or from Rosie Dawson (261425). Those who have been helped in the past are desolate and impoverished people in Moldova, Bulgaria, Ukraine and Romania. In filling and sending a shoebox with suggested items it gives these people renewed hope.

## **THEFT OF LEAD**

Unfortunately the church has been targeted yet again – some time between 5pm on Tuesday and the following afternoon an amount of lead was stolen from the north west side of the church roof, and also from the porch on the south side. Leo Knight, our roofing contractor, very kindly came to do a temporary repair and so the roof is now watertight. If anyone has any information please let Julia know. The theft has been reported to the Police and insurers.

## **SPONSORED “RIDE & STRIDE”**

This annual Bicycle Ride, Horse Ride and Walk will take place on Saturday 10th September, from 10.00am to 6.00pm. Held in aid of Bucks Historic Churches Trust the money goes half towards the local church and half to the Trust for repair of churches. Anyone interested in taking part, or wanting to find out more about the event, contact the local organiser:-

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## **ADVANCE DATES FOR THE DIARY**

Vivaldi and Messiah Concert in aid of Willen Hospice here in the church on the evening of **Sunday 25th September**.

Harvest Family Service on **Sunday 2nd October** at 11.00am, followed by a Bring and Share Harvest Lunch.

## **SERVICES ON SUNDAYS IN SEPTEMBER:**

**Please note that the September services across the Benefice differ from the normal monthly pattern.** The Rector is away and it has been difficult to find clergy cover for Communion services, hence the need for the change for this month only.

**Next Sunday, 4th September** the services across the Benefice:-

**Great Brickhill:-** Holy Communion (BCP), 11.00am [The Rector]

**Bow Brickhill:-** Holy Communion, 6.00pm [ The Rector ]

**Little Brickhill:-** Holy Communion, 9.30am [ The Rector ]

**Stoke Hammond:-** Family Service, Harvest Festival in the  
Methodist Church, 11.00am

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