

The Church of St Mary the Virgin, Great Brickhill

SUNDAY 18th September 2016:- Seventeenth after Trinity

Welcome to our Service of Evensong, led by Jeremy. Thank you to Jerry for playing the organ for us and to the choir who will be accompanying our singing.

The readings this evening are:-

Amos 8: 4 - 7; Luke 16: 1 - 13; Psalm 113

The stone mason has been working in the church this week to remove the plinth from the altar in the Lady Chapel and to take away the over-hang on the base of the font. This will make both areas safer and the space in the Lady Chapel more versatile.

THIS WEEK AND NEXT:-

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 morning 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 as usual on Monday afternoon, 19th September at the Parish Hall.

Thursday Group. The next fortnightly meeting will be held on Thursday 29th September at 30 Pound Hill – meet at 2.30pm for a cup of tea and a chat. All are welcome to attend.

NEXT SUNDAY:- Vivaldi and Messiah Concert in aid of Willen Hospice here in the church **at 7.00pm on Sunday 25th September**. Tickets £7.50, available from Jerry Breslin (01908 582952) or at the door.

NEWS & EVENTS:-

HISTORY WEEKEND:

What a wonderful selection of photographs and other artefacts were on display. Thank you to Gill, Val and Julia, and all involved with the organization – special thanks to Christine for a fantastic talk on the Friday evening and for organising the walk on Sunday. An amazing number of people came through the door and everyone was very generous with their donations:- **£777** (much of it gift aided) was raised, spread evenly over the three days.

THE SPONSORED “RIDE & STRIDE”, the annual Bicycle Ride, Horse Ride and Walk took place last Saturday. What a shame that the weather was so awful - well done to all those who braved the elements. Held in aid of Bucks Historic Churches Trust the money raised goes half towards the local church and half to the Trust for church repairs.

NEWSPAPER COLLECTION:

Thank you to those who met at Rectory Farm on a Saturday morning in August to transfer the load of newspapers from the containers onto the lorry. The amount raised was £150 (the price per tonne has unfortunately dropped to £35).

“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.

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, 25th September:- There will be a **Said Service of Mattins here at 11.00am**, led by Jeremy and Phillipa.

Other Services across the Benefice:-

Bow Brickhill:- Mattins at 9.00am

Little Brickhill:- No Service

Stoke Hammond:- Morning Worship at 9.00am

ADVANCE DATE FOR THE DIARY:

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

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