

The Church of St Mary the Virgin, Great Brickhill

SUNDAY 25th September 2016:- Eighteenth after Trinity

Welcome to our Prayer Book service of Mattins this morning, led by Jeremy and Phillipa - this will be a Said service. There will not be coffee this morning as the final rehearsal for this evening's concert will begin soon after the end of the service.

The readings this morning are:-

Amos 6: 1a, 4 - 7; Luke 16: 19 - 31; Psalm 146

The Vivaldi and Messiah Concert in aid of Willen Hospice takes place **this evening here in the church at 7.00pm**. Tickets £7.50, available at the door.

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, 26th September at the Parish Hall.

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

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 on 10th September. 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.

STONE WORK:

The stone mason worked in the church last week to remove the plinth from the altar in the Lady Chapel and to take away the overhang on the base of the font. This will make both areas safer and the space in the Lady Chapel more versatile.

“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/OCTOBER:

The Rector has been away and it has been difficult to find clergy cover for Communion services during September, hence there was a need for a change to the service pattern. The services return to normal in October.

Next Sunday, 2nd October:-

Harvest Family Service here at 11.00am led by the Rector, followed by a **Bring and Share Harvest Lunch**.

Other Services across the Benefice:-

Bow Brickhill:- Evensong at 6.00pm

Little Brickhill:- Holy Communion at 9.30am

Stoke Hammond:- Family Service at 11.00am

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