

The Church of St Mary the Virgin, Great Brickhill

SUNDAY 6th November 2016:- Third Sunday before Advent

Welcome to our Prayer Book Service of Holy Communion this morning led by the Rector. We hope that Sister Hazel will feel well enough to join us. Everyone is invited to stay after the service for coffee and a chat.

The bible reading this morning is:-

Job 19: 23-27a; 2 Thessalonians 2: 1-5, 13-17; Luke 20: 27-38

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!

Village Drop In and Post Office. Our Post Lady, Paula, retired on 24th October. Swanbourne no longer have anybody to attend the outreaches and therefore we no longer have a Post Office on a Monday afternoon. Drop In will continue, so please call in for a cup of tea, slice of cake and a chat. Swanbourne are talking to Royal Mail to try to get another Post Office to take over in the future.

Thursday Group. The next fortnightly meeting will be held on Thursday, 10th November at 30 Pound Hill – meet at 2.30pm 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 11th November, 2.45 – 3.10pm.

NEWS & EVENTS:-

CHRISTMAS COFFEE MORNING, SATURDAY 10th DECEMBER:

A Christmas Coffee Morning will be held in the church on Saturday 10th December, from 10.00am to 12 noon:-

Christmas Cake Raffle; Tombola; Bric-a-brac; Gill-y-Anne Art

Please sort out any unwanted gifts or items you can spare, plus bottles, jars, tins etc. Tickets for the Christmas cake are already on sale at £1 each – contact Julia 261213 or Janet Pritchard 261573. The cake has kindly been decorated by Jackie Coram (photos of the cake can be seen on the bookcase just inside the church).

CHARITY SONGS OF PRAISE:-

This year's Charity Songs of Praise will be held on **Sunday 20th November at 5.00pm**. If you would like to suggest a hymn, bible reading, poem or prose extract along the **theme of 'LIGHT'** please send your **requests by the end of today** to:- Julia 261213 juliaturner.jt@icloud.com or Phillipa 261521 pjcook6@gmail.com

Each year St Mary's Church supports a particular charity. This year we have chosen '**SolarAid**' and at the special service of Songs of Praise, donations will be received to help provide solar lights to transform peoples' lives in Africa. Donations can be received until 18th December. For more information see the notice board in the church porch or visit:- www.solar-aid.org

"LINK TO HOPE" SHOEBOX CHARITY:

All the shoeboxes had to be with Rosie Dawson by the end of October. Thank you to all who took part in this venture.

REMEMBRANCE SERVICES:

The annual Remembrance Sunday Service in Great Brickhill will be held **next Sunday, 13th November at 10.50am**. Edward Maley has again kindly made all the arrangements for this service. The collection will be for The Poppy Appeal and there will be special gift aid envelopes available – these will need your signature if you wish for us to claim the tax back.

After the service members of the congregation are invited to join servicemen, ex-servicemen and their families in the Cricket Club for drinks and canapés (voluntary donations will be welcome).

There will also be a short service of commemoration in church on Friday 11th November at 10.45am with laying of a wreath in the Lady Chapel.

There will not be a Pew Sheet next Sunday - services on the following **SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 20th will be:- "Charity Songs of Praise"** here in Great Brickhill at **5.00pm** – see item above.

Other Services across the Benefice:

Bow Brickhill:- Church open, 10.00 – 11.00am.

Little Brickhill:- Family at 11.00am.

Stoke Hammond:- Holy Communion at 9.00am.

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