

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

## **SUNDAY 8th July 2018:- The Sixth Sunday after Trinity**

Welcome to our service of Holy Communion (Common Worship) this morning led by the Rector. Thank you to Susan for playing the organ for us today.

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

### **The readings this morning are:-**

**Ezekiel 2: 1 - 5;    2 Corinthians 12: 2 - 10;    Mark 6: 1 - 13**

### **“OUR VILLAGE” – PAST & PRESENT:**

You will see the photographs displayed around the church, an exhibition of scenes from around the village, past and present. The photos will remain on display for a few more days if you wish to return to have another look, or bring some friends along to view them. Also on display are some stained-glass windows formerly from Elstree School, which have been offered to us should we wish to have them. Please do not touch them as they are only temporarily in situ.

### **THIS AFTERNOON – “KING JAMES – A ROYAL PROGRESS”:**

Renaissance music for a summer afternoon in the church at 2.30pm – the sort of songs and music the villagers of Great Brickhill might have heard during the reign of King James 1. The Cryers, an early music group based in Woburn Sands, accompanied by local musicians will perform songs with dances of the period. Cream Teas will be available. Donations for St Mary’s Church.

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

**The Happy Cup Coffee Club**, the child-friendly drop-in coffee morning for parents and carers **is held on Monday mornings during term time in the church from 9.15am to 11.15am.**

**The Village Drop-In is held on Monday afternoons** at the Parish Hall, from **1.30 - 3.30pm**, so please call in for a cup of tea, slice of cake and a chat. **The Post Office in the Parish Hall is open on Mondays, from 1pm to 3pm** in the small meeting room.

## **NEWS AND EVENTS**

### **NEWS FROM GUATEMALA FOLLOWING THE VOLCANO:**

Janet Pritchard has kindly sent us this news from Guatemala:-

“In 2007 and subsequent years the PCC and members of the congregation kindly gave financial support to Nuevo Reto, an orphanage in Guatemala, at which Charlotte Pritchard spent many months over a period of years visiting and helping. Following the devastating volcanic eruption this week Charlotte has been able to make contact with Nuevo Reto and the family in the village which kindly 'adopted' her during her visits. Everyone Charlotte knows is safe. Nuevo Reto has taken in some single mothers and their children to help. The women in the family have been trained as Fire Fighters and therefore are helping with the rescue efforts. I know your prayers will be much appreciated”.

### **LITTLE BRICKHILL & STOKE HAMMOND NEWS:**

Little Brickhill and Stoke Hammond news is uploaded to the website in the “Little Brickhill” and “Stoke Hammond” sections.

Forthcoming events:

- **Little Brickhill Summer Fete next Saturday 14th July** from 2.00pm to 4.30pm in the garden of The Stables, Woburn Road. Steam train rides, bouncy castle, games, stalls and cream teas.
- **Stoke Hammond Church Fete on Saturday 21st July** from 1.00pm to 4.00pm at St Luke’s Church. Tombola, games, a raffle and refreshments as well as various stalls including a cake stall.

### **SERVICES ON SUNDAY, 15th JULY:**

There will be an **Evensong service at 6.00pm in Great Brickhill**, led by Phillipa. **This will clash with the end of the World Cup Final** – please visit the website or look at the notice board by the gate later this week to **check if the service will be going ahead as planned.**

Other Services across the Benefice:-

**Bow Brickhill:-** [ Church open, 10.00 - 11.00am ]

**Little Brickhill:- Family Service at 11am in a tent in the garden of The Stables, Woburn Road (music by Andrew Smith).**

**Stoke Hammond:-** Holy Communion at 9.00am

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