

Church News - July 2019

Review:



Garden party and BBQ: We couldn't have asked for better weather for our Garden party and BBQ – what a glorious day it was and we all thoroughly enjoyed a relaxing time eating delicious burgers and hot dogs (washed down with a glass of something!) in John's garden. Children were kept amused by the games and enjoyed themselves as

well! Let's hope we're blessed with the same good weather next year. If you enjoyed yourself, tell your friends and invite them next year!

Church Fete: Many thanks to all our bric-a-brac and tombola donors, helpers, stall holders, cake bakers, barbecuers and those who came to spend or just enjoy the day. Despite overcast weather, a sudden heavy shower and gusts of wind that blew a gazebo over(!), those who attended thoroughly enjoyed the fete. Those that didn't attend missed out on Gillian's exquisite "Wimbledon" cake (with strawberries and cream of course!) Takings were a only little down on last year, but we've put that down to the weather and the fact that a lot of people who would normally have come were away that weekend!

Community Breakfast: Another busy Community breakfast this month, with several newcomers and lots of children! Our collection for the Food cupboard also did very well – many thanks to donors.



Afternoon tea: The afternoon tea was relatively quiet this month, but we welcomed lots of folk from outside the village. Visitors are always more than welcome, so if you have friends visiting for the weekend please invite them to join us!

Forthcoming events:

Prayer meetings: Prayer meetings are open to all denominations so please join us if you want to! There'll be meetings at **8pm** on **Wed 10th and 24th July** at **The Birches, Church Rd.** If you'd like to join us or would like prayers for someone, please call John, (we sometimes change times and dates). **Prayer request cards** are available at the Community breakfast or from the church. We can't guarantee that your prayers will be answered but we can guarantee that someone will listen and care about your concern, and hopefully that we'll make you feel better!



Community Breakfasts: Community Breakfast will be held on **13th July**. Breakfast can be ordered **from 8.30 till 10.30am**. We've been delighted at the success of our breakfasts over the past few years and are still getting newcomers joining us for the first time! There is no charge but if you'd like to make a donation, feel free to pay what you think the breakfast is worth or what you can afford.



Afternoon teas: We've decided to try something new for our next afternoon teas and will be holding a short service after the teas similar to the Cafe church breakfast services we sometimes hold in the mornings. The date is **Sunday 28th July from 3-5pm** in the church and the short service will start at 5pm. We hope you'll embrace this new time service and look forward to seeing you all!



Barn Dance: In case you haven't heard(!) we're holding a Barn Dance this summer on **Saturday 20th July** at the Stoke Hammond Community Centre (with marquee). Ticket price includes a pig roast roll and the village show association are providing the bar. Tickets cost £10 for adults and £5 for children and are selling fast, so book yours now!



Special events:

Buckinghamshire Historic Churches Trust Ride and Stride: This is an annual event that our Churchwarden Harry takes part in every year. Participants are sponsored to walk or ride (usually a bike, but horses as well!) around as many churches as they can between **10am** and **6pm** on the second Saturday in September, which is **14th September** this year.



Sponsorship money collected is divided equally by BHCT, half the proceeds going to the trust and the other half going to a church of your choice (in Harry's case, St Luke's). Whether you're a cyclist, a (horse) rider or a walker, and you think you'd like to take part, please contact Harry (see below) or go online to:

<https://bucks-historic-churches.org/ride-stride/>

Dates for your diary:

Harvest festival & Harvest Lunch 6th October



Future Fundraising events:

An evening with local author Jack Sheffield: 14th September (SHCC)

Christmas Fayre: 30th November

Church Benefice Website: www.brickhillschurches.org.uk



St Luke's offers Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals and other services according to your needs (thanksgiving for the birth of a child, blessing of a wedding, etc.) Please contact the Rector or a Churchwarden if you'd like to discuss your situation.

The church is located at the top of Church Rd, off Newton Rd.

If you'd like to come to a service, church service times are listed on the website, with the Rector's contact details. His phone goes straight to an answerphone but he'll reply as soon as he's able, or contact a Churchwarden. The Rector's day off is Monday.

If you would like to come to church but have mobility problems please ring John (see below) regarding transport. If you would like to volunteer to help, have a prayer request or enquiry, please ring **Churchwardens: Harry, on 07773065271; Diane, on 270409 or Treasurer: John, on 270202.**