

The Church of St Mary the Virgin, Great Brickhill

SUNDAY 13th OCTOBER 2019: Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity

Welcome to our service of Holy Communion (Common Worship) led by the Rector. Thank you to Susan Noon for playing the organ for us this morning. Everyone is invited to stay after the service for coffee and a chat. The readings this morning are: -

2 Kings 5: 1-3, 7-15b; 2 Timothy 2: 8-15; Luke 17: 11-19

YESTERDAY'S "SWEET MUSIC" CONCERT in the Parish Hall was a great success. The event was a total sell-out – all who attended had a thoroughly enjoyable time. Thanks to Butch Baker for gathering together so many musically talented, local performers. Thanks also to those who provided such a wonderful selection of sweets. The amount raised will be notified next week.

THIS WEEK AND NEXT:-

The Happy Cup Coffee Club, the child-friendly drop-in coffee morning for parents and carers **is held every Monday morning in the church from 10.00am to 11.15am during term time.**

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.

The Prayer Group is held at 11.00am in church on the second and fourth Mondays of each month. Do come early around 10.45am to enjoy a cup of coffee and a chat with one another and with the young families gathering in the Chapel area. **The next meetings of the Prayer Group will be held tomorrow, Monday 14th, and 28th October. There is an e-mail Prayer Chain** for those who meet together. Anyone who wishes a prayer to be included at any time should contact:- Valerie Kerr (valeriejkerr@hotmail.com) or Mary Maley (mary@maley.org.uk).

NEWS AND EVENTS:-

CHARITY SONGS OF PRAISE IN JULY:

You will recall that our chosen charity was the RNLI. The appeal was left open until the beginning of September when the funds raised

were sent to the RNLI. We have received a note of thanks from them for the amount raised £406.

THE HARVEST CELEBRATIONS:

Thank you to those who decorated the church for the Harvest celebrations and to those who contributed to the service and helped with the Bring and Share Lunch – it was wonderful that the choir were able to attend and sing a couple of anthems. Arrangements are being made for the Harvest gifts to be taken to a local Food Bank. Those of you who were present will know that Revd Norman Thorp was able to join us. He had recently advised us that he was retiring from taking services and we took the opportunity to give him a thank you gift for his help over many years. He has sent the following message:-

“Thank you for the generous hamper containing many local as well as other delicious items presented to me at the Harvest Thanksgiving Service at Great Brickhill last Sunday. It was a lovely thought and graciously appreciated”.

LINK TO HOPE CHARITY SHOEBOX APPEAL:

Forms for the 2019 “Link to Hope” charity shoebox appeal may be obtained from a clip board on the bookcase by the porch door for those who would like to support this charity. **The shoeboxes should be returned to Rosie by the end of October:-**

01525 261425 Robin.Rosie@zen.co.uk

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY:-

Advent Fair in the church on Sunday afternoon, 1st December 2.00 - 5.00pm. Donations are requested of unwanted scarves and jewellery, to be given to us or left in the vestry for a church stall.

SERVICES NEXT WEEK, SUNDAY 20th OCTOBER:

There will be a service of Evensong at 6.00pm in Great Brickhill, led by Jeremy.

Other Services across the Benefice:-

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

Little Brickhill:- Harvest Family Service at 11.00am

Stoke Hammond:- Holy Communion at 9.00am celebrating
St Luke’s Patronal Festival

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