

The Church of St Mary the Virgin, Great Brickhill

Sunday 16th August 2026 – the Eleventh Sunday after Trinity

Welcome to this morning's Family Service, which will be led by Phillipa. Thank you to Jerry for providing the music for our singing today.

We will hear the Bible reading: Matthew 14: 22 - 3 which recounts Jesus walking on the Sea of Galilee to reach His disciples' boat during a storm, Peter briefly walking on the water with Him, and the disciples worshipping Jesus as the Son of God

The collection plate will be passed round during the final hymn. If you prefer to give your collection via our **debit/credit card device**, **please see Phillipa after the service.**

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

RECRUITMENT OF RECTOR:

There is no real update with regard to the vacancy. After the regulatory break, starting from 31st July, the post is being re-advertised. The applications close on 27th August.

HARVEST CELEBRATIONS:

Early notice of our Harvest Celebrations on Sunday 20th September:-
11.00 Harvest Family Service followed by a Bring & Share Lunch

SAD NEWS:

We were sad to hear the news that Gwen Abraham died last weekend. We send our condolences to Edward and all his family and friends.

NEWS FROM THE RECTOR:

Below is a message received from John Waller:-

"We used some of the benefice's very generous farewell gift money for Tim, Claire and the girls and I to join an extended family outing to 'Matilda: The Musical' in Birmingham - we all enjoyed it a lot (especially our Matilda!). Thanks again for the very generous gifts. I am generally getting on well, beginning to feel settled here, and enjoying exploring Worcester - often by walking from my flat."

BUCKS HISTORIC CHURCHES RIDE & STRIDE:

The annual Sponsored Ride & Stride will take place **on Saturday 12th September between 10am and 6pm**. The church will be open for visitors during that time. If you would like more details visit:

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

The Ride is run in conjunction with the National Churches Trust to assist the preservation of all our historic Churches. Coupled with that is a **Heritage weekend** in Milton Keynes - **Bow Brickhill being within the MK boundary, will have their church tower open**. There are spectacular views from there, and also there will be tea and cake to enjoy.

THE BABY & TODDLER GROUP TAKING A BREAK:

The Monday morning Baby & Toddler Group is taking a break over the summer holidays. The sessions will resume on Monday 7th September.

DURING THE INTERREGNUM,

If anyone has any pastoral concerns, please contact:

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General enquiries to Phillipa - details below

FORTHCOMING SERVICES:

Next Sunday, 23rd August there will be just one service in the Benefice:- 10am Benefice Holy Communion at Stoke Hammond, which will be led by Revd Canon Val Plumb

This is a joint service for everyone in the four villages of the Brickhills & Stoke Hammond.

The following week, 30th August, is a fifth Sunday in the month and we are having a different sort of Benefice service here in Great Brickhill:- 10am Forest Church, a service for everyone in the four villages of the Brickhills and Stoke Hammond

Meet at the church for an outdoor service at 10am, a short all-age act of worship for all the family and then back to the church for refreshments.

During the vacancy, clergy cover is being arranged, and all services should be held as normal.

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