

The Church of St Mary the Virgin, Great Brickhill

Sunday 17th August 2025 – The Ninth Sunday after Trinity celebrating our Patron Saint, the Blessed Virgin Mary

Welcome to our Family Service today when we will be joined by family and friends of Michael & Katherine Gurtenne on the occasion of the baptism of their daughters, Sophia and Holly. Andrew & Margretta will be providing the music for our songs and Sophia will be leading our singing.

There is no activity for the children this morning but there are colouring sheets and toys in the Lady Chapel.

The reading this morning is:- Luke 1: 46-55 (Mary's Song)

The collection plate will be passed round during the final hymn. Please use the Gift Aid envelopes provided if you are able to. 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.

DATE FOR HARVEST CELEBRATION:

Our Harvest celebration will be slightly different this year. The service will be in the afternoon:-

Sunday 14th September 4pm Harvest All-age service,
followed by tea and cake.

SAD NEWS:

We were sad to hear the news that John Wales died in hospital last Sunday. John had been Churchwarden at Bow Brickhill for many years and he will be sadly missed. His funeral will be held in the church at 3.00pm on Tuesday 26th August.

BELLS:

As part of the nationwide remembrance for VJ Day, bellringers were encouraged to ring to honour those who served in the Far East. Thank you to those who rang our bells on Friday evening.

"PATHWAYS" MAGAZINE:

The Summer edition of Pathways, the magazine for the people of the Diocese of Oxford, is now available – a copy can be downloaded from the website:- <https://www.oxford.anglican.org/pathways>

VOLUNTEER ROTA:

The rotas for September to December have now been drawn up. Thank you to all those who have volunteered to help with the various tasks. We are however short of people to do the cleaning. If anyone feels they could help with this, please get in touch - it means spending a couple of hours every two months.

MILK BOTTLE TOPS:

The collection of plastic milk bottle/soft drink tops for BAMK UK has been paused for the time being. Thank you to all who have supported this initiative over the last few months. This was to enable the Ukrainian army to buy drones.

BUCKS HISTORIC CHURCHES RIDE & STRIDE:

The annual Sponsored Ride & Stride will take place **on Saturday 13th 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 for those who don't like heights, there will be tea and cake to enjoy.

ADVANCE NOTICE:

Macmillan Coffee Morning on **Friday 26th September** at the Cricket Club from 9am to 12 noon. Everyone is welcome to attend this village event in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support.

SERVICES IN THE NEXT TWO WEEKS:

The service pattern for August is slightly different as there are five Sundays in the month, one of which is the Bank Holiday weekend.

Next Sunday 24th August, there will be just one service in the Benefice:- 10am Benefice Holy Communion at Stoke Hammond

The next service here will be on Sunday, 31st August:-
10am Morning Worship

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