

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

**SUNDAY 17th OCTOBER 2021:**

**20th Sunday after Trinity celebrating St Luke**

Welcome to our Family Service, which will be led by the Rector. We are delighted that Andrew and Margretta will be providing the music for us this morning and Sophia will be leading our singing. Everyone is invited to stay after the service for coffee and a chat.

The readings for this morning are:-

**Isaiah 35: 3 – 6** (from the St. Luke's day readings)

**Luke 24: 36 – 40** which goes with the theme of the service relating to healing - as we go through life we all have scars, and Jesus did too. Scars can remind us about times of hurt and pain, but they can also be signs of hope.

Most of the Covid recommendations have been relaxed and we will be standing to sing our hymns.

The collection/envelopes should be placed in the plate on the table in the cross aisle before the start of the service.

**LAST SUNDAY'S Service of Thanksgiving** was a joyous occasion and Bishop Alan treated us to an uplifting sermon. As you know we had been waiting for this moment for many years and it was a very fitting way to mark this milestone in our history. It was wonderful to see, especially after the last 18 months we have all endured, the church really come to life, beautifully decorated and full of people who were so obviously pleased to be celebrating with us. A recording of Bishop Alan's sermon has been uploaded to You Tube:-

<https://youtu.be/Qh07Zfb3QfU>

## **HIGH ASH SCHOOL:**

Years 3 & 4 came to the church on Wednesday for their Harvest service. It was almost two years since these children had been able to come to the church. Some of the pupils at the school wrote some Harvest prayers and the cards are on view on the bookcase.

## **CHURCH OPENING:**

A reminder that the church is now open daily from 10am and 4pm. In the porch is a copy of the Parish Newsletter for those to read who do not have access to the internet.

## **LINK TO HOPE” SHOEBOX APPEAL:**

A reminder that the completed shoe boxes need to be with Rosie Dawson by 27th October:- 261521 [robin.rosie@zen.co.uk](mailto:robin.rosie@zen.co.uk)

## **CHRISTMAS FAIR, SATURDAY 4th DECEMBER:**

A date for the diaries – a Christmas Fair will be held in the church on Saturday, 4th December from 10am - 1pm. More details to follow.

## **THE VILLAGE NATIVITY, SUNDAY 19th DECEMBER:**

Provided that there are no further lock downs, The Village Nativity will take place on Sunday, 19th December at 11am on the Cricket Field. Our Christmas Eve Carol Service and Christmas Day service will also go ahead as in previous years.

## **NEXT SERVICES IN GREAT BRICKHILL:**

There are no more services here in October.

The next two services here will be:-

November 7th: 9.30 Holy Communion

**November 14th: 10.50 Remembrance Sunday Service**

## **Services in the Benefice to the end of October:-**

October 24th:

9.30	(Stoke Hammond)	Holy Communion
11.00	(Little Brickhill)	Family Service
11.00	(Bow Brickhill)	Mattins (BCP)

October 31st:

18.00	(Little Brickhill)	All Souls Benefice Service
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[ This is the annual service in which we remember with thanksgiving all those we know who have died in recent times, those who lived local to us and those who lived further away.]

**Please note that there will not be a written or recorded reflection or story next week - these will resume for the following Sunday.**

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