

The Church of St Mary the Virgin, Great Brickhill

Sunday 19th October 2025 – Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity

Welcome to our Family Service this morning, led by the Rector. Thank you to Andrew and Margretta for providing the music, and to Sophia who will be leading our singing. Do join in with the singing and use the shakers as much as you like.

The reading is from Luke 11: 5-13, which will be read in two parts.

The theme of the service will be prayer and will include the well-known verses from that passage:-

So, I say to you: 'Ask and it will
be given to you; seek and you
will find; knock and the door
will be opened to you'

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.

HIGH ASH HARVEST SERVICE:

The annual High Ash Harvest Service was held in the church on Wednesday. It was lovely to see the church so full with pupils, staff and parents. Years 3 and 4 led the service with readings and prayers. All the children had learnt the songs really well and sang beautifully. Do take a look at the display boards around the church with the work that the children did in preparation for their Harvest celebration.

Harvest Gifts:

For their Harvest gifts the children donated items suitable for the Food Box here and at Stoke Hammond. We are extremely grateful for these goods as they will keep our Food Box plenished for the winter months ahead when we expect that there will be a higher demand. Many thanks to all at High Ash.

NOVEMBER ROTA:

The rota of volunteers for November has been circulated. If you are one of the many who volunteer to do the various tasks at the church, please check the rota and let me know if you are now unable to do any of the tasks listed.

POETRY EVENING, 27th NOVEMBER:

The Poetry Evening being hosted by the Rector will be at Bow Brickhill Community Hall on Thursday 27th November from 7-9pm. John Waller will read a few of the poems he has written and there is an invitation for others to read a poem they have written or one they particularly like. Anyone who would like to do this please contact:

rector@brickhillschurches.org.uk by Sunday 16th November giving the title and author of the poem you would like to read.

This is a social evening for anyone in the Benefice who loves any kind of poetry, serious and not so serious – it is not just for those who attend church and so do spread the word.

REMEMBRANCE SERVICE:

The Remembrance Day Service will be on **Sunday 9th November**. It will follow the usual format, a service in the church at 10.45am with a two-minute silence at 11am where we remember those from this village who have served and given their life for their country. At the conclusion of the service there will be a procession to the war memorial for the laying of the wreaths. The House to House Poppy Appeal collection from 25th October to 9th November is again being coordinated by Stefan Kobewka.

CHRISTMAS COFFEE MORNING:

On Saturday 29th November we will be holding a Christmas Coffee Morning in the church, from 10.30am - 1pm. **Offers of help from anyone who could spare the time to be on one of the stalls would be much appreciated.**

SERVICES IN THE NEXT TWO WEEKS:

Next Sunday, 26th October, there is no service here, the services in the Benefice will be:-

9.30 (Stoke Hammond) Holy Communion

11.00 (Little Brickhill) Family Service

11.00 (Bow Brickhill) Mattins

The following week, Sunday 2nd November the service here will be:- Holy Communion at 9.30am. The annual All Souls' Service to remember loved ones who have died in recent times will be at Little Brickhill at 5.00pm.

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