

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

**Sunday 28th September 2025 – Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity**

**Welcome to our Family Service this morning**, led by Phillipa. Thank you to Andrew and Margretta for providing the music, and to Sophia who will be leading our singing. Please use the shakers as much as you like.

There is no set activity for the children in the Lady Chapel today, but the children will be invited to do something during the talk. There are also colouring sheets and toys in the Children's Area.

The service will be based on this last week of the Season of Creation, which runs in the church calendar from 1st September to 4th October. This year's theme is Peace with Creation, a calling to live our lives in harmony with the natural world that we were created in.

The reading this morning is:- **Luke 16: 19-31**

**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.

## **RECTOR'S OCTOBER MESSAGE:**

*The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it,  
the world, and all who live in it. (Psalm 24, verse 1)*

Dear Friends,

We are all dependent on one another. There are many influences in our world today that encourage us to think, or at least to pretend, that we are independent and able to manage entirely on our own. But the reality is quite different.

It has been said that by the time we have washed, dressed and had breakfast in the morning, the things we have used and eaten have put us in touch with half the world. Occasional events such as power cuts, or shortages of food or other goods, give us a sharp reminder of the extent to which our lives depend on the work and skills of others.

We will make better and fairer decisions about the way we should live if we keep this truth in mind, and also remember the message of the Bible, that we ultimately depend on God for all things.

I enjoy our Harvest celebrations each year. Harvest is a time to stop and say 'Thank you', to all the people around the world who make it possible for us to live in the way we do, and to God the creator and provider of all things.

**Revd John Waller**

### **WORKDAY YESTERDAY:**

Thank you to Andrew and the team who came to the church yesterday morning to help tackle some jobs to reduce the amount of heat loss from the church. The void under the centre aisle grating has been thoroughly cleaned and insulation laid to reflect the heat up into the church rather than down to the soil floor.

Flagstones in the porch have been lifted to lay insulation around the heating pipes. Unfortunately, a leak in the mains water pipe was found and so the flagstones have been left uncovered in order for the soil floor to dry out. Bollards are surrounding the area concerned - please keep clear of the area when walking through the porch. Access to the Food Box is still available.

### **DATES FOR THE DIARY:**

**Sunday 9th November is Remembrance Sunday.** We will have our usual service at 10.45am, followed by the laying of wreaths at the War Memorial.

**On Saturday 29th November** we will be holding a **Christmas Coffee Morning** in the church, from 10.30am - 1pm. If anyone is interested in having a stall, please get in touch with Phillipa.

### **SERVICES IN THE NEXT TWO WEEKS:**

**Next Sunday 5th October the service here will be:-**

Holy Communion at 9.30am

**Other services in the Benefice will be:**

9.30 (Stoke Hammond) Cafe Church

11.00 (Bow Brickhill) Harvest Family Service in the Hall

**On Sunday 12th October there will be just one service in the Benefice, a service for everyone in the four villages:-**

Benefice Holy Communion at 10.00am

**The next Family Service here** will be on Sunday 19th October

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