

The Church of St Mary the Virgin, Great Brickhill

Sunday 2nd November 2025 – the Fourth Sunday before Advent

Welcome to our service of Holy Communion, which will be led by the Rector. Thank you to Jerry for playing the organ for us this morning.

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

The readings for today are:-

Isaiah 1: 10-18; 2 Thessalonians 1: 1-12; Luke 19: 1-10

The collection plate will be passed round during the third, offertory 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**.

POPIES will be available for anyone who would like to buy one after the service.

ALL SOULS SERVICE this evening, 5pm at Little Brickhill. This is a joint service for everyone in the four villages when we will remember with thanksgiving all those we know who have died in recent times. Please pass on names of anyone who you would like to be remembered at the service to the Rector.

RECTOR'S OCTOBER MESSAGE:

Dear Friends,

Remembrance and Hope

This month we will observe Remembrance Sunday, which is an occasion for personal thanksgiving and grieving for many people, alongside our broader reflections on service and sacrifice, and our longing for peace and justice in the world.

We will also have a special service at All Souls' tide for our four parishes, at which we have the opportunity to remember loved ones, and seek the assurance of God's comfort and hope. We specifically invite those we know who have lost loved ones over the past year, but this service is open to everyone who would like to come and share in it, as we name in prayer those whose memory is dear to us, light candles as we remember them, and call to mind God's promises to us.

You are welcome to come and join us for this service, in the church in Little Brickhill at 5.00pm on Sunday 2nd November, and share in reflection, prayer and thanksgiving, remembering the hope we may have in the love of God shown to us through the life, death, and rising again of Jesus.

For it is Jesus who said:

Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

(Matthew 5. 4)

Revd John Waller

POETRY EVENING, THURSDAY 27th NOVEMBER:

The Rector will be hosting a Poetry Evening at Bow Brickhill Community Hall from 7-9pm. John Waller will read a few of the poems he has written. **There is an invitation for others to read a poem they have either written or one they particularly like.** Anyone who would like to do this please contact the Rector **by Sunday 16th November** with details of the poem.

NEXT SUNDAY - REMEMBRANCE SERVICE:

The Remembrance Day Service next Sunday 9th November, will take the usual format, a service in the church at 10.45am with a two-minute silence at 11am. At the conclusion of the service there will be a procession to the war memorial for the laying of the wreaths. After the service, there will be the opportunity to meet up at the Cricket Club where the bar will be open.

CHRISTMAS COFFEE MORNING, SATURDAY 29th NOVEMBER:

In the church from 10.30am to 1pm with the usual coffee & mince pies, raffles, tombola, visiting art and craft stalls. Plus, a St Mary's stall. **If you are able to help on any of the St Mary's stalls, please get in touch with Phillipa, and please think about items you could donate for the stalls (cakes, preserves, plants, etc).**

DATE FOR THE DIARY, SUNDAY 21st DECEMBER:

The Village Nativity, 11am at the Cricket Club.

SERVICES FOR THE NEXT TWO WEEKS:

Next Sunday 9th November - Remembrance Services:

- **Here at Great Brickhill at 10.45am** (details above).
- **Services also at:-** 10.45am at Stoke Hammond, 12.30pm at Little Brickhill, 3.00pm at Bow Brickhill at the war memorial

On Sunday 16th November:

There will be just one service in the Benefice:-

10.00am at Bow Brickhill, Benefice Holy Communion

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