

The Church of St Mary the Virgin, Great Brickhill

Sunday 31st August 2025 – The Eleventh Sunday after Trinity

Welcome to our Morning Worship service this morning, which will be led by Phillipa. Thank you to Andrew and Margretta for providing our music today. Everyone is invited to stay after the service for coffee and a chat.

The readings for this morning are:-

Proverbs 25: 6-7; Luke 14: 1, 7-14

Today's psalm is Psalm No 112. The response for the congregation is:- ***"Light shines in the darkness for the upright"***

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.**

RECTOR'S SEPTEMBER MESSAGE:

Want and Need

Dear Friends,

*Why spend money on what is not bread,
and your labour on what does not satisfy?*

*Listen, listen to me, and eat what is good,
and you will delight in the richest of fare.* (Isaiah 55. 2)

In all kinds of ways, our lives are driven by what we want, what we long for. Much more dangerously, our lives can be shaped by what other people try to convince us that we want, or make us long for, because that is what they want to sell. But what do we really long for, or *thirst* for, in the depths of our hearts?

The passage from Isaiah speaks to people who know all about practical needs, and about being hungry and thirsty – and God promises they will be given, not necessarily what they think they want, or what other people try to sell them or convince them they 'need'; but that they will be given what God knows they need, the good things that will meet the deepest longings of their hearts. And God's promise to them is both practical, and symbolic – about meeting their practical needs, and their deepest spiritual needs.

If we will set out on the adventure of answering God's call to us in Jesus Christ, then we may find that we are called to give up some of the things we wanted, or thought we needed. But we are promised that we will be blessed with every good thing that God knows we need.

Revd John Waller

BUCKS COUNTY SHOW:

Thank you to Claire Pincott with Wilf & Herbie who were our representatives helping to man the Deanery Hospitality Tent at the Bucks Show on Thursday.

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. It is also **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 there will be tea and cake to enjoy.

“LINK to HOPE” FAMILY & ELDERLY SHOEBOX APPEAL:

If you would like to help fill a Christmas shoebox to be delivered to some of the poorest people in Eastern Europe (Ukraine, Moldova, Romania, Bulgaria), please contact:-

Rosie Dawson:- 07708 066497 robindawson32@gmail.com

FOOD BOX CONTRIBUTIONS:

The stock of certain items for the Food Box is running very low. **We are always grateful for any donations - at present we are short of tinned meals, meat and vegetarian**. We have plenty of cereal, milk, tea, pasta and pasta sauces. Any contributions can be placed inside the box or next to it. Thank you.

SERVICES IN THE NEXT TWO WEEKS:

Next Sunday 7th September, there will be just one service in the Benefice:- 10am Benefice Holy Communion here at Great Brickhill – the theme will be Creationtide. The Season of Creation from 1st September to 4th October, is dedicated to God as Creator and Sustainer of all life. At this time many churches choose to hold special services and events to give thanks for God's gift of creation, and to renew their commitment to caring for our planet.

The following Sunday, 14th September will be our Harvest Celebration:- 4pm Harvest All-age Service followed by tea & cake

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