

The Church of St Mary the Virgin, Great Brickhill

Sunday 5th October 2025 – Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity

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:-

Habakkuk 1: 1-4, 2: 1-4; 2 Timothy 1: 1-14; Luke 17: 5-10

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.**

HIGH ASH HARVEST SERVICE:

The annual High Ash Harvest Service is being held in the church on Wednesday, 15th October. The pupils have been working hard in preparation for that and have produced some wonderful display boards, for each of the three churches in their catchment area. The boards on view in the church here will be on display until after the Family Service on 19th October.

RECTOR'S BIBLE STUDY AT THE RECTORY:

The Bible Study at The Rectory will resume after the summer break on Thursday 16th October at 8pm. All are welcome to come and discuss the passages from the bible from one of our forthcoming services. No prior knowledge of the text is required.

POETRY EVENING, 27th NOVEMBER:

One of the 65 challenges that the Rector has set himself for the year is writing poetry. As a culmination of this, a Poetry Evening is being held at Bow Brickhill Hall on Thursday 27th November from 7-9pm. The Rector will read a few of the poems he has written and there will be an opportunity for others to read a poem they have written or particularly like. More details to follow.

WORKDAY LAST WEEKEND:

For those not here last Sunday,There was a team working in the church last Saturday tackling 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 were 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 12th October, there will be just one service in the Benefice, a service for everyone in the four villages:-

Benefice Holy Communion, 10.00am at Little Brickhill

The following week on Sunday 19th October, there will be a Family Service here at 11.00am.

Other services in the Benefice:-

9.30am (Bow Brickhill) Holy Communion

9.30am (Stoke Hammond) St Luke's Day Service

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