

The Church of St Mary the Virgin, Great Brickhill

Sunday 6th July 2025 – The Third 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.

The readings for today are:-

Isaiah 66: 10-14; Galatians 6: 7-16; Luke 10: 1-11

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.**

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

RECTOR'S JULY MESSAGE:

The Kingdom of God is Near

Dear Friends,

In the gospels, the message of Jesus is summed up in the phrase 'The kingdom of God is near.' This is the truth that was passed on to him by John the Baptist, and that Jesus passed on to his disciples.

The 'kingdom of God' signifies any place where the will of God, and his purpose for us, is being put into practice, and where God's promised future becomes real in the present. And ever since the human life of Jesus, the way has been open for this to be 'near', to be close at hand, within our reach and our grasp.

But there is always the danger that we may slip into assuming that God can only be found within certain aspects of life - the things that we tend to label as 'religious'. But if we do that we will miss so much.

All of life belongs to God, and so we may meet God, and discover how we can be transformed, through any aspect of our lives. All that we need to do is to be ready, to recognise and respond to the ways in which God is at work in our lives and our world.

Revd John Waller

ANY CANDIDATES FOR CONFIRMATION?

We would like to hear from anyone in the Benefice who would like to be confirmed, or would like to know more about it. Confirmation classes will be run for anyone interested, and a Confirmation Service will be arranged if we have candidates. Do you, for example, have children aged 13 and above, or are you a young adult who missed the opportunity in your younger years, or are you now a parent and

would like to be confirmed before your children reach the right age, or are you of more senior years and would like to explore the possibility. All enquiries about confirmation will be welcome - please contact the Rector, Revd John Waller:-
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RECTOR'S BIBLE STUDY AT THE RECTORY:

There is no Bible Study at The Rectory this month.

TOWER CAPTAIN:

We are sad to report that David Middleton has resigned as Tower Captain. David has put in a huge amount of time and effort in promoting the bells, organising teams of ringers for our services and training new ringers. And of course, he oversaw the restoration of the project to restore the bells and bell frame, which was completed in 2010. The PCC would like to thank David for his dedication to the role of Tower Captain over many years.

We are pleased to say that Rosemary and Andy Howell are now jointly organising the bells and bell ringing. They hope that the bells will continue to be rung with a dedicated band of ringers, both for the Sunday services and on practice nights, which are on Thursday evenings, alternating with Woburn, where they ring on the first and third Thursday in the month. For any queries re bell ringing please contact Rosemary:- rosehowell50@hotmail.com

SERVICES IN THE NEXT TWO WEEKS:

PIMMS & HYMNS, SUNDAY 13th JULY:

Our "Pimms & Hymns" outdoor service for all the family will be held in the churchyard at 4pm. We will be singing traditional hymns and modern worship songs chosen by YOU. Provided it is dry, four-legged friends will be welcome!

The following Sunday 20th July is the monthly Benefice service - Songs of Praise, 3pm at Bow Brickhill.

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