The Church of St Mary the Virgin, Great Brickhill

SUNDAY 7th NOVEMBER 2021: Celebrating All Saints' Day

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 this morning are:-Isaiah <u>56</u>: 3-8; Hebrews <u>12</u>: 18-24; Matthew <u>5</u>: 1-12

Please place your collection/envelopes in the plate on the table in the cross aisle before the start of the service.

THE WEEKLY REFLECTIONS AND RECORDINGS:

The future of the weekly reflections and recordings was discussed at the Wardens' Meeting on Thursday. As we have come out of lock down and are getting back to a more normal way of worshipping, the number of viewings for both the reflections and the stories has declined. It was decided that until the end of the year these will now be done on a fortnightly basis. There was no reflection or story for this week - the dates for the rest of the year are:- 14th & 28th November, 12th December & Christmas week.

The position will be reviewed at the Wardens' Meeting in early January. It may well be that they are continued just for specific, special occasions such as Mothering Sunday, Easter etc. If anyone has any particular view on the longer-term provision of the reflections and recordings, please get in touch with Phillipa.

MONDAY NEWS:

The Monday Morning Coffee Club for mothers and toddlers, and anyone else who would like to call in to the church for a coffee and chat, between 9.30am and 11.30am starts tomorrow. All welcome.

The weekly Drop In started last Monday. Call in at the Parish Hall from 2.00 pm to 3.30 pm for a cup of tea/coffee and a piece of cake. Everyone is welcome.

Please note there will be no Post Office in the Parish Hall tomorrow due to a bereavement in the Postmaster's family.

CHRISTMAS COFFEE MORNING, SATURDAY 4th DECEMBER:

In the church from 10am - 1pm. Coffee/mulled wine & mince pies, raffles, tombola, various stalls. Offer of cakes and mince pies to Julia.

THE FOOD BOX:

In recent weeks there has been a marked uptake in the use of the Food Box. We are now seeing the same items being taken on at least a weekly basis:- long life milk, cereal, pasta, pasta sauce, tinned meat, coffee. If anyone would like to donate those items any week that would be appreciated. There is a list of other suggested items on the underside of the Food Box lid in the church porch (no fresh food items and all goods must be well in date). Anyone wishing to help with this, please contact Janet Pritchard:- 01525 261573

Additional help can be given to anyone who is in real need. If you know of anyone in this situation they can contact Janet – all enquiries will be dealt with in confidence.

FEED THE HUNGRY CHARITY:

News of this year's consignment of knitted goods to the charity appears on a separate, pink sheet.

SERVICE NEXT WEEK – Remembrance Sunday Service 10.50am

The service will include the traditional reading of the Roll of Honour commemorating our fallen servicemen, The Last Post, Two Minutes Silence and readings by two family members of our veterans. The Service will conclude with wreath laying at the War Memorial. The collection and poppy sale proceeds go to the Royal British Legion via the Poppy Appeal. After the service the Cricket Club will be hosting parishioners with light refreshments and the bar will be open.

The Great Brickhill Ex-Servicemen's Book is now available from Amazon in Kindle format, paperback and hardback. Please see the poster on the blackboard in the church porch for more information about the book and how to purchase a copy.

Other Services to the end of November:-

Sunday 21st November:

10.00 (Bow Brickhill) Holy Communion Benefice Service Sunday 28 h November – Advent Sunday:

9.30(Stoke Hammond)Holy Communion10.00(Great Brickhill)Advent Family Service11.00(Little Brickhill)Family Service16.00(Bow Brickhill)Advent Carols

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