

The Church of St Mary the Virgin, Great Brickhill

Sunday 7th September 2025 – The Twelfth Sunday after Trinity

This morning's service is the monthly Benefice Holy Communion, which will be led by the Rector. There are no other services in the Benefice today and so we welcome friends from all four parishes. Thank you to Jerry for playing the organ for us and we hope that there will be a choir.

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

The theme will be Creationtide, the Season of Creation in the church calendar that runs from 1st September to 4th October, which is dedicated to God as Creator and Sustainer of all life. We will use this service, as many churches do, to give thanks for God's gift of creation, and to renew our commitment to caring for our planet. The readings for this morning are:-

Deuteronomy 30: 15-20; Colossians 1: 15-20; Mark 4: 26-32

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.

HARVEST CELEBRATION, NEXT SUNDAY:

We will be having **An All-age service in the afternoon, at 4pm followed by tea & cake**. Contribution of cakes please will be most welcome. **Our Harvest gifts** this year will be items suitable for our Food Box - tins of meat & vegetarian meals, vegetables, fruit and soup (long-dated please to keep us going for a while). The Harvest items can be left inside the church, at the base of the font please.

BUCKS HISTORIC CHURCHES RIDE & STRIDE:

The annual Sponsored Ride & Stride will take place **next Saturday 13th September between 10am and 6pm**. The church here 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 for those who don't like heights, there will be tea and cake to enjoy.

PATHWAYS:

Printed copies of the Summer edition of Pathways, the magazine for the people of the Diocese of Oxford, are now available at each of the four churches. There are copies here on the bookcase near the door – a copy can also be downloaded from the website:-

<https://www.oxford.anglican.org/pathways>

BEETLE DRIVE FOR St LUKE'S STOKE HAMMOND:

Beetle Drive & Jacket Potato Supper, Saturday 20th September at 7pm in the Stoke Hammond Community Centre.

Tickets (Adults £6, Under 14s free) and more details from:-

Dave Webber:- 07711 026195 david.webber@btinternet.com

“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, 14th September will be our Harvest Celebration:-

4pm Harvest All-age Service followed by tea & cake.

Other service in the Benefice:-

11.00 (Stoke Hammond) Family Service

There is no service here the following Sunday, 21st September.

The services in the Benefice will be:-

9.30 (Bow Brickhill) Holy Communion by Extension

9.30 (Stoke Hammond) Morning Worship

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