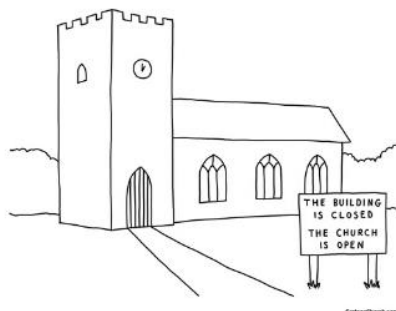


St Mary the Virgin, Great Brickhill



The Church continues to be alive and active, but our buildings must close.

CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) OUTBREAK **Update 17th April 2020**

THE CHURCH BUILDING REMAINS CLOSED:

As you will know, following the announcement given by the Prime Minister on 23rd March, all church buildings must remain closed. There will be no public worship, private prayer or any other meetings or activities in churches until further notice. We will be following the advice and guidance issued by the expert authorities. Any changes will be notified on our website:- www.brickhillschurches.org.uk.

BUT THE CHURCH IS VERY MUCH ALIVE,

WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES:

A separate document accompanies this e-mail giving the worship opportunities for this coming Sunday. This includes the programmes available on the BBC both radio and television, and live-streaming services from the Oxford Diocese and the Church of England. The Rector's reflections will follow when available.

THE RECTOR'S SABBATICAL:

Revd John Waller was due to take a three-month sabbatical from 18th April to 13th July. This has been postponed due to COVID-19 and so he is available to hear from parishioners who have any concerns during this worrying time:- 01525 261062 rector@brickhillschurches.org.uk

ACTIVE E-MAIL PRAYER CHAIN:

Anyone who would like to join the group or would like to have a prayer included, contact:- Valerie Kerr (valeriejkerr@hotmail.com) or Mary Maley (mary@maley.org.uk) or Roger Blofeld (rogerblo@aol.com).

THE FOOD BOX RUNNING:

Please remember that the Food Box in the church porch is there to help anyone who is in need of food either in an emergency or longer term. Please spread the news of this initiative as widely as you can. The church main and porch gates are being kept open for easy access to the Food Box at all times.

PLANT SALE - a message from John & Celia Hall:-

We would like to thank everyone who ordered tomato plants by email and who generously supported our little plant sale at our garden gate in Stoke Lane over the Easter Bank Holiday Weekend. We are delighted to be able report that we raised a grand total of £510 in aid of Church funds.

AND FINALLY,

The printed Great Brickhill Parish Newsletter published every month has been suspended. But Merryl and Carys are going to send out an e-mail version to everyone on the InfoLine later this month, and every month from then on.

If you haven't already signed up to the InfoLine, you might like to consider doing so, just send an e-mail to:- info@copywriteservices.co.uk

For further information about any of the above, please contact:-

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In these challenging and uncertain times, it is even more important to please remember that the Benefice website will be the best way to receive updates about the current situation and to obtain worship information. The special "Coronavirus" section will be updated with any new information and worship details:-

www.brickhillchurches.org.uk