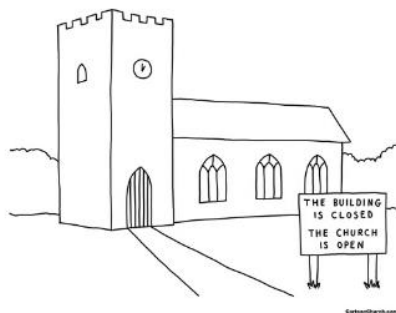


St Mary the Virgin, Great Brickhill



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

CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) OUTBREAK **Update 15th May 2020**

Following the Prime Minister's statement to the nation on Sunday, it is clear that we will not be able to join in any live worship in our churches until at least 4th July, and probably much later than that. We are hopeful that churches will be allowed to open for private prayer before then, but in the mean-time we have to wait and see what official announcements are forthcoming.

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK, 10th – 16th May

As you will know from last week, we are now coming to the end of Christian Aid Week. If anyone would like to make a donation to Christian Aid and hasn't already done so, this can easily be done by following the link on the Home page of the Christian Aid website:- <https://www.christianaid.org.uk/>

WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES FOR THIS SUNDAY & ASCENSION DAY:

Two files accompany this e-mail giving the details of worship for this coming Sunday and also Ascension Day, Thursday 21st May. Also included are details of other resources for:- 'Thy Kingdom Come' call to prayer from Ascension Day to Pentecost, 21st to 31st May and weekly videos released by the Bible Society.

The two files:-

- (1). The Rector has written a brief reflection and prayer.
- (2). How and where to find services for this Sixth Sunday of Easter and Ascension Day. 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.

IN BRIEF,

THE RECTOR:

Revd John Waller is available to hear from parishioners who have any concerns during this worrying time:- 01525 261062 rector@brickhillchurches.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 to spread the news 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. The church main and porch gates are open for easy access to the Food Box at all times.

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

Phillipa Cook TEL: 01525 261521 07788 740969 pjcook6@gmail.com

Do 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