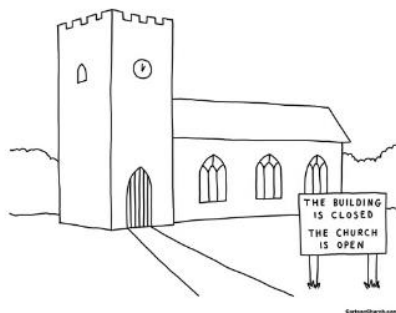


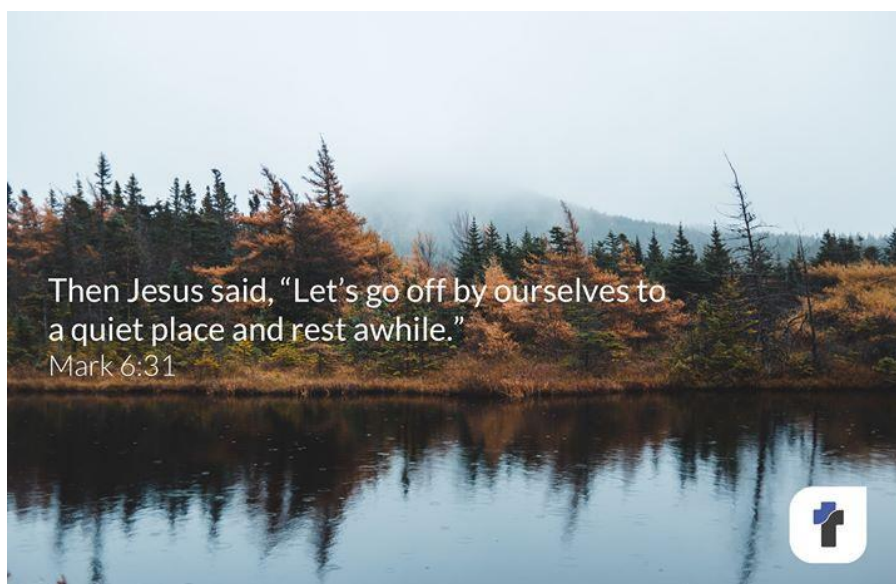
St Mary the Virgin, Great Brickhill



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

CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) OUTBREAK Update 13th June 2020

As of this weekend, churches are able to reopen for socially-distanced private prayer. We will continue to provide information of on-line worship details for the foreseeable future, as group worship is still not yet possible under government public health guidance and there will be many among us who need to isolate for some time to come.



Whilst we rejoice in the fact that we can reopen our wonderful church for private prayer, it will be a few days before we can do safely so. The official guidance for using church buildings for individual private prayer was only published yesterday. There are a number of measures that have to be in place to ensure everyone's safety before the church is open again.

Reopening the church for private prayer is the first stage in getting back to how things were before the lockdown and being able to hold our regular services and activities. We are aware that the need for us to provide toilet facilities is now even more important as there is a greater need than ever before for hand washing facilities.

AND SO, it is wonderful to announce,

EXCITING NEWS – THINGS ARE GOING TO HAPPEN AT OUR CHURCH

We are pleased to announce that the work to create toilets, a servery and gathering area in St Mary's will commence in September. You will all be aware that we have been planning this for some time. At last our church will be brought into the 21st Century.

The extension will house two toilets, one will be accessible and include baby changing facilities. We will be creating a servery and gathering area inside the church. Included in the work outside we will be laying a gravel resin bonded pathway from the road gate to the West door extension. This will be a safe and hardwearing surface to enable everyone easier access.

If you feel you are able to contribute to the final stages of our fundraising please contact Julia Turner 01525 261618 or 07714 028785 juliaturner.jt@icloud.com or Gill Wilson 01525 279005 or 07973 403761 gillewilson57@gmail.com
For payment details contact Neil Cook neilacook6@gmail.com

We hope that very soon you will be able to come and join us in celebrating the new facilities at our lovely Church.

WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY:

Two files accompany this e-mail giving the details of worship for this coming Sunday:-
(1). The Rector has written a brief reflection and prayer.

(2). How and where to find this week's services for the first Sunday after Trinity. 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:

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:- Mary Maley (mary@maley.org.uk) or Roger Blofeld (rogerblo@aol.com).

IN NEED OF A FRIENDLY CHAT:

We have been living in these strange times for over ten weeks now and, although the lockdown restrictions are being slowly eased, we are aware that there will be many who are in self isolation or generally finding life difficult at the moment. If you feel in need of a friendly chat, Julia will be very happy to receive a call from you:-
01525, 261618 or 07714 028785

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