

The Church of St Mary the Virgin, Great Brickhill

SUNDAY 9th AUGUST 2020: The Ninth Sunday after Trinity

We are delighted to be able to hold this first service here in the village since the start of the lock down five months ago. We are very aware that there are some who will not yet be ready to come back to church but a very warm welcome to those of you who have felt able to do so. It will be a service of Holy Communion led by the Rector.

The readings for this morning are:-

1 Kings 19: 9-18; Matthew 14: 22-33

Certain things will be a little different from normal. Due to the restrictions there will be no singing but Jerry Breslin will be playing the organ at various points throughout the service.

Please note the following:-

Hand sanitizing will be required on entry to the church.

Please pick up a **single-use service sheet, gift aid envelope and pen.** The envelopes/collection should then be **placed in the plate on the table in the cross aisle**, along with the **pen** before the start of the service.

Please **take** the single-use service sheet and this Pew Sheet **home**.

Seating will be in accordance with social distancing rules.

It is not possible to use the **pew kneelers** and seating is restricted to those pews where there the pew kneelers have been removed.

Masks are a mandatory requirement.

We will be asking for **contact details** of all those attending, which we have to keep for 21 days.

The Rector will be explaining the various changes that are required as we go through the service.

FUTURE SERVICES:

There is one service per day at one of the churches on the first four weeks in August. Services planned to the end of the month are:-

Sunday 16th August - Family Service, 11.00am at Little Brickhill

Sunday 23rd August - Holy Communion, 11.00am at Bow Brickhill

Sunday 30th August - possible Virtual Service via Zoom, 11.00am

We will soon have more of an idea as to what people might like in the form of services and will be in a position to plan for September and beyond. We will be keeping a close eye on any changes to the guidelines and restrictions which may be issued by the government.

There will be occasional virtual services to cater for those who do not yet feel able to venture out to church and we will continue to share the Rector's weekly reflection and information about virtual worship opportunities that are being either televised or live streamed from each week around the country. The information is posted each week at the church and is also uploaded onto the website in the dedicated Coronavirus section.

YOU TUBE RECORDINGS:

The Rector's reflection and prayer is being recorded each week at locations across the Benefice. There is also a weekly story from the Lion Storyteller Bible, read by different people. These are available on You Tube - please make the story available to the younger members of your family if appropriate. All the week's reflections and stories can be found on the website in the section "Coronavirus You Tube Recordings".

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).

RIDE AND STRIDE, SATURDAY 12th SEPTEMBER:

The annual Ride and Stride for walkers, cyclists and horse riders, is going ahead on Saturday 12th September – visit as many churches as you are able from 10.00am to 6.00pm. Held in aid of Bucks Historic Churches Trust, the money from sponsorship goes half towards the local church and half to the Trust for repair of churches. Anyone interested in taking part, please contact Phillipa for more details.

CHURCH OPENING TIMES:

The church is currently open for just two sessions per week in order that the building can be closed for 72 hours between opening times to minimise risk of infection. The church is open on:

Sundays:- 10.00am – 2.00pm

Wednesdays:- 2.00pm – 5.00pm

We will increase the opening times as soon as we feel it is safe to do so following the guidelines provided to us.

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