

St Mary the Virgin, Great Brickhill



Our continue
**on Sunday at 11.00am with a service of
Holy Communion at Bow Brickhill**

CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) OUTBREAK

Update 22nd August 2020

NEWS OF LIVE SERVICES:

Tomorrow's service in the Benefice will be a Holy Communion at 11am in Bow Brickhill. Will those wishing to attend this service please let Stuart Leeming know in advance so that seating can be arranged to ensure social distancing:- stuleeming@aol.com

Masks will be available if you do not possess any and hand sanitiser is also available and both are mandatory. The names of those attending will be recorded and the information will be held for 21 days.

NEXT SUNDAY'S SERVICE on 30th August will be a virtual service via Zoom at 11.00am. It will be similar to the monthly Family Services. Andrew Smith has kindly agreed to play the piano for the songs. Anyone who would like to join in this service please contact Phillippa Cook for the Zoom log-in details:- pjcook6@gmail.com

SEPTEMBER SERVICES:

There will continue to be a limited number of services across the Benefice for the next two months. The full schedule of services until the end of September can be found at the end of this Newsletter. We are delighted that this year's Harvest Service will be held at Rectory Farm on Sunday 27th September, an 11.00am service followed by a bring your own picnic.

We are very aware that there are some who are not yet be ready to come back to services in church. 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 information about the weekly virtual worship opportunities that are being either televised or live streamed from around the country. The information is posted each week at the church and is also uploaded onto the website in the dedicated Coronavirus section.

WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE TENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY:

The Rector's reflection and prayer has been recorded this week by the font at Great Brickhill Church. There is also a recording of the story of "Jesus' Special Friends" read by James Northen - please make the story available to the younger members of your family if appropriate.

These are available on You Tube via the following links:

- Reflection & Prayer:- <https://youtu.be/lqVBZ4Nnyt4>
- "Jesus' Special friends":- <https://youtu.be/rao2c5vxsQM>

Earlier week's reflections and stories can be found on the website in the section "Coronavirus You Tube Recordings".

Two files accompany this e-mail giving the details of worship for this coming Sunday:-

- (1). The Rector's written brief reflection and prayer.
- (2). How and where to find this week's services for the Eleventh Sunday after Trinity. This includes the programmes available on the BBC, both radio and television, and livestreaming services from the Oxford Diocese and the Church of England.

CHURCH OPEN:



A reminder that the church is currently open, but just for 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

The area within the church open for public access has been increased and we hope to soon lengthen the opening times, as soon as we feel it is safe to do so following the guidelines provided to us. Any change to the opening times and other updates will be notified on our website:- www.brickhillchurches.org.uk

There is hand sanitizer available at the entrance and we ask that you read the guidance provided on the blue notice board as you enter the church. All bibles, books etc have been removed. Please take your own bible or reading matter with you.

If anyone exhibits symptoms of coronavirus within a week of your visit to the church, please contact: Julia Turner: 01525 261618 juliaturner.jt@icloud.com or Phillipa Cook: 01525 261521 pjcook6@gmail.com. The church will then be closed for a while for special cleaning to be done.

ANNUAL MEETING:

The Annual Meeting in April had to be postponed due to COVID-19. It will now take place on **Thursday 1st October at 7.30pm in church**. It will be a bit different from normal - we won't be able to have coffee before hand and we will not be having the annual photo presentation. It will be a short meeting to carry out the legal requirements. Seating will be in accordance with social distancing rules and masks will have to be worn. We will have a short service of Compline at the end of the meeting. More details to follow.

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:- Roger Blofeld (rogerblo@aol.com).

RIDE AND STRIDE, SATURDAY 12th SEPTEMBER:

A reminder that 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.

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

REMAINING SERVICES IN THE BENEFICE IN AUGUST 2020

DATE:	VENUE	SERVICE
Sunday, 30th August	Virtual via Zoom	11.00am. Service details tbc

SERVICES ACROSS THE BENEFICE IN SEPTEMBER 2020

DATE:	VENUE	SERVICE
Sunday, 6th September	Stoke Hammond	11.00am. Holy Communion
Sunday, 13th September	Bow Brickhill	11.00am. Holy Communion
Sunday, 20th September	Great Brickhill	9.30am. Said Holy Communion
	Little Brickhill	11.00am. Family Service, followed by Annual Meeting
Sunday, 27th September	Great Brickhill	11.00am. Harvest Service at Rectory Farm, followed by bring your own picnic lunch