

St Mary the Virgin, Great Brickhill



Our service this Sunday is an online Family Service at 11.00am

CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) OUTBREAK Update 28th August 2020

NEWS OF LIVE SERVICES:

Tomorrow's service in the Benefice will be a virtual service via Zoom at 11.00am. It will be similar to the usual 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 Phillipa Cook for the Zoom log-in details:-

pjcook6@gmail.com

NEXT SUNDAY'S SERVICE on 6th September will be a Holy Communion service at 11.00am in Stoke Hammond. Due to the social distancing rules there is a restriction on numbers, only 20 can attend. Anyone wishing to go to the service is asked to please contact Harry Davies in advance:- 07773 065271
harrydavies470@btinternet.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.

VIRTUAL SERVICE OF EVENSONG ON MONDAY, 14th SEPTEMBER AT 7.00pm:- Jerry Breslin is arranging another online Evensong service via Zoom on Monday 14th September when the choir would normally be holding their weekly practice session. If anyone would like to joining in this virtual service please contact Phillipa Cook for the log-in details:- pjcook6@gmail.com

WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY:

Jeremy Hopkinson, LLM, has written and recorded a reflection and prayer for this week, filmed at a location in Great Brickhill. There is also a recording of the story of "Jesus and the Tax Man" read by Alison Packer at a location in Little Brickhill - 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/cAlmpN_zOYo
- "Jesus and the Tax Man":- <https://youtu.be/0VyrmhALS94>

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). Jeremy's written brief reflection and prayer.
(2). How and where to find this week's services for the Twelfth 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.it@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:

A reminder that 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@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:- 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.brickhillschurches.org.uk

SERVICES ACROSS THE BENEFICE IN SEPTEMBER 2020

| DATE: | VENUE | SERVICE |
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| Sunday, 6th September | Stoke Hammond | 11.00am. Holy Communion |
| Sunday, 13th September | Bow Brickhill | 11.00am. Holy Communion |
| Monday, 14th September | Service by Zoom | 7.00pm Online Evensong |
| 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 |