

The Church of St Mary the Virgin, Great Brickhill

SUNDAY 20th SEPTEMBER 2020: The 15th Sunday after Trinity

Welcome to our service of Holy Communion this morning led by the Rector. Although there can be no singing due to the restrictions, we are very pleased that Jerry Breslin will be playing the organ at various points throughout the service.

The readings for this morning are:-

Jonah 3: 10 – 4: 11; Matthew 20: 1-16

As last month certain things will be a little different from normal:-

- **Hand sanitizing** will be required on entry to the church.
- Please collect 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.

NEXT SUNDAY, 27th SEPTEMBER is our Harvest Festival at Rectory Farm. The service at 11.00am will be in an open barn, or outside, depending on the current restrictions (which are subject to change) and the weather. After the service all are invited to stay for a bring your own picnic. Please note the following:

- You can either walk or drive to the farm – there will be plenty of parking available
- On arrival contact details will be taken and kept for 21 days
- The “Group of Six” rule will be in place
- Please bring a mask with you in case these are required, dependent upon the exact location
- Please bring your own sanitizer, chair, drink and picnic

If you are coming to the service, it would be really helpful, if at all possible, if you could please let either Julia or Phillipa know in advance, so that we know the number attending and can make sure that all the necessary precautions are taken.

OCTOBER SERVICES:

For the foreseeable future there will generally be one service per day at one of the churches across the Benefice. The services in October:-

Sunday 4th – Harvest Family Service, 11am at Stoke Hammond

Sunday 11th – Harvest Family Service, 11am at Bow Brickhill

Sunday 18th – St Luke's Day Said Holy Communion, 9am Stoke Hammond & Harvest Family Service, 11am at Little Brickhill

Sunday 25th - Holy Communion, 11am at Great Brickhill

There will be occasional virtual services to cater for those who do not yet feel able to venture out to church. We will continue to share information about the weekly virtual worship opportunities.

The Rector's weekly reflection plus a story from the Lion Storyteller Bible are recorded and made 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:- Roger Blofeld (rogerblo@aol.com).

CHURCH OPENING TIMES:

To allow for preparations for the start of the building work on 28th September and to assist the builders, from today the church will be open just once a week: **SUNDAYS FROM 10.00am – 4.00pm**

BUT, if anyone would like to visit the church for private prayer outside of these times please get in touch with Julia or Phillipa and arrangements will be made for you.

CHURCH ANNUAL MEETING:

The postponed Annual Meeting from April will now take place on Thursday 1st October at 7.30pm in church. 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. There will be a short service of Compline at the end of the meeting. The Nomination Forms (to be returned by 23rd September) and Electoral Roll Forms are available from the bookcase and can be downloaded from the "Great Brickhill Annual Meetings" section of the website. If the guidance changes this meeting will be held online via Zoom.

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