

St Mary the Virgin, Great Brickhill



Flowers above the altar in readiness for the wedding on Saturday

CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) OUTBREAK Update 3rd October 2020

WHAT A BUSY WEEK IT HAS BEEN!

In brief,

The builders started work in the church on Tuesday

The Annual Meeting was held on Thursday evening

The first wedding of the year is taking place today

NEWS OF LIVE SERVICES:

Today the wedding of Sarah Amies and Rob O'Connor is taking place in the church. Despite the COVID restrictions and the poor weather, we wish them a very happy day and long life together.

Tomorrow's service is the Harvest Family Service at Stoke Hammond at 11.00am. John Wearmouth will be playing the organ. Due to the social distancing rules there is a restriction on numbers, only 20 can attend. Anyone wishing to go to the service should check with Diane Webber to see if there are spaces as it is first come first served:- 01525 270409 dianejwebber@gmail.com. Harvest produce is being collected, both packaged & fresh which will go to the Bletchley Food Cupboard (packaged) and Willen Hospice (fresh).

NEXT SUNDAY, 4th OCTOBER will be the Harvest Festival at Bow Brickhill. The service be at 11.00am.

OCTOBER SERVICES:

The pattern of services for the foreseeable future will continue with generally one service each week in one of the four churches in the Benefice. The schedule of services for the rest of October can be found at the end of this Newsletter.

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 SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY:

The Rector has written and recorded a reflection and prayer for the Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity and Alison Packer has recorded this week's story: "The Parable of the Tenants". Both were filmed near the pulpit in Little Brickhill Church. 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/Zl0Q34hn3WY>
- "The Parable of the Tenants":- <https://youtu.be/DmQC9q0bs24>

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 Seventeenth 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 OPENING TIMES:

The church is now open just once a week: SUNDAYS FROM 10.00am – 4.00pm

BUT, if anyone would like to 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:- 261618 juliaturner.it@icloud.com 261521 pjcook6@gmail.com

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. Visitors outside of normal services are asked to sign the registration sheet in a red folder at the entrance to the church.

"LINK TO HOPE" CHARITY SHOEBOXES

A reminder that once again, the "Great Brickhill and Friends" team are collecting shoeboxes filled with selected items to send to the poor of Romania, Moldova, Ukraine and Bulgaria who, this year, like many others have Covid 19 to add to their hardship. If you would like to help please contact Rosie Dawson on 261425 or robin.rosie@zen.co.uk for a form and/or details of the charity's other fundraising event in September 2021 of "Trek the Balkan Peaks" ... if you are interested in taking part. Also, one can find other news of the charity on www.linktohope.co.uk

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).

THE CHURCH ANNUAL MEETING:

The Annual Meeting was held on Thursday. Reports on activities through the year and the Accounts were presented. The members of the PCC remain as before. Thanks were given to Angela Northen and Mary Maley who had resigned from the PCC earlier in the year. A bouquet of flowers was presented to Gill Wilson and Val Baldwin for their tremendous work on the Social Events Committee from which they retired at the start of the year. A short service of Compline was at the end of the meeting.

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Fundraising Quiz in aid of the New Facilities

Calling all quiz fans, we have some puzzles for you to complete.

1st Prize of £10.00

(An additional question will be used as a tie breaker if required).

To enter please:

- Email Janet Pritchard janvf58@hotmail.com to request quiz sheets and payment details to be emailed to you
- Make a donation (suggested minimum £5.)
- Return your answers via email to Janet Pritchard by the closing date of 1st December.

For further information about any of the above, please contact:-

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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

SERVICES ACROSS THE BENEFICE IN OCTOBER 2020

DATE:	VENUE	SERVICE
Sunday, 11th October	Bow Brickhill	11.00am. Harvest Family Service
Sunday, 18th October	Stoke Hammond	9.00am. St Luke's Day, Holy Communion (Said)
	Little Brickhill	11.00am. Harvest Family Service
Sunday, 25th October	Great Brickhill	11.00am. Holy Communion