

The Church of St Mary the Virgin, Great Brickhill

SUNDAY 25th OCTOBER 2020: Bible Sunday

Welcome to our service of Holy Communion this morning led by the Rector. We are very pleased that Jerry Breslin will again be here to play the organ at various points throughout the service.

The readings for this morning are:-

Nehemiah 8: 1-4a, 8-12; Colossians 3: 12-17; Matthew 24: 30-35

As for previous services certain things will be a little different from normal. Hand sanitizing will be required on entry to the church. Single-use service sheet will be used and the collection/envelopes should be placed in the plate on the table in the cross aisle before the start of the service. Seating will be in accordance with social distancing rules. Masks are a mandatory requirement and contact details of all those attending will be kept for 21 days. **We are now required to exhibit a QR code. If you are able to, please use this code via the NHS COVID-19 App when you enter the church.**

VIRTUAL SERVICE OF EVENSONG TOMORROW, 7.00pm:

Jerry Breslin is arranging another online Evensong service via Zoom tomorrow evening. If anyone would like to join in this virtual service please contact Phillipa for the log-in details:- pjcook6@gmail.com

CHURCH BUILDING WORK & OPENING TIMES:

You will see that the builders have re-plastered the wall in the designated refreshment area and the floor has been prepared for the stone slabs to be laid. Work is due to start tomorrow on the foundations for the WC extension. To assist the builders, 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.

ALPHA COURSE STARTS WEDNESDAY 4th NOVEMBER 8pm

Alpha is an 11-week course giving an opportunity to explore the basics of the Christian faith, addressing questions such as Who is Jesus? How can we have faith? and How does God guide us? In the past, Alpha courses have been run in person but due to the pandemic this course will be online. If you would like to join the course, or find out more about it, please contact:- Roger Blofeld 01525 261072 (rogerblo@aol.com).

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).

FUNDRAISING QUIZ IN AID OF THE NEW FACILITIES:

A reminder that the closing date is 1st December. If you would like to enter the quiz please e-mail Janet Pritchard janvf58@hotmail.com to request quiz sheets and arrange payment.

ADVENT WINDOWS:

Remember the scarecrows around the village during lock down? To bring a little festive cheer around the village in the run up to what will inevitably be a very different Christmas from normal, we are asking people to get involved with decorating a window to create an Advent Window trail around the village. If you would like to participate, please contact Claire Pincott:- 07870 583182 clairepincott@me.com

NEXT SUNDAY, ALL SAINTS' DAY 1st NOVEMBER:

There will be two services in the Benefice:

- Holy Communion at All Saints' Church, Bow Brickhill at 9.30am. Due to the restriction of numbers, please let Stuart Leeming know in advance if you will be attending:- stuleeming@aol.com
- **All Souls Service at Little Brickhill at 6.00pm**

This is the service in which we remember with thanksgiving our loved ones who have died, those who lived here local to us or who lived further away – an important occasion this year more than ever. If anyone would like a candle to be lit in memory of a loved one, please contact Julia 01525 261618 juliaturner.jt@icloud.com

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY SERVICE, 8th NOVEMBER:

Unless the regulations change, the service here will be in the church at 10.50am concluding with a procession to the war memorial.

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 – these can be found on the website in the section "Coronavirus You Tube Recordings".

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