

St Mary the Virgin, Great Brickhill



The altar decorated with poppies for Remembrance Sunday

CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) OUTBREAK Update 14th November 2020

Whilst it was sad that we had to scale down our normal Remembrance Sunday service from the one we usually hold in the church, it was good that we could hold a short service for the wreath laying at the War Memorial. For many, this is an important occasion when we can remember and pay our respects to those who laid down their lives for us.

Thank you to all who helped with the service and especially to Ted Maley for coordinating the event and to Sara Stokes for playing the Last Post and National Anthem for us.

As you will know, I filmed the event and put the recording on You Tube. The number of viewings has exceeded expectation, the current number now stands at a remarkable 111. If you missed watching it, the link for the recording is:-

<https://youtu.be/K-B9reSp26w>

END OF NOVEMBER SERVICES:

Following the closure of churches during this current lock down, the schedule of services for the rest of the month has been revised. A virtual service will be held on each of the remaining Sundays in November. See the details in the table below.

Tomorrow's service will be Compline, a short (15 minute) service of Evening Prayer at 5.00pm. Please contact me for the log in details of any service that you would like to join in:- pjcook6@gmail.com

DATE:	TIME	SERVICE	VENUE
November 15 th	17.00	Compline	Virtual via Zoom
November 22 nd	10.00	Family All-age Service	Virtual via Zoom
November 29 th <i>Advent Sunday</i>	17.00	Advent Carol Service	Virtual via Zoom

News of the December services will follow shortly but a date for your diary is:-

Sunday 20th December, The Village Nativity, 11.00am at The Cricket Club (provided the restrictions at the time allow).

WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES FOR SUNDAY, 15th NOVEMBER:

The Rector has written and recorded a reflection and prayer for this Second Sunday before Advent and Julia read this week's story, "Big Bags of Money". These were filmed at the altar in Great 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/rerCXf65mxY>
- "Big Bags of Money":- <https://youtu.be/hJMwaPc0U38>

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 Second Sunday before Advent. This includes the programmes available on the BBC, both radio and television, and livestreaming services from the Oxford Diocese and the Church of England.

CHANGE TO CHURCH OPENING – PLEASE READ:

During this second lock down, churches can remain open for Individual prayer, which is defined as a person or household entering the venue to pray on their own and not as part of a group, led prayer or communal act. If you arrive at the same time as someone from another household, please wait to enter until the church is vacated.

Due to the ongoing building work the church opening times are now limited to once a week:-

SUNDAYS FROM 10.00am – 12 noon

BUT, if anyone would like to would like to visit the church for individual 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. If you are able to, please use the QR code on display as you enter the church.

A MONTH OF PRAYER FOR OUR NATION:

Our Archbishops have issued a call to prayer for the next month, encouraging people to pray at 6pm each day during November. The letter from the Archbishops, plus daily prayer themes and resources can be found on the following link:-

<https://www.churchofengland.org/resources/call-prayer-nation>

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).

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

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