

St Mary the Virgin, Great Brickhill



Plans for this Sunday – all has changed with suspension of services!

CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) OUTBREAK Update 23rd January 2021

NEWS OF SERVICES:

You will know that earlier this week, regrettably we had to suspend our church services and so this Sunday's service in the Benefice planned for here in Great Brickhill will not now be held.

Fortunately, we already had two online services planned to the end of the month:-

VIRTUAL SERVICE OF EVENSONG THIS MONDAY, 25th JANUARY AT 7.00pm:

Jerry Breslin is arranging an online Evensong service via Zoom on Monday evening when the choir would normally be holding their weekly practice session. To download the Service Sheet and for the login details of this virtual service, go to:-

<https://brickhillchurches.org.uk/coronavirus/live-services/>

VIRTUAL FAMILY ALL-AGE SERVICE ON SUNDAY, 31st JANUARY AT 4.00pm:

The online service for the Benefice will be a similar format to the usual Family Services. The log-in details for this service will be available soon.

A message from the Rector:-

Please let me know if you have any particular requests for prayer to be included in any of the services:- rector@brickhillchurches.org.uk

At present we do not know how long it will be before services in our churches can resume. A schedule of services across the Benefice had been planned for February and notification will be circulated if any of these might be able to take place.

We will be holding virtual services in February but there has not yet been time for the Wardens of the four parishes to discuss these. Information will be available as soon as possible.

WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES FOR SUNDAY, 24th JANUARY:

The Rector has written and recorded a reflection and prayer for the Third Sunday of Epiphany and Diane Webber has recorded this week's story, "From Water to Wine". They were filmed near the altar in Stoke Hammond church.

The recordings can be found on the following links:

- Reflection & Prayer:- <https://youtu.be/UYQrA83rmos>
- "From Water to Wine":- <https://youtu.be/1LRzoPY5q0M>

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

LENT COURSE:

The material for this year's Lent Course will be "#LiveLent: God's Story, Our Story", based on the Archbishop of Canterbury's Lent book for 2021, Living His Story by Hannah Steele. From Ash Wednesday, 17th February, to Easter Sunday, 4th April, there will be reflections for each week, which will include a short passage from the Bible, a brief exploration of the reading, and a prayer. An Apple and Android App will be available soon.

More details can be found on the Church of England website:-

<https://www.churchofengland.org/our-faith/what-we-believe/lent-holy-week-and-easter/livelent-gods-story-our-story-our-lent>

The Lent Course will be a midweek evening course via Zoom. Further information with dates and times of the online sessions will be available soon.

CHURCH OPENING TIMES:

We are still able to open the church for private prayer - due to the ongoing building work the church opening times are now:-

SUNDAYS FROM 10.00am – 12 noon

BUT, if anyone 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.

THE RECTOR:

If anyone has any concerns during this worrying time, do contact:

- The Rector, Revd John Waller:- 01525 261062 rector@brickhillschurches.org.uk
- Jeremy Hopkinson, LLM:- 01525 261674 jeremysfh@gmail.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).

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

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