

St Mary the Virgin, Great Brickhill



As the snow fell last Sunday morning,

CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) OUTBREAK **Update 30th January 2021**

NEWS OF SERVICES:

While we are unable to hold services in church, we will have a series of online services. Tomorrow's service will be:-

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

This online service for the Benefice will be a similar format to the usual Family Services. For the log in details and to download the Service Sheet, go to:-

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

NEXT SUNDAY, 7th FEBRUARY

We are planning to video a simple Holy Communion service during next week (in Great Brickhill church). The service will be available to view on 7th February. The You Tube link for the service will be sent out and available on the website next Saturday.

N.B. The Rector's weekly reflection will be part of the service.

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@brickhillschurches.org.uk

At present we do not know how long it will be before services in our churches can resume. Later this week the Benefice Wardens will be meeting to decide what online services will be held for the rest of February.

WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES FOR SUNDAY, 31st JANUARY:

The Rector has written and recorded a reflection and prayer for this Sunday and also recorded this week's story, "Simeon's Waiting is Over". They were filmed near the altar in Great Brickhill church. The recordings can be found on the following links:

- Reflection & Prayer:- <https://youtu.be/1hBV5A3p60k>
- "Simeon's Waiting is Over":- https://youtu.be/2bqHj_plhs8

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:

There has been a change to the material for this year's Lent Course. We will be using the Lent material provided by the diocese - 'Come and See'. More details soon, but it will include material that people can use individually, and group material that we are planning to use for a weekly online Lent discussion group.

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.jt@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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