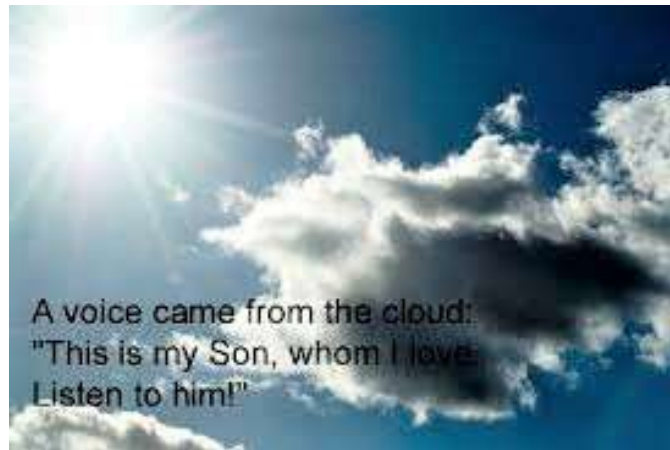


St Mary the Virgin, Great Brickhill



Mark: 9 verse 7, the Sunday next before Lent (The Transfiguration)

CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) OUTBREAK Update 13th February 2021

NEWS OF SERVICES:

While we are unable to hold services in church, we will have the following online services in February:-

THIS SUNDAY, 14th FEBRUARY

Café Church will be held via Zoom next Sunday, an informal style of worship:-

Join any time from 9.30am for a period of general chat

Short service at 10.15am

Finish at 10.30am

The log in details are:-

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89826353454?pwd=VHV4bGNMWmhLdFdQaGJRb2ZMNmFQUT09>

Meeting ID: 898 2635 3454

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ASH WEDNESDAY, 17th FEBRUARY

There will be a short service of Reflection & Prayer via Zoom at 7.30pm.

The log in details are:-

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89528913650?pwd=UVBncDh3U2xhN1dDanNDanE1VUhIQT09>

Meeting ID: 895 2891 3650

Passcode: 404689

SUNDAY, 21st FEBRUARY

A virtual service of Evensong will be held via Zoom at 7.00pm. The login details will be available soon and the Order of Service will be available to download.

SUNDAY, 28th FEBRUARY

Family All-age Service via Zoom at 4.00pm, similar to last month's service.

LOOKING FURTHER AHEAD INTO MARCH:-

Another pre-recorded Holy Communion service will be held for Sunday 7th March (any feedback from last Sunday's service would be gratefully received). A series of online services has been planned for the whole of March but these will change to live services in church if circumstances allow.

The website will be updated with any changes to the services. Follow the link:-

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

WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES SUNDAY & ASH WEDNESDAY, 17th FEBRUARY:

The Rector has written and recorded a reflection and prayer for this Sunday and also recorded this week's story, "The True Glory of Jesus". They were filmed on the steps to the pulpit in Great Brickhill church. The recordings can be found on the following links:

- Reflection & Prayer:- <https://youtu.be/e1pQpALNkcc>
- "The True Glory of Jesus":- <https://youtu.be/Sdnn8iPdcW8>

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 week:-

- (1). The Rector's written brief reflection and prayer.
- (2). How and where to find this week's online services for both this Sunday and Ash Wednesday. 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 the Lent resources provided by the diocese - 'Come and See'. It will include material, which people can use individually, and group material that we are planning to use for a weekly virtual Lent discussion group via Zoom. More details and links for the online sessions will be available soon.

**There will be five sessions held on Tuesday evenings from 8.00pm – 9.00pm:-
23rd February; 2nd; 9th; 16th; 23rd March**

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 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.

CONSEQUENCES OF THE "NOT THE SNOWDROP WALK WEEKENDS":

In normal times we would have been looking forward to welcoming lots of visitors to the church for our annual Snowdrop Walks this Sunday afternoon and next. We are unable to do that this year, which is a great shame, not only because it is a great source of much-needed funds but it offers a good, local opportunity for meeting up with friends and family. When circumstances allow, we will look at possible alternatives for fundraising and socialising activities.

This leads us on to the stark reality that, with the reduction in church collections and the cancellation of fundraising activities, our income stream has been severely curtailed. Our expenses however remain fairly constant. Some parishioners have kindly made arrangements to continue their giving to the church via alternative means, for which we are extremely grateful.

If others would like to follow this lead, payments to the church can easily be arranged – the simplest way will be by a BACS transfer. Alternatively, a direct debit could be set up, or a cheque could be sent. Cash donations can be accepted if this is the only possible form of payment. Please consider if you are able to contribute to the church in these challenging times. To arrange payment, contact the treasurer, Neil Cook:- 01525 261521 neilacook6@gmail.com

AN UPDATE FROM THE “LINK TO HOPE CHARITY” SHOEBOX APPEAL:

The following update has been received from Rosie Dawson re the “Link to Hope” charity:-
“ I have received grateful thanks from the organisers for the **46 shoeboxes that the “Great Brickhill and Friends” sent them for the 2020 shoebox appeal.** They are especially grateful as the last twelve months have been so difficult for everyone. The charity was able to send **20,768 shoeboxes** to the very needy people of eastern Europe..... which they would have received in time for Christmas.”

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:

Phillipa Cook TEL: 01525 261521 07788 740969 pjcook6@gmail.com

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