

## St Mary the Virgin, Great Brickhill



Mothers' Day, Sunday 14th March

## CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) OUTBREAK Update 13th March 2021

### NEWS OF SERVICES:

**Tomorrow's service Mothers' Day will be a virtual Family All-age Service via Zoom at 10.00 am.**

We do hope that some of our young families will join in. Pupils from High Ash School will be doing the prayers for us. We invite you to download the PDF file of a simple flower shape to print out and decorate. Perhaps you would like to write 'Thank you' in the centre, and then write or draw something on the petals to represent mums, and all those who help to care for us, who we would like to say 'Thank you' to. At our Zoom service, there will be an opportunity to show our flowers to others.

The login details for the service are:-

Join Zoom Meeting:-

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84484915220?pwd=RVdRSFBqVzBvNlRjUyZVJLbFhyd09>

Meeting ID: 844 8491 5220

Passcode: 181517

The Order of Service and the PDF file of the flower shape can be downloaded from the website:- <https://brickhillschurches.org.uk/coronavirus/live-services/>

### NEXT SUNDAY 21st MARCH:

A virtual service of Mattins will be held at 10.00am via Zoom. The login details will be on the front Home page of the website.

### LOOKING FURTHER AHEAD:-

Following a meeting of the Wardens of the four parishes, we are delighted to say that live services will return from Palm Sunday, 28th March and on Easter Sunday, a service will be held in each of the four churches. A schedule of all the services planned up to Easter Sunday can be found at the end of this Newsletter.

**The website will be updated with any changes to the services. For information and login details of all services, follow the link:-**

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

### WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES SUNDAY, 14th MARCH:

The Rector has written a reflection and prayer for this Sunday. There is a recording of the Rector reading this reflection, plus Alison Packer reading a story for Mothers' Day, "The

Secret Baby", a version of the birth of Moses from Exodus chapter 1-2. These were filmed at the altar in Little Brickhill church.

The recordings can be found on the following links:

- Reflection & Prayer:- <https://youtu.be/MbjqDJxb8kM>
- "The Secret Baby":- [https://youtu.be/o7VJodf6\\_y8](https://youtu.be/o7VJodf6_y8)

**Earlier week's reflections and stories can be found on the website in the section "Coronavirus You Tube Recordings".**

The following files accompany this e-mail for 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 is the Lent resources provided by the diocese – "Come and See". They are based on a new book by the Bishop of Oxford, "Pilgrim Journeys: The Creeds - 40 days of reflections". It includes material, which people can use individually and group material for the weekly virtual Lent discussion group via Zoom.

**The remaining two sessions will be held on Tuesday evenings from 8pm – 9pm:-**

**16th March:-** Session 4: I Believe in the Holy Spirit (next Tuesday)

**23rd March:-** Session 5: The Church and the forgiveness of sins

**The login details will be available from the Home page of the website.**

On the "**Come and See**" page of the diocesan website the links are available for all the daily Lent reflections so far, and, from Sunday onwards, Bishop Steven's new video for the fourth Lent course session will be available:-

<https://www.oxford.anglican.org/come-and-see/#toggle-id-2>

All will be welcome to join the sessions at any time - they are independent, so it doesn't matter if you have missed the earlier sessions. For more details of the course, go to the "Lent Courses" section of the website:- <https://brickhillchurches.org.uk/lent-course/>

### **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](mailto:juliaturner.jt@icloud.com) 261521 [pjcook6@gmail.com](mailto: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. Visitors outside of normal services are asked to sign the registration sheet in a red folder at the entrance.

### **PLANT FAYRE CANCELLED:**

It will come as no surprise that this year's Plant Fayre has been cancelled. Below is a message from Celia Hall who together with John have done sterling work in organising this event in recent years:-

" It is with regret that we have made the decision that the Great Brickhill Plant Fayre, tentatively planned for April 10th this year, will not after all go ahead. Even with the government's latest "Road Map" announced recently, there are too many uncertainties to guarantee a successful event worthy of the work required by all involved.

Instead, John and I plan to sell tomato plants by email again as we did last year and we will have a plant stall outside our gate in Stoke Lane, all in aid of church funds, over the coming bank holidays. More information about this will be posted on the GB Info Line.”

AND THIS MEANS THAT FOR THE SECOND YEAR RUNNING, OUR TWO BIG ANNUAL FUNDRAISING EVENTS HAVE BEEN CANCELLED

**On a more positive note, we have some new Snowdrop Cards for sale:**



**These will make terrific Easter cards or cards for general occasions.**

**A pack of three cards with envelopes costs £5**

**To place an order contact Julia or Phillipa:-**

07714 028785 261618 [juliaturner.it@icloud.com](mailto:juliaturner.it@icloud.com) 261521 [pjcook6@gmail.com](mailto:pjcook6@gmail.com)

#### **THE FOOD BOX:**

The Food Box in the church porch is there to help anyone who is in need of food, either in an emergency or longer term. The church main and porch gates remain open for easy access to the Food Box at all times.

**Anyone who contributes any items to the Food Box, please check that the items are all well in date. Also, that no fresh food items should be deposited in the box.**

#### **THE RECTOR:**

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

- The Rector, Revd John Waller:- 01525 261062 [rector@brickhillschurches.org.uk](mailto:rector@brickhillschurches.org.uk)
- Jeremy Hopkinson, LLM:- 01525 261674 [jeremysfh@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:rogerblo@aol.com)).

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

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## SERVICES ACROSS THE BENEFICE IN MARCH 2021

<b>DATE:</b>	<b>TIME:</b>	<b>SERVICE:</b>	<b>VENUE:</b>
<b>March 7th</b>	00.00	Video pre-recorded Holy Communion	<b>Via You Tube</b>
<b>March 14th</b> <i>[ Mothers' Day ]</i>	10.00	Family All-age Service (See details above)	<b>Via Zoom</b> (Login details above)
<b>March 21st</b>	10.00	Mattins	<b>Via Zoom</b>
<b>March 28th</b> <i>[ Palm Sunday ]</i>	10.00	Holy Communion Service incl. Dramatised Reading of the Passion Gospel	<b>Great Brickhill</b>

### ***Updated 6th March***

Please go to the website for information and login details for any of the services:-  
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## SERVICES ACROSS THE BENEFICE FOR HOLY WEEK & EASTER

### **April 1st [ Maundy Thursday ]**

7.00pm Virtual Service of Readings, Prayer and Reflection (Via Zoom)

### **April 2nd [ Good Friday ]**

9.30am Service of Hymns and Reflections (Bow Brickhill)

2.00pm Hour of Devotion (Great Brickhill)

### **April 4th [ Easter Sunday ]**

9.00am Holy Communion by Extension (Stoke Hammond)

9.30am Holy Communion (Bow Brickhill)

11.00am Family Service with Holy Communion by Extension (Little Brickhill)

11.00am Holy Communion (Great Brickhill)