

St Mary the Virgin, Great Brickhill

CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) OUTBREAK **Update 17th July 2021**



This week's gospel reading:- "Feeding the five thousand"

TOMORROW: SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY, 18th JULY:
There will be a Family Service at Little Brickhill at 11.00am

NEXT SUNDAY, 25th JULY:

The service will be here in Great Brickhill – Holy Communion at 11.00am

This will be the first service since the relaxation of the Covid restrictions. Some guidance was received this morning from the Church of England but it is too soon to say which of our current restrictions will still be in place and which will be lifted.

SERVICES FURTHER AHEAD:

The August service schedule can be found at the end of this Newsletter. The service at the end of the month will be either Evensong, if singing is permitted, if not it will be Said Compline. For those who are not yet ready to attend church, the weekly reflections and stories will continue.

An initial draft service plan for the longer term has been drawn up and is being considered by the four PCCs before further discussion at the August Wardens' Meeting. Any changes will be from September at the earliest.

WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES SUNDAY, 18th JULY:

The Rector has written a brief reflection and prayer for this Sunday. There is a recording of this reflection, and Andrew Smith reading this week's story, "The Marvellous Picnic". These were filmed in the refreshment area and churchyard at Great Brickhill church.

The recordings can be found on the following links:

- Reflection & Prayer:- <https://youtu.be/qGl-cTzg30I>
- "The Marvellous Picnic":- <https://youtu.be/vjo5pxbkGI0>

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 Church of England. The weekly online streamed services from the Oxford Diocese have been discontinued.

AN UPDATE ON THE NEW FACILITIES:

We had hoped that all the work would have finished by the end of June. Unfortunately, there is a major national issue with the supply of building materials and the contractors are waiting for delivery of the last few remaining items.

CHURCH ANNUAL MEETING DATE:

The Annual Church Meeting will be held on Wednesday 28th July at 7.30pm. With the lifting of Covid restrictions, the meeting will be held in-person in the Church.

As usual a report will be given on the events of the year and the Accounts will be presented for the year to 31st December 2020. Elections will take place for the PCC and it would be wonderful if there were new people willing to stand for election. With the Covid restrictions being lifted and the new facilities having been installed, we would love to have new members on the PCC to share ideas as to how we can go forward and use the church more widely.

The full details of the meeting and Nomination Forms are posted on the website in the following section:- <https://brickhillschurches.org.uk/great-brickhill/annual-church-meeting/>

CHURCH OPENING TIMES:

Whilst the building work is taking place, the church will continue to be open just once a week but we hope that we will soon be able to have the church open daily, as before the pandemic. The opening times are:-

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

THE RECTOR:

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

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- 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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SERVICES ACROSS THE BENEFICE IN AUGUST 2021

DATE:	TIME:	SERVICE:	VENUE:
August 1st	10.00	Holy Communion	Stoke Hammond
August 8th	11.00	Family Service with Holy Communion	Little Brickhill
August 15th	10.00	Holy Communion	Great Brickhill
August 22nd	10.00	Holy Communion	Bow Brickhill
August 29th	18.00	Evensong or Compline tbc	Great Brickhill

As at 7th July

Please go to the website for information and updates on any of the services:-
<https://brickhillschurches.org.uk/coronavirus/live-services/>