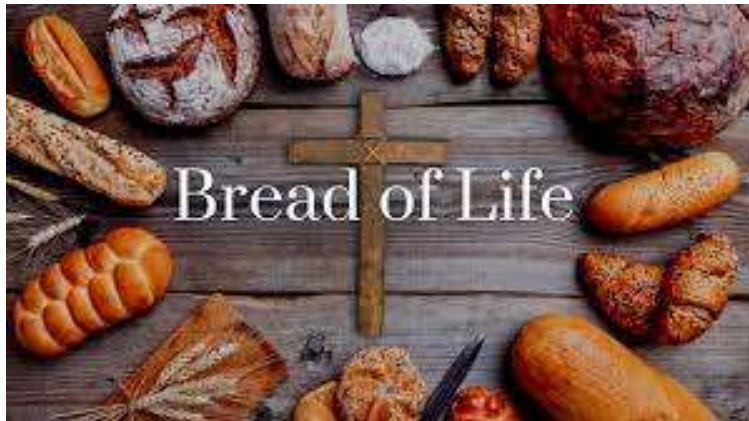


St Mary the Virgin, Great Brickhill

## **CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) OUTBREAK** **Update 31st July 2021**



**Theme for the Ninth Sunday after Trinity – The Bread of Life**

### **COVID RESTRICTIONS LIFTED:**

For those who were at the service here last Sunday, it was wonderful that the Covid restrictions had been formally lifted. Whilst things are not totally back to pre-pandemic times it did seem as if things are moving forward. Singing among the congregation was allowed and refreshments were served after the service in our new servery/gathering area.

Different Covid recommendations from those at Great Brickhill last week will be in place for services elsewhere in the Benefice. The Rector in consultation with the Wardens at each church will decide what is appropriate for that church, taking into account, among other things, the size of the building and the likely number in the congregation.

### **TOMORROW'S SERVICE - SUNDAY, 1st AUGUST:**

**The service will be at Stoke Hammond – Holy Communion at 10.00am**

Due to social distancing requirements, anyone who would like to attend this service is asked to please contact Harry Davies to reserve a place:-  
07773 065271 [harrydavies470@btinternet.com](mailto:harrydavies470@btinternet.com)

### **NEXT WEEK'S SERVICE - SUNDAY, 8th AUGUST:**

The service will be at Little Brickhill, a Family Service with Holy Communion at 11.00am

### **SERVICES FURTHER AHEAD:**

The full August service schedule can be found at the end of this Newsletter. The service at the end of the month will be either Evensong or 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, 1st AUGUST:**

The Rector has written a brief reflection and prayer for this Sunday. There is a recording of this reflection, and also this week's story, "An Important Meal". These were filmed near the altar in Great Brickhill church. The recordings can be found on the following links:

- Reflection & Prayer:- <https://youtu.be/4aD-duihZQg>
- "An Important Meal":- [https://youtu.be/Gk4S0Y7Pn\\_c](https://youtu.be/Gk4S0Y7Pn_c)

**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.

### **CHURCH ANNUAL MEETING:**

The Annual Church Meeting was held in the church on Wednesday evening. A report was presented on the events of the year and the Accounts for the year to 31st December 2020 were adopted. Julia Turner was re-elected as Warden and the PCC members will all serve for another year, along with newly appointed Clare Hankins-Lewis. The Electoral Roll had been revised and the current number on the Roll is 39.

The full details of the meeting can be found 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](mailto:juliaturner.jt@icloud.com) 261521 [pjcook6@gmail.com](mailto:pjcook6@gmail.com)

### **RIDE & STRIDE:**

Early notice for cyclists/horse-riders/walkers that this year's Ride & Stride in aid of Bucks Historic Churches Trust is on Saturday 11th September. More details later.

### **2021 SHOEBOX APPEAL:**

Rosie has the forms for this year's appeal and would be delighted to hear from anyone who would like to fill a box:- 01525 261425 [robin.rosie@zen.co.uk](mailto:robin.rosie@zen.co.uk)

### **THE RECTOR:**

If anyone has any concerns, please 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:**

Phillipa Cook TEL: 01525 261521 07788 740969 [pjcook6@gmail.com](mailto:pjcook6@gmail.com)

[www.brickhillschurches.org.uk](http://www.brickhillschurches.org.uk)

## SERVICES ACROSS THE BENEFICE IN AUGUST 2021

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

*As at 7th July*

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