

St Mary the Virgin, Great Brickhill

CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) OUTBREAK

Update 26th June 2021

**OPEN GARDENS NEXT SUNDAY,
4th JULY IN CONJUNCTION WITH:**



See item below for full details

It has been a busy week but it does feel as if we are getting back to more normal times. The funeral for Jean Griffiths was held here on Wednesday and this afternoon we were pleased that a baptism service took place, almost a year later than hoped. And tomorrow we have the first reading of banns for a wedding in September, again a year later than originally planned.

TOMORROW: FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY, 27th JUNE:

The service will be Holy Communion here at Great Brickhill at 10.00am.

The COVID regulations remain in place:

- There is still no congregational singing
- Hand sanitizing is required on entry to the church
- Seating will be in accordance with social distancing rules
- Masks are a mandatory requirement
- We ask for contact details, which we have to keep for 21 days.

SERVICES IN JULY:

Next Sunday, 4th July there will be two services at Stoke Hammond:-

9.30am Short Service of Holy Communion

11.00am Family Service with Baptism

Due to social distancing requirements, anyone who would like to attend either of these services is asked to please contact Diane Webber to reserve a place:-

01525 270409 dianejwebber@gmail.com

The full schedule of services for July can be found at the end of this Newsletter. For those who are not yet ready to attend church, the weekly reflections and stories will continue.

SERVICES FURTHER AHEAD:

The August services will be planned along the lines of recent months.

An initial draft service plan for the longer term is being drawn up for consideration at the July Wardens' meeting. Any changes will be from September at the earliest. If you have any thoughts about future services there is still time for those to be considered, please contact:- Julia 261618 juliaturner.jt@icloud.com or Phillipa 261521 pjcook6@gmail.com

WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES SUNDAY, 27th JUNE:

The Rector has written a brief reflection and prayer for this Sunday. There is a recording of the Rector reading this reflection, and James Northen reading this week's story, "The woman who wanted to be healed". These were filmed in a garden in Great Brickhill.

The recordings can be found on the following links:

- Reflection & Prayer:- <https://youtu.be/s1csSYHJcvo>
- "The woman who wanted to be healed":- <https://youtu.be/fYD0M9xcHwo>

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 DATE:

The Annual Church Meeting will be held on Wednesday 28th July at 7.30pm. Dependent upon the lifting of Covid restrictions, the meeting will be held in-person in the Church. The full details of the meeting will be posted on the website in the following section:-

<https://brickhillchurches.org.uk/great-brickhill/annual-church-meeting/>

CHURCH OPENING TIMES:

For the time being, 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

There is hand sanitizer available at the entrance and we ask that you read the guidance provided on the 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.

GREAT BRICKHILL JULY PARISH NEWSLETTER:

A full colour copy of the July issue is now available to read in a folder in the Church porch. Do please let anyone know who does not have access to the Newsletter via the internet. The folder will be available at all times and villagers can either sit in the porch or in the church, when it is fully open again, and read what is happening in the village. Please don't remove the folder but leave it for the next person to read.

NEWS OF SHEILA McLOUGHLIN:

Mark McLoughlin sent news of his mother and asked for this to be circulated:-
"Mum's house in Green End completed on Friday last. So she is permanently in the Lindens at Stoke Hammond for the time being. Mum would surely love to see people when possible. Window & garden visits are able at the moment"

A REMINDER OF THE OPEN GARDENS, SUNDAY 4th JULY:

The Great Brickhill Gardening Club will be holding an Open Gardens afternoon on Sunday 4th July, from 1.00pm – 5.00pm. This event is open to everyone and all are welcome to come along and have a look at various gardens around the village. Programmes with full details available on the day from outside Ivan Mear's house at 2 Pound Hill. Garden entry fee will be £3 per person, under-16s free.

Afternoon teas will be available at the church, hopefully outside if the weather permits. Any offers of cakes, or volunteers to help with the teas, contact Julia:-

261618 juliaturner.it@icloud.com

A PDF file of a poster accompanies this newsletter – please forward it to friends and family who may be interested in coming.

The proceeds will go towards the church and Willen Hospice.

THIS WEEKEND - OPEN GARDENS IN LITTLE BRICKHILL:

There will be 9 gardens to visit from 2pm to 6pm each day. There will also be various stalls, train rides and refreshments will be available. The full details are on the poster circulated last week.

THE RECTOR:

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

- The Rector, Revd John Waller:- 01525 261062 rector@brickhillchurches.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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SERVICES ACROSS THE BENEFICE IN JULY 2021

DATE:	TIME:	SERVICE:	VENUE:
July 4th	9.30	Short Service of Holy Communion	Stoke Hammond
	11.00	Family Service with Baptism	
July 11th	10.00	Holy Communion	Bow Brickhill
July 18th	11.00	Family Service	Little Brickhill
July 25th	10.00	Holy Communion	Great Brickhill

As at 19th June

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