

St Mary the Virgin, Great Brickhill

CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) OUTBREAK

Update 28th August 2021

Please note this is the last weekly Coronavirus Newsletter

With our church services returning to a weekly basis as before the pandemic, it seems the right time to discontinue these Newsletters.

BUT:

- I will continue to circulate the Rector's reflections and stories each week and short messages will be sent within the e-mail.
- The occasional PCC Newsletters will resume on an ad hoc basis, whenever there is new information to report.
- The monthly Parish Newsletters will contain details of services and upcoming events and the Parish InfoLine will also be used when required.
- The website will be updated with all the information re services etc.

REMINDER OF THE CURRENT COVID RECOMMENDATIONS FOR EACH CHURCH:

With Covid restrictions largely being lifted on 19th July, individual churches can recommend/advise/encourage certain restrictions to remain. There will be different Covid recommendations in place for services at the individual churches within 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.

For information for each of the four churches of our Benefice, see the "Update 19th July" item on the "Coronavirus General Updates" page on the website:-

<https://brickhillchurches.org.uk/coronavirus/general-information-updates/>

TOMORROW'S SERVICE - SUNDAY, 29th AUGUST:

A service of Evensong here at Great Brickhill at 6.00pm.

NEXT WEEK'S SERVICE - SUNDAY, 5th SEPTEMBER:

The first week of the new service pattern:-

Benefice Holy Communion here at Great Brickhill at 10.00am

OTHER SERVICES IN SEPTEMBER:

September is month 1 in the 4-month pattern. The full service schedule for September can be found at the end of this Newsletter.

A REMINDER OF THE NEW SERVICE PATTERN:

Each parish will generally have a Holy Communion service at 9.30am and a Family Service or Family Service with Holy Communion at 11.00am. The services for the third and fourth weeks will be determined at local level. If there is a fifth Sunday, this will give an opportunity to hold special different style/different venue services.

In Great Brickhill the general pattern in a normal month will be:-

1st Sunday:- 9.30am Holy Communion

2nd Sunday:- Prayer Book Evensong / Mattins / occasional Holy Communion

3rd Sunday:- 11.00am Family Service

4th Sunday:- No fixed service, decided on occasional ad hoc basis

There will be a monthly benefice service at one of the churches on a rotational basis at 10.00am, taking the place of the normal Holy Communion service at that church. No other service will be held in the benefice that day.

There will be changes to the above pattern to facilitate this monthly Benefice service and at certain times of the year, e.g. Easter, Harvest, Remembrance, Christmas. The pattern will be reviewed after 12 months.

For the time being, for those who are not yet ready to attend church, the weekly reflections and stories will continue.

The channel of communication used to publicise the services will be widened. Each parish is reviewing what is available to them, to maximise all possible ways of getting the information out to as many as possible.

WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES SUNDAY, 29th AUGUST:

Jeremy Hopkinson, LLM, has written a brief reflection and prayer for this Sunday. There is a recording of this reflection, and Suzanne Cook reading this week's story, "The Two Houses". These were filmed in gardens in Great Brickhill.

The recordings can be found on the following links:

- Reflection & Prayer:- <https://youtu.be/9Yrnlo8gYKE>
- "The Two Houses":- https://youtu.be/_vbnOhTqxjl

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). Jeremy'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.

CHURCH OPENING TIMES:

Until all the builders' materials have been removed, the church will continue to be open just once a week. After that we should be able to have the church open daily, as before the pandemic, between 10.00am – 4.00pm. The Sunday 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

BRICKSTOCK – ON BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY 30th AUGUST:

This year's Brickstock music festival is being held this weekend on Bank Holiday Monday. We will be doing the teas between 3pm – 5pm. Offers of cakes and help to serve the teas, contact Julia:- 261618 juliaturner.jt@icloud.com

GREAT BRICKHILL SEPTEMBER PARISH NEWSLETTER:

A full colour copy of the September 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 open, and read what is happening in the village. Please don't remove the folder but leave it for the next person to read.

If anyone would like their name added to the circulation list send an e-mail to:-

info@copywriteservices.co.uk

RIDE & STRIDE:

This year's Ride & Stride for cyclists/horse-riders/walkers in aid of Bucks Historic Churches Trust is on Saturday 11th September. For more details and sponsorship forms please contact Phillipa.

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

THE RECTOR:

If anyone has any concerns, please 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:

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SERVICES ACROSS THE BENEFICE UNTIL END OF SEPTEMBER 2021

DATE:	TIME:	SERVICE:	VENUE:
September 5th	10.00	Benefice Holy Communion	Great Brickhill
September 12th	18.00	Evensong (BCP)	Great Brickhill
September 19th	11.00	Family Service	Great Brickhill
September 26th		No Service	Great Brickhill

OTHER SERVICES IN THE BENEFICE IN SEPTEMBER:-

Sunday 5th September:

N/A

Sunday 12th September:

9.30 (Little Brickhill) Holy Communion
11.00 (Stoke Hammond) Family Service

Sunday 19th September:

9.30 (Bow Brickhill) Holy Communion

Sunday 26th September:

9.30 (Stoke Hammond) Holy Communion
11.00 (Little Brickhill) Harvest Family Service
18.00 (Bow Brickhill) Evensong (BCP)

Please go to the website for information and updates on any of the services:-

<https://brickhillschurches.org.uk/>