

St Mary the Virgin, Great Brickhill

CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) OUTBREAK **Update 29th May 2021**



Flowers in the porch for Celia's funeral

Celia Hall's funeral was held in the church on Thursday. Due to Covid restrictions and social distancing rules, a limited number were allowed in the church. A lovely thanksgiving service was held to celebrate the remarkable life of an exceptionally clever and talented lady who will be deeply missed by her family, her professional colleagues and her many friends here in Great Brickhill.

The family asked for no flowers please but, if you would like to, given Celia's life's work in the mental health field, donations can be made to MIND Buckinghamshire at:-
<https://celiahall.muchloved.com>

Thank you to the team who prepared the church ready for the service, and to those who created the wonderful floral decorations, which will be on display in the church for tomorrow's service.

TOMORROW: TRINITY SUNDAY:-

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

Jerry Breslin will be with us providing music throughout the service and members of the choir will also be there, singing hymns and possibly an anthem.

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.

NEXT SUNDAY, 6th JUNE:

The service in the Benefice will be a service of Holy Communion at Stoke Hammond at 10.00am. Due to social distancing requirements, anyone wanting to attend the service is asked to please contact Diane Webber to reserve a place:-

01525 270409 dianejwebber@gmail.com

OTHER SERVICES IN JUNE:

The recent pattern of services will continue, with one service each Sunday at one of the four churches in the Benefice. The schedule of services for June can be found at the end of this Newsletter. We appreciate that for some it might still be too soon to return to church and there is no pressure for anyone to attend if they are not ready to, but we are pleased to welcome all those who do come to any of the services. The weekly reflections and stories will continue.

SERVICES FURTHER AHEAD:

The July and August services will be planned on a month-by-month basis.

In the longer term, initial discussions have been held amongst the Wardens of the four churches with a view to refreshing the monthly service pattern; any long-term changes will be from September at the earliest. Each of the PCCs would welcome suggestions from anyone in their village who has any thoughts about future services – if you have ideas that you would like to be considered during this review period, please contact either:-

Julia 261618 juliaturner.jt@icloud.com Phillipa 261521 pjcook6@gmail.com

WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES SUNDAY, 30th MAY:

The Rector has written a brief reflection and prayer for this Sunday. There is a recording of the Rector reading this reflection, plus Julia Turner reading the story, "Jesus is Baptised". These were filmed at a farm in Great Brickhill. The recordings can be found on the following links:

- Reflection & Prayer:- https://youtu.be/YpJYQdS79_I
- "Jesus is Baptised":- <https://youtu.be/KPHITTRS1FI>

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 OPENING TIMES:

During the ongoing building work, the church is currently only open for private prayer on:-

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 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.

GREAT BRICKHILL PARISH NEWSLETTER:

A full colour copy of each issue will now be displayed in a folder in the Church porch. This 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. The June issue is now available - please don't remove the folder but leave it for the next person to read. If you are aware of anyone who can't receive the internet, please let them know.

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. Afternoon teas will be available at the church, hopefully outside if the weather permits. Garden entry fee will be £3 per person, under-16s free. The proceeds will go towards the church and Willen Hospice.

The Gardening Club are looking for gardeners in Great Brickhill who will be willing to open their gardens to the public. Gardens can be any size and do not need to be in perfect condition! If you would like your garden to be included, or would like any further information, please contact Rosemary Howell:- rosehowell50@hotmail.com

THE RECTOR:

If anyone has any concerns during this worrying time, do 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 IN JUNE 2021

DATE:	TIME:	SERVICE:	VENUE:
June 6th	10.00	Family Service	Stoke Hammond
June 13th	10.00	Holy Communion	Bow Brickhill
June 20th	**11.00**	Family Service with Holy Communion	Little Brickhill
June 27th	10.00	Holy Communion	Great Brickhill

As at 9th May

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