

St Mary the Virgin, Great Brickhill



He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) OUTBREAK Update 3rd April 2021

FIRSTLY, an Easter message from the Rector, filmed amongst daffodils in Great Brickhill. The recording is available via You Tube:- <https://youtu.be/ySrxMFCrnqs>

TOMORROW, EASTER SUNDAY 4th APRIL:

The service here will be Holy Communion at 11.00am

We were delighted that the members of the choir were at yesterday's Good Friday service. Whilst it is sad that the congregation cannot yet sing in church, it was wonderful to hear the choir sing an anthem and a couple of hymns. We are hoping that some of the choir will be at our service tomorrow morning.

Thank you to the team who have done the lovely flower arrangements. And also, to the team who have cleaned the church again ready for this week's services, a minor task compared to last week.

We appreciate that for some it may be too soon to return to church and there is no pressure for anyone to attend if they are not ready to, but we will be pleased to be welcome all those who come to the service. **For those not at the service, the Rector's Easter sermon will be recorded and available to watch via You Tube as soon as possible after the service.**

The COVID regulations in place before the lockdown remain:

- 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.

SADLY, we will not be able to have our usual post service Easter egg hunt.

EASTER SUNDAY & APRIL SERVICES:-

In addition to the service here, there will be a service in each of the four parishes tomorrow. The full schedule of services for Easter Sunday and the remaining weeks in April can be found at the end of this Newsletter.

A reminder that details of the services and any changes to the schedule will be notified on the website in the normal section:-

<https://brickhillchurches.org.uk/coronavirus/live-services/>

WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES SUNDAY, 4th APRIL:

- The Rector's written reflection for Easter Day is attached
- Instead of the weekly reflection being recorded, **the Rector's sermon at the Easter Day service at Great Brickhill will be filmed and uploaded to You Tube**. The link will be on the Home page of the website:- www.brickhillschurches.org.uk
- The story for Easter Sunday, "A Happy Day" is read by Suzanne Cook and filmed in a garden in Great Brickhill. The You Tube link is:- <https://youtu.be/3uR7mlkvnf0>

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.it@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.

SNOWDROP CARDS:



These will on display and available for purchase at the service tomorrow. A pack of three cards with envelopes costs £5. To place an order contact Julia or Phillipa:-

07714 028785 261618 juliaturner.it@icloud.com 261521 pjcook6@gmail.com

TOMATO PLANTS FOR SALE:

A message from John and Celia Hall:-

"We are happy to announce that the tomato plants on sale in aid of Church funds will be ready in a couple of weeks – weather permitting! We are happy to take advance orders and will deliver the plants when they are ready.

The following varieties will be available at a cost of £1.00 per plant

- **Beef**
- **Gardeners Delight**
- **Cherry**
- **Plum**
- **Money maker**
- **Alicante**
- **Ailsa Craig**

John has grown over 600 plants and orders will be dealt with on a "first come - first served basis". Please email your requirements to celiafeetam@madasafish.com stating how many of which variety you would like and please include your address.

Cash payments only please - either in an envelope on delivery, or in advance into our letterbox at 17 Stoke Lane.

We will also hope to hold a plant sale at our gate in Stoke Lane over the Whitsun and May day bank holidays.”

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:

Phillipa Cook TEL: 01525 261521 07788 740969 pjcook6@gmail.com

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SERVICES ACROSS THE BENEFICE IN APRIL

April 4th [Easter Sunday]

9.00am Holy Communion by Extension (Stoke Hammond) * see below

9.30am Holy Communion (Bow Brickhill)

11.00am Family Service with Holy Communion by Extension (Little Brickhill)

11.00am Holy Communion (Great Brickhill)

April 11th

10.00am Holy Communion (Bow Brickhill)

April 18th

10.00am Family Service (Little Brickhill)

April 25th

10.00am Holy Communion (Stoke Hammond) * see below

N.B * Due to social distancing requirements, anyone wanting to attend services at St LUKE's (Easter Day and 25th April) please contact Diane Webber to reserve a place:- 01525 270409 dianejwebber@gmail.com