



St Mary the Virgin, Great Brickhill

OPEN GARDENS IN THE VILLAGE TOMORROW, 4th JULY 1.00pm – 5.00pm

Do spread the word and come along with your family and friends for a lovely afternoon in the village. Even if rains, bring an umbrella and support those who have been working hard in their gardens over recent weeks.

- 9 gardens open, some with far-reaching views
- Entrance £3, buy tickets and map, either at the church or at the bottom of Pound Hill (outside Garden No. 2)
- Afternoon teas at St Mary's Church (debit/credit cards accepted)
- Plant stall
- Ice creams at one of the gardens
- Proceeds to Willen Hospice and St Mary's Church

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

Much work has been going on at the church this week and we are delighted to say that we will have the refreshment area and one of the new toilets in use for the Open Garden teas tomorrow. Supply issues have meant that unfortunately the builders have been unable to finish all the work.

The path has had tarmac laid this week but there will be a delay until the resin is available for the final covering.

Fibre optic broadband was installed by Gigaclear on Monday. The wi-fi code will be provided to anyone who will find that useful while at the church. We are indebted to the Oxford Diocese who have awarded us an Internet Connectivity grant to cover the cost of this. Looking to the future, this will be a huge asset and increase the possible future use of the church.

TOMORROW: FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY, 4th JULY:

There will be two services at Stoke Hammond:-

The first is Holy Communion at 9.30am, and that will be followed by a Family Service with Baptism at 11.00am. There will be a choir at the 11am service.

Places are available at either service. although numbers are more limited for the Baptism. Alternately you may feel like you would wish to attend both if there is space for that. Either way, please let Diane Webber know if you wish to attend as soon as possible as we are still operating with limited capacity in the Church due to social distancing:-

01525 270409 dianejwebber@gmail.com

OTHER SERVICES IN JULY:

Next Sunday, 11th July there will be Holy Communion at Bow Brickhill at 10.00am

Due to the limit on numbers, those wishing to attend please advise Warden, Stuart Leeming:- email: stuleeming@aol.com or 01908 372032

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 are being planned along the lines of recent months.

An initial draft service plan for the longer term has been drawn up and was discussed at this week's Wardens' meeting. The draft is being sent to the four PCCs for consideration before further discussion at the August Wardens' Meeting. Any changes will be from September at the earliest.

WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES SUNDAY, 4th JULY:

The Rector has written a brief reflection and prayer for this Sunday. There is a recording of the Rector reading this reflection, and Stuart Leeming reading this week's story, "The Burning Bush". These were filmed in the children's outdoor play area at the new Church Community Hall in Bow Brickhill.

The recordings can be found on the following links:

- Reflection & Prayer:- <https://youtu.be/e7qp5lzTIXc>
- "The Burning Bush":- <https://youtu.be/ceobNFRQ0kk>

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.it@icloud.com 261521 pjcook6@gmail.com

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/>