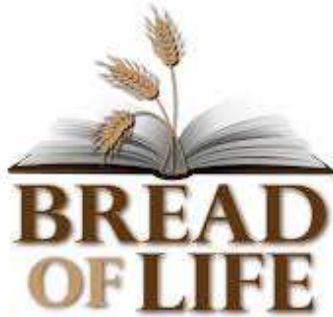


St Mary the Virgin, Great Brickhill
CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) OUTBREAK
Update 7th August 2021

Continuing theme from John chapter 6:-

Jesus calls himself the



COVID RESTRICTIONS:

Since the formal lifting of the Covid restrictions, although everything is not totally back to pre-pandemic times, things are definitely moving forward in a positive way. Singing among the congregation is allowed and refreshments can be served after the service.

Different Covid recommendations will be in place for services at the individual churches in 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.

TOMORROW'S SERVICE - SUNDAY, 8th AUGUST:

A Family Service with Holy Communion at Little Brickhill at 11.00am

NEXT WEEK'S SERVICE - SUNDAY, 15th AUGUST:

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

The Covid recommendations in place for the last service here on 25th July will continue:

- We will ask people to socially distance, using every other pew
- The doors will be open for ventilation
- Communion will be administered in the same way as in recent weeks
- Hymn singing will take place but the congregation will be asked to remain seated
- Individuals to decide whether they wish to wear a mask during the service or not
- The QR code will remain on the door for those who wish to use it
- Contact details will be taken from those who wish to provide them
- The collection will be taken as in recent weeks

We will be serving tea and coffee after the service in our new refreshment area.

SERVICES FURTHER AHEAD:

The full August service schedule can be found at the end of this Newsletter. The service at the end of the month will be either Evensong or Said Compline. For those who are not yet ready to attend church, the weekly reflections and stories will continue.

Following a wide consultation process, a new service plan for the Benefice will be in place from September. Details of this plan will be available next week.

WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES SUNDAY, 8th AUGUST:

The Rector has written a brief reflection and prayer for this Sunday – attached. He has also recorded a video version of his written reflection and prayer, filmed near the lectern in Great Brickhill Church. This week's story to fit the theme for the week, is "A Long Journey", a repeat of the story filmed earlier this year.

The recordings can be found on the following links:

- Reflection & Prayer:- https://youtu.be/SGnx_1j1rUQ
- "A Long Journey":- <https://youtu.be/IPHUXeFihNA>

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.

CHURCH OPENING TIMES:

Whilst the building work is taking place, 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

RIDE & STRIDE:

Early notice for cyclists/horse-riders/walkers that this year's Ride & Stride in aid of Bucks Historic Churches Trust is on Saturday 11th September. More details later.

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 IN AUGUST 2021

DATE:	TIME:	SERVICE:	VENUE:
August 1st	10.00	Holy Communion	Stoke Hammond
August 8th	11.00	Family Service with Holy Communion	Little Brickhill
August 15th	10.00	Holy Communion	Great Brickhill
August 22nd	10.00	Holy Communion	Bow Brickhill
August 29th	18.00	Evensong or Compline tbc	Great Brickhill

As at 7th July

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