

The Church of St Mary the Virgin, Great Brickhill

SUNDAY 25th JULY 2021: EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY CELEBRATING THE FEAST OF St JAMES

Welcome to our service of Holy Communion, led by the Rector, the first service to be held after the easing of the Covid restrictions. The Church of England has issued guidance saying that, although they cannot enforce any restriction, each church can encourage certain restrictions to remain. The Rector in consultation with the Wardens at each church will decide what is appropriate for that church. The main criteria for any decision are made on the size of the building and the likely number in the congregation. It will therefore be different restrictions that will be recommended at each of our four churches. The main differences will be regarding congregational singing and the wearing of face coverings.

Please see below what is recommended for here in Great Brickhill:

- 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 recently
- Hymn singing will take place but the congregation will be asked to remain seated
- Individuals to decide whether they wish to wear a mask or not
- The QR code will remain on the door for test and trace
- Contact details taken from those who wish to provide them
- The collection will be taken as in recent weeks

We are therefore looking forward today to being able to sing hymns. Also, the choir will be providing sung settings for part of the liturgy.

The readings for this morning are:-

Acts 11: 27 – 12: 2; 2 Corinthians 4: 7-15; Matthew 20: 20-28

The collection/envelopes should be placed in the plate on the table in the cross aisle before the start of the service.

Before the 19th July the go ahead had been received for refreshments to be served and so we are delighted to be able to use our new refreshment area to offer tea and coffee after the service.

CHURCH BUILDING WORK & OPENING TIMES:

Until the building work has been completed, for the time being the church will continue to be open Sundays from 10.00am – 12noon.

CHURCH ANNUAL MEETING, 28th JULY AT 7.30pm:

The Annual Meeting will be held in the church this coming Wednesday. Elections will take place for the PCC and it would be wonderful if there were new people willing to stand for election. Full details of the meeting are in the church porch and are on the website:- <https://brickhillschurches.org.uk/great-brickhill/annual-church-meeting/>

Church Electoral Roll: A revision is being made to the Church Electoral Roll. If anyone would like to join the Roll, application forms are available via the website link above, or from the church porch. These should be returned to Jeremy Hopkinson.

GREAT BRICKHILL AUGUST PARISH NEWSLETTER:

A full colour copy of the August 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 online Newsletter.

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 Dawson 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

AUGUST SERVICES:

August 1st 10.00am Holy Communion (Stoke Hammond)

Due to social distancing requirements, anyone wanting to attend, contact Harry Davies:- 07773 065271 harrydavies470@btinternet.com

August 8th 11.00am Family Service with HC (Little Brickhill)

August 15th 10.00am Holy Communion (Great Brickhill)

August 22nd 10.00am Holy Communion (Bow Brickhill)

August 29th 6.00pm Evensong or Compline tbc (Great Brickhill)

The Rector's weekly reflections and stories will continue.

SERVICES FURTHER AHEAD:

A draft service plan for the longer term has been drawn up and is being considered by the four PCCs before further discussion at the August Wardens' Meeting. Any changes will be from September.

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