

# **The Church of St Mary the Virgin, Great Brickhill**

## **SUNDAY 2nd MAY 2021: THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

Welcome to our service of Holy Communion, led by the Rector. Jerry Breslin will be with us providing music throughout the service and members of the choir will also be here, singing hymns and possibly an anthem. Sadly, congregational singing is still not allowed.

Thank you to the team who have prepared the church ready for the service, rather more work than normal required due to the ongoing building work.

The COVID regulations remain in place:

- 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.

The readings for this morning are:-

**Acts 8: 26-40; 1 John 4: 7-12; John 15: 1-8**

We will be using our normal red books as they have not been used since March and will not be required again until the end of the month. The collection/envelopes should be placed in the plate on the table in the cross aisle before the start of the service.

### **CHURCH BUILDING WORK & OPENING TIMES:**

Work has been progressing on the outside extension and in the new refreshment area. Due to the building work, the church is currently only open once a week: **Sundays from 10.00am – 4.00pm. BUT**, if anyone would like to visit the church for private prayer outside of these times please get in touch with Julia or Phillipa and arrangements will be made for you.

### **TOMATO PLANTS ARE READY FOR DELIVERY:**

The tomato plants on sale in aid of Church funds are now ready for delivery. The following varieties are available at a cost of £1 per plant. John Hall has grown over 600 plants. • Beef • Gardeners Delight • Cherry • Plum • Money maker • Alicante • Ailsa Craig  
Please email your requirements to [johnnewhall@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:johnnewhall@yahoo.co.uk) stating how many you would like and please include your address and a contact telephone number. Cash payments only in an envelope on delivery or in advance into their letterbox at 17 Stoke Lane.

## **OPEN GARDENS, SUNDAY 4th JULY:**

We were delighted to hear that the Great Brickhill Gardening Club will be holding an Open Gardens afternoon on Sunday 4th July in aid of our church funds. Afternoon teas will be available at the church, hopefully outside if the weather permits.

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](mailto:rosehowell50@hotmail.com)

## **MAY SERVICES:**

May 9th 10.00am Holy Communion (Bow Brickhill)

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

May 16th 10.00am Family Service (Little Brickhill)

May 23rd 10.00am Pentecost, Holy Communion (Stoke Hammond)

Due to social distancing requirements, anyone wanting to attend services at Stoke Hammond, please contact Diane Webber to reserve a place:- 01525 270409 [dianejwebber@gmail.com](mailto:dianejwebber@gmail.com)

May 30th 10.00am Trinity Sunday, Holy Communion (Great Brickhill)

**We appreciate that for some it may be too soon to return to church and so the Rector's weekly reflections and stories will continue in written and recorded form.**

**Looking further ahead, .....** Due to the break in the pattern of services normally held here in the Benefice caused by the pandemic, it seems a good time to have a fresh look at what services will be held each month for when things begin to get back to something like before. At their meeting this week on 6th May, the Wardens will be starting to looking at what changes might be made. It is unlikely that any major changes will happen until at least September. If anyone has any thoughts about future services, e.g. format, timing, frequency, which they would like considered when the review takes place, please contact Julia or Phillipa.

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