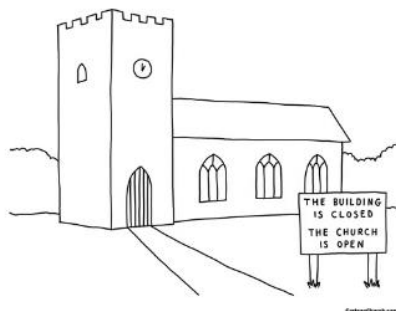


## St Mary the Virgin, Great Brickhill



**The Church continues to be alive and active, but our buildings must close.**

## **CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) OUTBREAK** **Update 8th April 2020**

### **MAUNDY THURSDAY, GOOD FRIDAY & EASTER SUNDAY:**

A separate document accompanies this e-mail giving the worship opportunities for tomorrow, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Sunday. This includes Reflections from the Rector, all the many programmes available on the BBC both radio and television, and live-streaming services from the Oxford Diocese and the Church of England.

### **SISTER HAZEL EUCHARIST:**

Sister Hazel is celebrating daily Eucharist at Paddock House at 2.00pm. She has been given dispensation from the Bishop to celebrate alone and will continue to do this seven days a week for as long as she has permission to do so.

The Eucharist can be followed on you tube:-

Go to youtube.com and in the Search enter:- [youtube.com/watch?v=duh6tBj5AkU](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=duh6tBj5AkU)

Every day at noon during Holy Week Sister Hazel is going to her front door, sounding the Community Gong, sounding the Angelus, saying the Salve and singing a Passiontide hymn.

The second edition of the book that Sister Hazel completed last year is now available. She has copies for those who ordered them and spare copies of anyone would like one.

### **CHURCH CLOSED:**

As you know, all church buildings must remain closed until further notice. We have received specific instructions from the Diocese as to who should have access to the church. Unless an emergency occurs, only one designated person should enter the church to check that it remains safe and secure, provided they follow all government guidelines and have access to appropriate materials to sanitise surfaces such as doorknobs.

Julia will be going to the church regularly to check that all is well. She has also kindly agreed to top up the Food Box with the spare supplies, which are in the vestry. It goes without saying that cleaning of the church will have to cease.

## THE PRAYER CHAIN:

We have an active e-mail Prayer Chain - anyone who would like to join the group or would like to have a prayer included, contact:- Valerie Kerr ([valeriekerr@hotmail.com](mailto:valeriekerr@hotmail.com)) or Mary Maley ([mary@maley.org.uk](mailto:mary@maley.org.uk)) or Roger Blofeld ([rogerblo@aol.com](mailto:rogerblo@aol.com)).

## THE FOOD BOX RUNNING:

Please remember that the Food Box in the church porch is there to help anyone who is in need of food either in an emergency or longer term. Please spread the news of this initiative as widely as you can. The church main and porch gates are being kept open for easy access to the Food Box at all times.

## CHURCH COLLECTIONS:

As there are no church services the collections have dried up. The cost of maintaining the church however remains the same. We have heard from parishioners who would like to continue their giving to the church by other means, for which we are extremely grateful. If others would like to follow this lead, payments to the church can easily be arranged – the simplest way will be by a BACS transfer. Alternatively, a direct debit could be set up, or a cheque could be sent. Cash donations can be accepted if this is the only possible form of payment.

If anyone would like to do set up any payments, please get in touch with Neil for the details:- [neilacook6@gmail.com](mailto:neilacook6@gmail.com)

## TOMATO PLANTS & PLANT SALE:

Following the cancellation of the Plant Fayre, John and Celia had over **300 spare tomato plants**. There are still some available (Gardeners' Delight, Cherry, Alicanti) – to place your order, £1.00 per plant:- email to [jewhall@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:jewhall@yahoo.co.uk) or [celiafeetam@madasafish.com](mailto:celiafeetam@madasafish.com) or by telephone to 261 075

**The plants are now available and will be delivered to your door.**

John and Celia are planning to have a **table of various perennials and herbs for sale** at their garden gate in Stoke Lane over the coming Bank Holiday weekends, **starting this weekend, Saturday 11th April**. There will be an Honesty Box for people to leave their donations.

## AND FINALLY, .....

**The village InfoLine** run by MerryJ Jenkins sends out frequent e-mails with all sorts of interesting information, which is so important during these very strange times. If you haven't already signed up you might like to consider doing so, just send an e-mail to:- [info@copywriteservices.co.uk](mailto:info@copywriteservices.co.uk)

**For further information about any of the above, please contact:-**

Phillipa Cook TEL: 01525 261521 07788 740969 [pjcook6@gmail.com](mailto:pjcook6@gmail.com)

In these challenging times it is even more important to please remember that the Benefice website will be the best way to receive updates about the current situation and to obtain worship information. There is a special "Coronavirus" section to obtain up to date information and worship details:- [www.brickhillchurches.org.uk](http://www.brickhillchurches.org.uk)