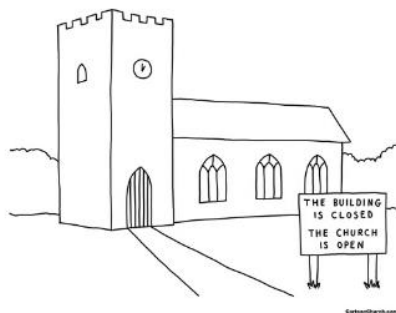


St Mary the Virgin, Great Brickhill



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

CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) OUTBREAK **Update 24th April 2020**

THE CHURCH BUILDING REMAINS CLOSED:

As you will know, following the announcement given by the Prime Minister on 23rd March, all church buildings must remain closed. There will be no public worship, private prayer or any other meetings or activities in churches until further notice. We will be following the advice and guidance issued by the expert authorities. Any changes will be notified on our website:- www.brickhillchurches.org.uk.

BUT THE CHURCH IS VERY MUCH ALIVE,

WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES:

Two files accompany this e-mail giving the details of worship for this coming Sunday.

- (1). The Rector has written a brief reflection and prayer.
- (2). How and where to find services for this Third Sunday of Easter. This includes the programmes available on the BBC, both radio and television, and live-streaming services from the Oxford Diocese and the Church of England. Information is also included for daily readings etc exploring The Lord's Prayer, plus regular podcasts given by Bishop Steven.

THE RECTOR'S SABBATICAL:

Revd John Waller was due to take a three-month sabbatical from 18th April to 13th July. This has been postponed due to COVID-19 and so he is available to hear from parishioners who have any concerns during this worrying time:- 01525 261062 rector@brickhillchurches.org.uk

ACTIVE E-MAIL PRAYER CHAIN:

Anyone who would like to join the group or would like to have a prayer included, contact:- Valerie Kerr (valeriejkerr@hotmail.com) or Mary Maley (mary@maley.org.uk) or Roger Blofeld (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.

AND FINALLY,

THE FIRST GREAT BRICKHILL PARISH NEWS since the suspension of the printed Newsletter was circulated earlier this week by Meryll and Carys. They will be sending this out on a monthly basis to everyone on the InfoLine distribution list.

If you haven't already signed up to the InfoLine, to keep up to date with what is happening around the village during this lockdown period. Just send an e-mail to:- info@copywriteservices.co.uk

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

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Do please remember that the Benefice website will be the best way to receive updates about the current situation and to obtain worship information. The special "Coronavirus" section will be updated with any new information and worship details:-

www.brickhillschurches.org.uk