

St Mary the Virgin, Great Brickhill



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

CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) OUTBREAK Update 29th May 2020



Pentecost, Whit Sunday 31st May

Firstly this week, a message to share from:-

Area Dean, Revd. Valerie Plumb

I hope you have a good week and been enjoying some wonderful early summer weather! Waking to those blue skies every day certainly makes a difference and I suspect that we have never had a better set of well looked after gardens across the nation!

But as we start to emerge from lockdown, I am mindful that the pressure seems to be mounting about learning to live in the new normal, which can seem just as stressful as waiting in the wings for what happens next!

This is just a little reminder that this is all new and we are like little toddlers taking our first steps as we walk everyday into what is essentially the unknown. So take it steady there is no rush, spend that extra time in the garden, taking a gentle walk or reading that good book and remember, 'Those who leave everything in God's hand, will eventually see God's hand in everything.'

This week's worship offering: <https://youtu.be/53syT2B77aE>

WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES FOR PENTECOST, WHIT SUNDAY:

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 this week's services for Pentecost, Whit Sunday. 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.

SAD NEWS:

I received the sad news this week that Tom Griffin, who until 18 months ago had lived in Lower Way for many years, passed away (his death was not COVID related). His funeral in Banbury will be limited to a small family gathering – the service is being streamed via video link. If anyone would like the link to the service, please contact me for the details. A memorial service will be held later in the year.

THE RECTOR:

Revd John Waller 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:- Mary Maley (mary@maley.org.uk) or Roger Blofeld (rogerblo@aol.com).

IN NEED OF A FRIENDLY CHAT:

We have been living in these strange times for over ten weeks now and, although the lockdown restrictions are being slowly eased, we are aware that there will be many who are in self isolation or generally finding life difficult at the moment. If you feel in need of a friendly chat, Julia will be very happy to receive a call from you:- 01525, 261618 or 07714 028785

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.brickhillchurches.org.uk