

St Mary the Virgin, Great Brickhill



Our **continue**
this week with a Family Service at
Little Brickhill this Sunday at 11.00am

CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) OUTBREAK **Update 15th August 2020**

NEWS OF LIVE SERVICES:

Tomorrow's service in the Benefice will be at 11am in Little Brickhill. This will be a Family Service and there will be a warm welcome for families from all four parishes. There is something on offer for people of all ages.

Due to the current government regulations, special arrangements have been made to safeguard everyone's health. The church has been reorganised to ensure appropriate distancing between family groups; anyone over the age of 11 will need to wear a face covering while inside the church and hand sanitizer, wipes and disposable gloves will be available. Contact details will be requested which will be kept for 21 days. Sadly, there cannot be any singing, but Jerry Breslin will be playing the organ. Weather permitting, outside in the churchyard there will be hot and cold drinks and a chance to stay and have a chat following the service.

NEXT SUNDAY'S SERVICE on 23rd August is at Bow Brickhill, Holy Communion at 11.00am.

THE FOLLOWING SUNDAY on 30th August will be a virtual service at 11.00am. It will be similar to the monthly Family Services. Anyone who would like to join in this service please contact Phillipa Cook for the log-in details.

SEPTEMBER SERVICES:

There will continue to be a limited number of services across the Benefice for the next two months. The full schedule of services until the end of September can be found at the end of this Newsletter. We are delighted that this year's Harvest Service will be held at Rectory Farm on Sunday 27th September, an 11.00am service followed by a bring your own picnic.

We are very aware that there are some who are not yet ready to come back to services in church. There will be occasional virtual services to cater for those who do not yet feel able to venture out to church and we will continue to share information about the weekly virtual worship opportunities that are being either televised or live streamed from around the country. The information is posted each week at the church and is also uploaded onto the website in the dedicated Coronavirus section.

WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE TENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY:

The Rector's reflection and prayer has been recorded this week on location in Great Brickhill. There is also a recording of the parable of the great feast, a story called "The Big Party" read by Suzanne Cook - please make the story available to the younger members of your family if appropriate.

These are available on You Tube via the following links:-

Reflection & Prayer: <https://youtu.be/BncxB95C7I0>

"The Big Party" Story: <https://youtu.be/4cvCpVBox4o>

Prayer: <https://youtu.be/VhFjoP-bjrA>

Earlier week's reflections and stories can be found on the website in the section "Coronavirus You Tube Recordings".

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

(1). The Rector's written brief reflection and prayer.

(2). How and where to find this week's services for the Tenth Sunday after Trinity. This includes the programmes available on the BBC, both radio and television, and livestreaming services from the Oxford Diocese and the Church of England.

CHURCH OPEN:



A reminder that the church is currently open, but just for two sessions per week in order that the building can be closed for 72 hours between opening times to minimise risk of infection. The church is open on:

Sundays:- 10.00am – 2.00pm

Wednesdays:- 2.00pm – 5.00pm

The area within the church open for public access has been increased and we hope to soon lengthen the opening times, as soon as we feel it is safe to do so following the guidelines provided to us. Any change to the opening times and other updates will be notified on our website:- www.brickhillchurches.org.uk

There is hand sanitizer available at the entrance and we ask that you read the guidance provided on the blue notice board as you enter the church. All bibles, books etc have been removed. Please take your own bible or reading matter with you.

If anyone exhibits symptoms of coronavirus within a week of your visit to the church, please contact: Julia Turner: 01525 261618 juliaturner.it@icloud.com or Phillipa Cook: 01525 261521 pjcook6@gmail.com. The church will then be closed for a while for special cleaning to be done.

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).

RIDE AND STRIDE, SATURDAY 12th SEPTEMBER:

A reminder that the annual Ride and Stride for walkers, cyclists and horse riders, is going ahead on Saturday 12th September – visit as many churches as you are able from 10.00am to 6.00pm. Held in aid of Bucks Historic Churches Trust, the money from sponsorship goes half towards the local church and half to the Trust for repair of churches. Anyone interested in taking part, please contact Phillipa for more details.

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

Phillipa Cook TEL: 01525 261521 07788 740969 pjcook6@gmail.com

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

REMAINING SERVICES IN THE BENEFICE IN AUGUST 2020

DATE:	VENUE	SERVICE
Sunday, 23rd August	Bow Brickhill	11.00am. Holy Communion
Sunday, 30th August	Virtual via Zoom	11.00am. Service details tbc

SERVICES ACROSS THE BENEFICE IN SEPTEMBER 2020

DATE:	VENUE	SERVICE
Sunday, 6th September	Stoke Hammond	11.00am. Holy Communion
Sunday, 13th September	Bow Brickhill	11.00am. Holy Communion
Sunday, 20th September	Great Brickhill	9.30am. Said Holy Communion
	Little Brickhill	11.00am. Family Service, followed by Annual Meeting
Sunday, 27th September	Great Brickhill	11.00am. Harvest Service at Rectory Farm, followed by bring your own picnic lunch