

St Mary the Virgin, Great Brickhill



**Our** continue  
**on Sunday at 11.00am with a service of  
Holy Communion at Stoke Hammond**

## **CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) OUTBREAK**

**Update 5th September 2020**

### **NEWS OF LIVE SERVICES:**

**Tomorrow's service in the Benefice on 6th September will be a Holy Communion service at 11.00am in Stoke Hammond. Due to the social distancing rules there is a restriction on numbers, only 20 can attend. Anyone wishing to go to the service is asked to please contact Harry Davies in advance:-**  
07773 065271 [harrydavies470@btinternet.com](mailto:harrydavies470@btinternet.com)

**NEXT SUNDAY'S SERVICE** in the Benefice on 13th September will be Holy Communion at 11am in Bow Brickhill. Will those wishing to attend this service please let Stuart Leeming know in advance so that seating can be arranged to ensure social distancing:- [stuleeming@aol.com](mailto:stuleeming@aol.com)

### **SEPTEMBER SERVICES:**

The full schedule of services across the Benefice for September can be found at the end of this Newsletter. 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 be 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.

**VIRTUAL SERVICE OF EVENSONG ON MONDAY, 14th SEPTEMBER AT 7.00pm:-**  
Jerry Breslin is arranging another online Evensong service via Zoom on Monday 14th September when the choir would normally be holding their weekly practice session. If anyone would like to joining in this virtual service please contact Phillipa Cook for the log-in details:- [pjcook6@gmail.com](mailto:pjcook6@gmail.com)

### **WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY:**

The Rector has written and recorded a reflection and prayer for this week. There is also a recording of this week's story: "A Sad Day: The story of the fall" (based on Genesis chapter 3) read by Stuart Leeming. Both were filmed in the churchyard at Bow

Brickhill. 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/dF7moGVLLIs>
- "A Sad Day":- <https://youtu.be/6E8SjMpTjBs>

**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 Thirteenth 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 OPENING TIMES:**



### **BUT THE TIMES WILL BE CHANGING**

The church is currently open for two sessions per week:-

Sundays:- 10.00am – 2.00pm

Wednesdays:- 2.00pm – 5.00pm

This will continue up to and including Wednesday 16th September

**To allow for preparations for the start of the building work and to assist the builders, from Sunday 20th September the church will be open just 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:- 261618 [juliaturner.it@icloud.com](mailto:juliaturner.it@icloud.com) 261521 [pjcook6@gmail.com](mailto:pjcook6@gmail.com)

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](mailto:juliaturner.it@icloud.com) or Phillipa Cook: 01525 261521 [pjcook6@gmail.com](mailto:pjcook6@gmail.com). The church will then be closed for a while for special cleaning to be done.

### **CHURCH ANNUAL MEETING:**

A reminder that the re-arranged Annual Meeting in April will now take place on **Thursday 1st October at 7.30pm in church**. It will be a bit different from normal - we won't be able to have coffee before hand and we will not be having the annual photo presentation. It will be a short meeting to carry out the legal requirements. Seating will be in accordance with social distancing rules and masks will have to be worn. We will have a short service of Compline at the end of the meeting.

The full details including Agenda, Nomination Forms and Electoral Roll Forms are available from the church and can be downloaded from the “Great Brickhill Annual Meetings” section of the website.

**THE RECTOR:**

Revd John Waller is available to hear from parishioners who have any concerns during this worrying time:- 01525 261062 [rector@brickhillschurches.org.uk](mailto:rector@brickhillschurches.org.uk)

**ACTIVE E-MAIL PRAYER CHAIN:**

Anyone who would like to join the group or would like to have a prayer included, contact:- Roger Blofeld ([rogerblo@aol.com](mailto:rogerblo@aol.com)).

**RIDE AND STRIDE, SATURDAY 12th SEPTEMBER:**

A reminder that the annual Ride and Stride for walkers, cyclists and horse riders, is next 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](mailto: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](http://www.brickhillschurches.org.uk)

**SERVICES ACROSS THE BENEFICE IN SEPTEMBER 2020**

<b>DATE:</b>	<b>VENUE</b>	<b>SERVICE</b>
Sunday, 6th September	<b>Stoke Hammond</b>	11.00am. Holy Communion (CW)
Sunday, 13th September	<b>Bow Brickhill</b>	11.00am. Holy Communion (CW)
Monday, 14th September	<b>Service by Zoom</b>	7.00pm Online Evensong
Sunday, 20th September	<b>Great Brickhill</b>	9.30am. Said Holy Communion (Common Worship)
	<b>Little Brickhill</b>	11.00am. Family Service, followed by Annual Meeting
Sunday, 27th September	<b>Great Brickhill</b>	11.00am. Harvest Service at Rectory Farm, followed by bring your own picnic lunch