

St Mary the Virgin, Great Brickhill



**Our service this Sunday is at 11.00am,  
Holy Communion at Bow Brickhill**

**CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) OUTBREAK**  
Update 12th September 2020

**NEWS OF LIVE SERVICES:**

Tomorrow's service in the Benefice on 13th September will be a Holy Communion service at 11.00am 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)

**NEXT SUNDAY, 20th SEPTEMBER** there will be two services in the Benefice:

- A short service of Holy Communion at 9.30am here in Great Brickhill. It will be a Said service, Common Worship not Common Prayer Book as our Said services are normally. Whilst there will be no problem with the numbers attending, there will again be certain changes which have to be made. We will have to take the contact details for our records of all those attending.
- A Family Service at 11.00am in Little Brickhill. This will be followed by their Annual Meeting.

**SEPTEMBER SERVICES:**

The schedule of services across the Benefice until the end of 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.

There are occasional virtual services to cater for those who do not yet feel able to venture out to church – the next one of these is on Monday:-

**VIRTUAL SERVICE OF EVENSONG ON MONDAY AT 7.00pm:-**

Jerry Breslin is arranging another online Evensong service via Zoom when the choir would normally be holding their weekly practice session. If anyone would like to join in this virtual service, please contact Phillipa Cook for the log-in details:- [pjcook6@gmail.com](mailto:pjcook6@gmail.com)

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 FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY:

The Rector has written and recorded a reflection and prayer for this week. He has also recorded this week's story: "The Unforgiving Servant". Both were filmed in the Lady Chapel at Great 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/\\_31wBBybrvY](https://youtu.be/_31wBBybrvY)
- "The Unforgiving Servant":- <https://youtu.be/18h4AAHD6CY>

**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.

If the guidance changes this meeting will be held online via Zoom – notice will be given if this is going to happen.

#### 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)).

#### 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

DATE:	VENUE	SERVICE
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