

## St Mary the Virgin, Great Brickhill



**Our service this Sunday is Holy Communion here in Great Brickhill at 9.30am**

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

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

**Tomorrow's service in the Benefice on 20th September is here in Great Brickhill, a short service of Holy Communion at 9.30am. It will be a Said service, Common Worship, not the 1662 Common Prayer Book service that our normal Said services are. There will also be a Family service at Little Brickhill at 11.00am.**

**NEXT SUNDAY, 27th SEPTEMBER is our Harvest Festival at Rectory Farm. The service at 11.00am will be in an open barn, or outside, depending on the current restrictions (which are subject to change) and the weather. After the service all are invited to stay for a bring your own picnic.**

**We would love to see as many of you as possible at this service but please note the following:**

- It would be really helpful to know in advance if you will be coming so that we can make sure that all the necessary precautions are taken
- You can either walk or drive to the farm – there will be plenty of parking available
- On arrival contact details will be taken and kept for the mandatory 21 days
- The "Group of Six" rule will be in place
- Please bring a mask with you in case these are required, dependent upon the exact location
- Please bring your own sanitizer, chair, drink and picnic

**If you are coming to the service, if possible please let either Julia or Phillipa know:- 261618 [juliaturner.jt@icloud.com](mailto:juliaturner.jt@icloud.com) 261521 [pjcook6@gmail.com](mailto:pjcook6@gmail.com)**

### **OCTOBER SERVICES:**

**The pattern of services for the foreseeable future will continue with generally one service each week in one of the four churches in the Benefice. The schedule of services until the end of October can be found at the end of this Newsletter.**

**There will be occasional virtual services to cater for those who do not yet feel able to venture out to church.**

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 FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY:**

The Rector has written and recorded a reflection and prayer for this week and Andrew Smith has recorded this week's story: "Jonah and the Groaner". Both were filmed in garden locations in 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/8NFw\\_CdqNfY](https://youtu.be/8NFw_CdqNfY)
- "Jonah the Groaner":- <https://youtu.be/043szzLSino>

**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 Fifteenth 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 HAVE CHANGED**

**To allow for preparations for the start of the building work and to assist the builders, from Sunday today 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.

### **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](mailto: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:- Roger Blofeld ([rogerblo@aol.com](mailto:rogerblo@aol.com)).

### 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 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. Nomination Forms have to be returned by this Wednesday, 23rd September.

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

### 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.brickhillchurches.org.uk](http://www.brickhillchurches.org.uk)

### SERVICES ACROSS THE BENEFICE IN OCTOBER 2020

DATE:	VENUE	SERVICE
Sunday, 4th October	<b>Stoke Hammond</b>	11.00am. Harvest Family Service
Sunday, 11th October	<b>Bow Brickhill</b>	11.00am. Harvest Family Service
Sunday, 18th October	<b>Stoke Hammond</b>	9.00am. St Luke's Day, Holy Communion (Said)
	<b>Little Brickhill</b>	11.00am. Harvest Family Service
Sunday, 25th October	<b>Great Brickhill</b>	11.00am. Holy Communion