

St Mary the Virgin, Great Brickhill



This Sunday here in the church at 11.00am

CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) OUTBREAK Update 26th September 2020

NEWS OF LIVE SERVICES:

You will know that tomorrow's Harvest Service is now being held in the church. Due to COVID-19 developments this week it is with regret that we had to change the venue of the service to the church.

We know that this news will be disappointing to many of you who were looking forward to coming to the service and enjoying a picnic in the field afterwards. We are also aware that it seems strange to be holding an indoor service rather than outside but different regulations apply for services inside a place of worship.

As for our recent services, in order to adhere to the guidelines and to keep people COVID safe:-

- Hand sanitizing will be required on entry to the church.
- Single-use service sheets will be used
- Seating will be in accordance with social distancing rules and the rule of six
- Masks are a mandatory requirement.
- We will be asking for contact details, which we have to keep for 21 days.

NEXT SATURDAY we are delighted that, after many difficult months of planning, the wedding of Sarah Amies and Rob O'Connor will take place in the church. This week's restrictions have unfortunately halved the number of guests to only 15. We send our best wishes to them for a long and happy life together.

NEXT SUNDAY, 4th OCTOBER will be the Harvest Festival at Stoke Hammond. The service be at 11.00am.

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 for 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 SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY:

The Rector has written and recorded a reflection and prayer for Harvest and Julia Turner has recorded this week's story: "The Man Who came Back". Both were filmed on a very windy day at Rectory Farm 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/p_aBIMeAukU
- "The Man Who came Back":- <https://youtu.be/re4snDNdxUo>

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 Sixteenth 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 assist the builders who are starting the work this week, 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 261521 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. Visitors outside of normal services are asked to sign the registration sheet in a red folder at the entrance to the church.

“LINK TO HOPE” CHARITY SHOEBOXES

Once again, the "Great Brickhill and Friends" team are collecting shoeboxes filled with selected items to send to the poor of Romania, Moldova, Ukraine and Bulgaria who, this year, like many others have Covid 19 to add to their hardship. If you would like to help please contact Rosie Dawson on 261425 or robin.rosie@zen.co.uk for a form and/or details of the charity's other fundraising event in September 2021 of "Trek the Balkan Peaks" ... if you are interested in taking part. Also, one can find other news of the charity on www.linktohope.co.uk

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

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).

CHURCH ANNUAL MEETING:

A reminder that the re-arranged Annual Meeting is being held this **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.

St MARY'S CHURCH, GREAT BRICKHILL

Fundraising Quiz in aid of the New Facilities

Calling all quiz fans, we have some puzzles for you to complete.

1st Prize of £10.00

(An additional question will be used as a tie breaker if required).

To enter please:

- Email Janet Pritchard janvf58@hotmail.com to request quiz sheets and payment details to be emailed to you
- Make a donation (suggested minimum £5.)
- Return your answers via email to Janet Pritchard by the closing date of 1st December.

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

SERVICES ACROSS THE BENEFICE IN OCTOBER 2020

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