

St Mary the Virgin, Great Brickhill



See below for the details for tomorrow's services

CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) OUTBREAK Update 7th November 2020

You will know that all has changed this week and churches now have to remain closed except for private individual prayer. The revised details for the Remembrance Sunday service here in the village were circulated earlier in the week.

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY SERVICES, 8th NOVEMBER:-

November 8th <i>Remembrance</i>	10.45	Remembrance Service Jeremy Hopkinson	Stoke Hammond <i>(outside in churchyard)</i>
	10.50	Remembrance Service Stuart Leeming	Little Brickhill <i>(brief service at war memorial)</i>
	10.50	Remembrance Service Revd John Waller	Great Brickhill <i>(at the war memorial)</i>
	15.00	Remembrance Service Revd John Waller	Bow Brickhill <i>(at war memorial)</i>

Please remember the regulations that have to be adhered to, in order to ensure the event is COVID safe. The number of participants has to be kept to a minimum. The public may only attend the event with their own household or those in their support bubble, or one other person. All must observe social distancing rules.

Those who are able to may be asked to observe the service from the grass on the raised church yard, where there will be a better view of the proceedings. Anyone with COVID symptoms and those who are quarantining or self-isolating should not attend.

We have to record and keep temporary contact details of those attending. Please register your details on arrival at the church gate. The details will be destroyed after 21 days.

Filming of the service is planned and if successful will be available via You Tube.

POPPY APPEAL:

As it has not been possible this year for poppies to be sold via House to House collections and we are not able to have Poppy Appeal collections at church services, please consider making an on-line donation direct via the British Legion website (their need for funds is as great as ever):- <https://www.britishlegion.org.uk/get-involved/poppy-appeal>

END OF NOVEMBER SERVICES:

The schedule has been revised to hold a virtual service on each of the remaining Sundays in November. See the details in the table below. Please contact me for the log in details of any service that you would like to join in:- pjcook6@gmail.com

DATE:	TIME	SERVICE	VENUE
November 15 th	17.00	Compline	Virtual via Zoom
November 22 nd	10.00	Family All-age Service	Virtual via Zoom
November 29 th <i>Advent Sunday</i>	17.00	Advent Carol Service	Virtual via Zoom

WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES FOR REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY:

The Rector has written and recorded a reflection and prayer for Remembrance Sunday and also a story for Remembrance, filmed near the War Memorial in Stoke Hammond Church. 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/m2G_wZvJkPc
- A Story for Remembrance:- <https://youtu.be/Q5bpBGCDniM>

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 Remembrance Sunday. This includes the programmes available on the BBC, both radio and television, and livestreaming services from the Oxford Diocese and the Church of England.

CHANGE TO CHURCH OPENING – PLEASE READ:

During this second lock down, churches can remain open for Individual prayer, which is defined as a person or household entering the venue to pray on their own and not as part of a group, led prayer or communal act. If you arrive at the same time as someone from another household, please wait to enter until the church is vacated.

Due to the ongoing building work we regret that the church opening times will now be limited to opening once a week:-

SUNDAYS FROM 10.00am – 12 noon

BUT, if anyone would like to would like to visit the church for individual 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. If you are able to, please use the QR code on display as you enter the church.

A MONTH OF PRAYER FOR OUR NATION:

Our Archbishops have issued a call to prayer for the next month, encouraging people to pray at 6pm each day during November. The letter from the Archbishops, plus details and resources can be found on the following link

<https://www.churchofengland.org/more/media-centre/coronavirus-covid-19-guidance-churches/call-prayer-nation>

THE ONLINE ALPHA COURSE HAS STARTED:

The Alpha Course started this Wednesday, the first time that we have held this on-line. Whilst different from an in-person course, it was very successful. The course is 11 sessions long and we are holding these on the first Wednesday of the month at 8.00pm.

The course brings people together for a conversation about faith, life and God. It is an opportunity to explore life's big questions together in an open, informal environment. The episodes explore the basics of the Christian faith, addressing questions such as Who is Jesus? How can we have faith? and How does God guide us?

The course is equally there for everyone, those who already have a Christian faith and those who have yet to come to know Jesus. The second session will be on Wednesday 2nd December. If you would like to join the course or find out more about it, please contact:- Roger Blofeld 01525 261072 (rogerblo@aol.com).

ADVENT WINDOWS:

Well done to Claire Pincott who kindly agreed to organise this for us. She has successfully secured enough people to decorate a window for each of the days of Advent (and even has some reserves!). This will give a festive theme throughout the village during this very different Advent and Christmas season. We look forward to seeing the creative displays.

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).

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

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