

St Mary the Virgin, Great Brickhill



Marcus Feinhols passing over a cheque to the Rector

CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) OUTBREAK Update 21st November 2020

We were delighted to receive a donation from local estate agent, Marcus Feinhols (Fine Home Property Ltd) who very kindly donates a percentage of his commissions on sale of houses in Great Brickhill to a cause of the client's choice. We would like to thank Marcus for this very generous donation and pass on our thanks to the vendors of a property whose sale was completed a few weeks ago, for selecting the Church as their chosen charity.

Above is a photo of Marcus handing over the cheque for £500 to the Rector, a most welcome addition to the funds for the New Facilities.

Due to an unexpected, necessary change required to the foundations, the building work for the facilities was held up for a while so that additional drawings could be drafted and agreed by all the authorities. The work has now re-started.

END OF NOVEMBER SERVICES:

Due to the closure of churches during this current period of lock down, a virtual service is being held on each of the remaining Sundays in November.

Tomorrow's service Sunday, 22nd November will be a Family All-age Service via Zoom at 10.00am - "A Recipe for Living". The service will mark Christ the King on what is sometimes known as "Stir Up Sunday". If anyone would like to join in this virtual service please contact me for the login and service details:-
pjcook6@gmail.com

Next Sunday, 29th November is Advent Sunday - there will be a virtual Advent Carol Service via Zoom at 5.00pm, similar to the popular service held each year at Bow Brickhill Church. Again, if anyone would like to join in this virtual service please contact me for the Service Sheet and login details.

DECEMBER SERVICES:

A schedule of services has been planned assuming that church services will be allowed – see the schedule below. All of the services are subject to change and every endeavour will be made to circulate details of any changes, with a note of the restrictions that will be in place for any of the services.

Further information will be sent out regarding The Village Nativity.

The website will be updated with any new information:- www.brickhillchurches.org.uk

SERVICES PLANNED FOR THE BENEFICE IN DECEMBER 2020

DATE:	TIME	SERVICE	VENUE
December 6th	11.00	Holy Communion	Great Brickhill
December 13th	16.00	Carol Service	Stoke Hammond
December 20th	11.00	The Village Nativity (on the Cricket Field)	Great Brickhill
	15.00	Carol Service	Bow Brickhill
	17.00	Carol Service	Little Brickhill
December 24th / 25th	23.30	Holy Communion (Midnight Mass)	Stoke Hammond
	23.45	Holy Communion	Bow Brickhill
Christmas Day	9.30	Holy Communion (Christmas Morning)	Little Brickhill
	11.00	Holy Communion	Great Brickhill
December 27th		No Service	

WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES FOR SUNDAY, 22nd NOVEMBER:

The Rector has written and recorded a reflection and prayer for this Sunday next before Advent, marking Christ the King and a related story "The Sheep and the Goats". These were filmed at the lectern and near the pulpit in Great Brickhill 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/yaMIUSJltqk>
- "The Sheep and the Goats":- <https://youtu.be/eobSiGBQ2J8>

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

FUNDRAISING QUIZ in aid of the New Facilities:

A last call for the Quiz – the closing date for the answers to be sent to Janet Pritchard janvf58@hotmail.com is Tuesday 1st December.

CHURCH OPENING TIMES:

Due to the ongoing building work the church opening times are now limited to once a week:-

SUNDAYS FROM 10.00am – 12 noon

BUT, if anyone 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.

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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