



The season of the Epiphany up to Lent

CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) OUTBREAK

Update 16th January 2021

NEWS OF SERVICES:

The service for this Sunday is:- **10.00am Family Service at Little Brickhill**

Next Sunday 24th January there will be a Holy Communion service here in Great Brickhill at 10.00am

VIRTUAL SERVICE OF EVENSONG ON MONDAY, 25th JANUARY AT 7.00pm:

Jerry Breslin is arranging another online Evensong service via Zoom on Monday, 25th January when the choir would normally be holding their weekly practice session. The login details for this virtual service will be available for circulation shortly.

VIRTUAL FAMILY ALL-AGE SERVICE ON SUNDAY, 31st JANUARY AT 10.00am:

The service for the Benefice will be an online service, a format similar to the usual Family Services.

A MESSAGE FROM THE RECTOR:-

Please let me know if you have any particular requests for prayer to be included in any of the services:- rector@brickhillschurches.org.uk

A pattern of services similar to January has been planned for February. The schedule of services planned across the Benefice to the end of February can be found at the end of this Newsletter.

WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES FOR SUNDAY, 17th JANUARY:

The Rector has written and recorded a reflection and prayer for the Second Sunday of Epiphany and James Northen has recorded this week's story, "Samuel Hears a Voice". They were filmed near the lectern in Great Brickhill church.

The recordings can be found on the following links:

- Reflection & Prayer:- <https://youtu.be/vOZc9epkUdQ>
- "Samuel Hears a Voice":- <https://youtu.be/oJ8OBuZzCIM>

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

Please note that the BBC Radio 4 Sunday Worship service at 8.10am comes from All Saints, Leighton Buzzard and features Alexander, the local winner of the Young Chorister of the Year 2020. A former cathedral chorister, Alexander will be singing a solo with his parish choir - where he first started singing. The Director of Music is Paul Dickens who has played the organ for us here in Great Brickhill on many occasions.

LENT COURSE:

The Lent Course will this year be a midweek evening course via Zoom. The material will be “#LiveLent: God's Story, Our Story”, based on the Archbishop of Canterbury's Lent book for 2021, Living His Story by Hannah Steele. From Ash Wednesday to Easter Sunday there will be reflections for each week, which will include a short passage from the Bible, a brief exploration of the reading, and a prayer.

Further information with dates and times of the online sessions will be available soon. Full details and times will be on the “Lent Courses” section of the website:-

<https://brickhillschurches.org.uk/lent-course/>

CHURCH OPENING TIMES:

Due to the ongoing building work the church opening times are now:-

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.jt@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 FOOD BOX:

A reminder that, as we are in the midst of the worst of the winter weather and the effects of the pandemic continue, the Food Box in the church porch is there to help anyone who is in need of food either in an emergency or longer term. The church main and porch gates remain open for easy access to the Food Box at all times.

THE RECTOR:

If anyone has any concerns during this worrying time, do contact:

- The Rector, Revd John Waller:- 01525 261062 rector@brickhillschurches.org.uk
- Jeremy Hopkinson, LLM:- 01525 261674 jeremysfh@gmail.com

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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SERVICES ACROSS THE BENEFICE TO THE END OF FEBRUARY 2021

DATE:	TIME:	SERVICE:	VENUE:
January 17th	10.00	Family All-age Service	Little Brickhill
January 24th	10.00	Holy Communion	Great Brickhill
Monday 25th	19.00	Evensong	Virtual by Zoom
January 31st <i>[Candlemas]</i>	16.00	Family All-age Service	Virtual by Zoom

DATE:	TIME:	SERVICE:	VENUE:
February 7th	10.00	Holy Communion	Stoke Hammond
February 14th	10.00	Holy Communion	Bow Brickhill
Ash Wednesday:- 17th February	10.30	Holy Communion	Stoke Hammond
February 21st	10.00	Family All-age Service	Little Brickhill
February 28th	10.00	Holy Communion	Great Brickhill

N.B The above are subject to change