

St Mary the Virgin, Great Brickhill



CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) OUTBREAK

Update 6th February 2021

NEWS OF FEBRUARY SERVICES:

While we are unable to hold services in church, we will have a series of online services. Tomorrow's service will be:-

A PRE-RECORDED HOLY COMMUNION SERVICE FOR SUNDAY, 7th FEBRUARY:

During the week the Rector presided at a 30-minute Holy Communion service for the Second Sunday before Lent at Great Brickhill church. Due to the restrictions the service was held with no congregation present – the service was recorded and will be available on You Tube from any time on Sunday. The link for the service is:- <https://youtu.be/rufpY5pKD9E> (available on Sunday)

The Order of Service is attached.

The Rector's weekly reflection is part of the service.

NEXT SUNDAY, 14th FEBRUARY

Café Church will be held via Zoom next Sunday, an informal style of worship:-

Join any time from 9.30am for a period of general chat

Short service at 10.15am

Finish at 10.30am

The link will be circulated next week and also available from the Home page of the website.

WEDNESDAY, 17th FEBRUARY

Ash Wednesday there will be a Service of Reflection & Prayer via Zoom at 7.30pm

SUNDAY, 21st FEBRUARY

The details for the service will be confirmed this week.

SUNDAY, 28th FEBRUARY

Family All-age Service via Zoom at 4.00pm, similar to last week's service.

LOOKING AHEAD TO MARCH:-

A series of online services has been planned but these will change to live services in church if circumstances allow.

The website will be updated with any changes to the services. Follow the link:-

<https://brickhillchurches.org.uk/coronavirus/live-services/>

WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES FOR SUNDAY, 7th FEBRUARY:

The Rector's reflection and prayer for this week is included in the Holy Communion service. The reflection on its own can be seen via the following link:-

https://youtu.be/2kj_97xtbTw

The story for this week is "The Good Shepherd", based on the parable of The Lost Sheep, and is read by Julia Turner. The recording was filmed at Rectory Farm in Great Brickhill and can be found via the following link:- <https://youtu.be/abXUG5NHkA>

Three files accompany this e-mail giving the details of worship for this coming Sunday:-

- (1). The Order of Service for the Holy Communion service on You Tube
- (2). The Rector's written brief reflection and prayer.
- (3). 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.

LENT COURSE:

The material for this year's Lent Course will be the Lent resources provided by the diocese - 'Come and See'. More details about the course will be provided soon, but it will include material that people can use individually, and group material that we are planning to use for a weekly online Lent discussion group via Zoom.

**There will be five sessions held on Tuesday evenings from 8.00pm – 9.00pm:-
23rd February; 2nd; 9th; 16th; 23rd March**

CHURCH OPENING TIMES:

We are still able to open the church for private prayer - 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.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:

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

- The Rector, Revd John Waller:- 01525 261062 rector@brickhillchurches.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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