

St Mary the Virgin, Great Brickhill

## **CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) OUTBREAK**

**Update 10th April 2021**

**Following the joyful Easter message last weekend, we now hear the sad news of the death of Prince Philip.**



### **A PRAYER FROM THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND AND THE OXFORD DIOCESE ON THE DEATH OF HRH THE DUKE OF EDINBURGH**

**(10 JUNE 1921 - 9 APRIL 2021)**

God of our lives,  
we give thanks for the life of Prince Philip,  
for his love of our country,  
and for his devotion to duty.  
We entrust him now to your love and mercy,  
through our Redeemer Jesus Christ.  
Amen.

#### **A message from the The Rt Revd Dr Steven Croft, Bishop of Oxford:-**

"The prayers of the whole Diocese of Oxford are with Her Majesty the Queen and the he Royal Family today and in the coming days as we mourn the death of Prince Philip, the Duke of Edinburgh.

We give thanks for Prince Philip's long and extraordinary life, his faithful service to Queen and country, his support especially for young people, his humour, honesty and integrity and strong Christian faith and especially his steadfast support to the Queen over the long years of their marriage.

"Philip has been at the centre of our national life for so many decades offering a model of strength and stability. He will be greatly missed. May he rest in peace and rise in glory, and may God's peace and love be with all who mourn his passing, and most especially his immediate family."

#### **TOMORROW, SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER, 11th APRIL:**

**The service in the Benefice will be Holy Communion at Bow Brickhill at 10.00am**

We were delighted that we were able to hear members of the choir at our service on Good Friday and Easter Sunday. Whilst it is sad that the congregation cannot yet sing in church, we are hoping that it will not be too long before they can do so.

We appreciate that for some it may be too soon to return to church and there is no pressure for anyone to attend if they are not ready to, but we will be pleased to be welcome all those who do come to any of the services. The weekly reflections and stories will continue.

The full schedule of services for the remaining weeks in April can be found at the end of this Newsletter.

**A reminder that details of the services and any changes to the schedule will be notified on the website in the normal section:-**

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

### **WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES SUNDAY, 11th APRIL:**

The Rector has written a reflection and prayer for this Sunday. There is a recording of the Rector reading this reflection, plus Alison Packer reading the story, "The Great Escape". These were filmed in the Lady Chapel and beside the Easter garden at Little Brickhill church. The recordings can be found on the following links:

- Reflection & Prayer:- <https://youtu.be/ffD4Bcp-TiA>
- "The Great Escape":- <https://youtu.be/4ljsQJjBh9E>

**Earlier week's reflections and stories can be found on the website in the section "Coronavirus You Tube Recordings".**

The following files accompany this e-mail for 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. Many of the services will be reflecting on the life of the Duke of Edinburgh.

### **CHURCH OPENING TIMES:**

**During the ongoing building work, the church is currently only open for private prayer on:-**

**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.jt@icloud.com](mailto:juliaturner.jt@icloud.com) 261521 [picook6@gmail.com](mailto:picook6@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. Visitors outside of normal services are asked to sign the registration sheet in a red folder at the entrance.

### **TOMATO PLANTS FOR SALE:**

A message from John and Celia Hall:-

"We are happy to announce that the tomato plants on sale in aid of Church funds will be ready in a couple of weeks – weather permitting! We are happy to take advance orders and will deliver the plants when they are ready.

The following varieties will be available at a cost of £1.00 per plant

- Beef
- Gardeners Delight
- Cherry

- Plum
- Money maker
- Alicante
- Ailsa Craig

John has grown over 600 plants and orders will be dealt with on a "first come - first served basis". Please email your requirements to [celiafeetam@madasafish.com](mailto:celiafeetam@madasafish.com) stating how many of which variety you would like and please include your address.

Cash payments only please - either in an envelope on delivery, or in advance into our letterbox at 17 Stoke Lane.

We will also hope to hold a plant sale at our gate in Stoke Lane over the Whitsun and May day bank holidays."

#### **THE RECTOR:**

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

- The Rector, Revd John Waller:- 01525 261062 [rector@brickhillschurches.org.uk](mailto:rector@brickhillschurches.org.uk)
- Jeremy Hopkinson, LLM:- 01525 261674 [jeremysfh@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto: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 APRIL**

#### **April 11th**

10.00am Holy Communion (Bow Brickhill)

#### **April 18th**

10.00am Family Service (Little Brickhill)

#### **April 25th**

10.00am Holy Communion (Stoke Hammond) \* see below

**N.B** \* Due to social distancing requirements, anyone wanting to attend services at St LUKE's (Easter Day and 25th April) please contact Diane Webber to reserve a place:- 01525 270409 [dianejwebber@gmail.com](mailto:dianejwebber@gmail.com)