

St Mary the Virgin, Great Brickhill

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

### **Update 10th July 2021**



**Above: the new gathering, refreshment area in use last Sunday afternoon for serving the teas for the Open Gardens. The newly installed broadband made it possible for payment to be made by debit/credit card.**

Apart from the downpour as the gardens opened at 1 o'clock, we were fortunate with the weather. A wonderful atmosphere prevailed around the village as the visitors enjoyed looking round the nine gardens.

A delicious selection of cakes was provided for the teas, which raised £618.50 with a further £124 received from the sale of ice creams in one of the gardens. The receipts from the entry fees and plant stall came to approx. £700. The proceeds are being split between the church and Willen Hospice.

Grateful thanks go to the Gardening Club for organising the event, to all those who kindly opened their gardens, the helpers for the teas, the cake makers and all who came to visit.

#### **TOMORROW: SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY, 11th JULY:**

**There will be a service of Holy Communion at Bow Brickhill at 10.00am**

Due to the limit on numbers, those wishing to attend please advise Warden, Stuart Leeming:- email: [stuleeming@aol.com](mailto:stuleeming@aol.com) or 01908 372032

#### **OTHER SERVICES IN JULY:**

**Next Sunday, 18th July there will be a Family Service at Little Brickhill at 11.00am**

The full schedule of services for July can be found at the end of this Newsletter. For those who are not yet ready to attend church, the weekly reflections and stories will continue.

#### **SERVICES FURTHER AHEAD:**

The August services are being planned along the lines of recent months.

An initial draft service plan for the longer term has been drawn up and was discussed at this week's Wardens' meeting. The draft is being sent to the four PCCs for consideration before further discussion at the August Wardens' Meeting. Any changes will be from September at the earliest.

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

Jeremy Hopkinson, LLM, has written a brief reflection and prayer for this Sunday. There is a recording of the Jeremy reading this reflection, and Julia Turner reading this week's story, "Down in the Well". These were filmed in a garden in Great Brickhill and in the new gathering, refreshment area in Great Brickhill church.

The recordings can be found on the following links:

- Reflection & Prayer:- <https://youtu.be/i6jyMLV7TSQ>
- "Down in the Well":- <https://youtu.be/vxiiKspYXS8>

**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 Church of England. The weekly online streamed services from the Oxford Diocese have been discontinued.

#### **CHURCH ANNUAL MEETING DATE:**

The Annual Church Meeting will be held on Wednesday 28th July at 7.30pm. With the expected lifting of Covid restrictions, the meeting will be held in-person in the Church.

As usual a report will be given on the events of the year and the Accounts will be presented for the year to 31st December 2020. Elections will take place for the PCC and it would be wonderful if there were new people willing to stand for election. With the Covid restrictions being lifted and the new facilities having been installed, we would love to have new members on the PCC to share ideas as to how we can go forward and use the church more widely.

The full details of the meeting and Nomination Forms are posted on the website in the following section:- <https://brickhillschurches.org.uk/great-brickhill/annual-church-meeting/>

#### **CHURCH OPENING TIMES:**

For the time being, the church will continue to be open just once a week but we hope that we will soon be able to have the church open daily, as before the pandemic. The opening times are:-

**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](mailto:juliaturner.it@icloud.com) 261521 [pjcook6@gmail.com](mailto:pjcook6@gmail.com)

#### **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 IN JULY 2021

<b>DATE:</b>	<b>TIME:</b>	<b>SERVICE:</b>	<b>VENUE:</b>
<b>July 4th</b>	9.30	Short Service of Holy Communion	<b>Stoke Hammond</b>
	11.00	Family Service with Baptism	
<b>July 11th</b>	10.00	Holy Communion	<b>Bow Brickhill</b>
<b>July 18th</b>	11.00	Family Service	<b>Little Brickhill</b>
<b>July 25th</b>	10.00	Holy Communion	<b>Great Brickhill</b>

*As at 19th June*

Please go to the website for information and updates on any of the services:-  
<https://brickhillschurches.org.uk/coronavirus/live-services/>