



CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) OUTBREAK

Update 20th February 2021

NEWS OF SERVICES:

The following online services are planned for the rest of February:-

THIS SUNDAY, 21st FEBRUARY

A virtual service of Evensong will be held via Zoom at 7.00pm. The link for the login is:- <https://zoom.us/j/93363285140?pwd=bkp6UFVxOWZac2tQbkVJR3ErZFZvUT09>
The Order of Service can be downloaded from the front Home page of the website.

SUNDAY, 28th FEBRUARY

Family All-age Service via Zoom at 4.00pm, similar to last month's service. The login details will be uploaded to the website and circulated next week.

LOOKING FURTHER AHEAD INTO MARCH:-

Unfortunately, we are still not in a position to be able to hold services in church. We hope that this will change fairly soon but for now we are planning to continue with virtual services up to Palm Sunday at the end of March. The schedule is at the end of this Newsletter.

The website will be updated with any changes to the services. For information and login details of all services, follow the link:-

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

WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES SUNDAY, 21st FEBRUARY:

The Rector has written a reflection and prayer for this Sunday. There is a recording of the Rector reading this reflection, plus Julia Turner reading the story "A Long Journey" based on the book of Exodus. These were filmed among the snowdrops in Great Brickhill on a windy day – it may be helpful to read the written text of the Rector's reflection as well as listening to the video. The recordings can be found on the following links:

- Reflection & Prayer:- https://youtu.be/t_Dz4tgJwh4
- "A Long Journey":- <https://youtu.be/IPHUXeFihNA>

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

Two files accompany this e-mail giving the details of worship for this coming week:-

- (1). The Rector's written brief reflection and prayer.
- (2). How and where to find this week's online services for Sunday. 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". They are based on a new book by the Bishop of Oxford, "Pilgrim Journeys: The Creeds - 40 days of reflections". It includes material, which people can use individually and group material for the weekly virtual 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**

The course is for anyone in the benefice. All sessions are independent, so it doesn't matter if you miss one. More details of the course and the links to log in to the online sessions are available via the "Lent Courses" section of the website:-

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

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 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. Visitors outside of normal services are asked to sign the registration sheet in a red folder at the entrance.

THE UPDATE FROM THE "LINK TO HOPE CHARITY" SHOEBOX APPEAL:

In case you missed it last week, the following update was received from Rosie Dawson re the "Link to Hope" charity:-

" I have received grateful thanks from the organisers for the **46 shoeboxes that the "Great Brickhill and Friends" sent them for the 2020 shoebox appeal.** They are especially grateful as the last twelve months have been so difficult for everyone. The charity was able to send **20,768 shoeboxes** to the very needy people of eastern Europe..... which they would have received in time for Christmas."

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 IN MARCH 2021

DATE:	TIME:	SERVICE:	VENUE:
March 7th	00.00	Video pre-recorded Holy Communion	Via You Tube
March 14th <i>[Mothers' Day]</i>	10.00	Family All-age Service	Via Zoom
March 21st	10.00	Mattins	Via Zoom
March 28th <i>[Palm Sunday]</i>	10.00	Dramatised Reading of the Passion Gospel	Via Zoom

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