

St Mary the Virgin, Great Brickhill

CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) OUTBREAK

Update 21st August 2021



The Twelfth Sunday after Trinity

THE CURRENT COVID RECOMMENDATIONS FOR EACH CHURCH:

With Covid restrictions largely being lifted on 19th July, individual churches can recommend/advise/encourage certain restrictions to remain. There will be different Covid recommendations in place for services at the individual churches within the Benefice. The Rector in consultation with the Wardens at each church will decide what is appropriate for that church, taking into account, among other things, the size of the building and the likely number in the congregation.

For information for each of the four churches of our Benefice, see the "Update 19th July" item on the "Coronavirus General Updates" page on the website:-
<https://brickhillchurches.org.uk/coronavirus/general-information-updates/>

TOMORROW'S SERVICE - SUNDAY, 22nd AUGUST:

Holy Communion Service at Bow Brickhill at 10.00am.

Due to the limit on numbers, those wishing to attend please advise Warden, Stuart Leeming:- stuleeming@aol.com 01908 372032

NEXT WEEK'S SERVICE - SUNDAY, 29th AUGUST:

The service will be at Great Brickhill – Evensong at 6.00pm

A REMINDER OF THE NEW SERVICE PLAN:

As you will know a consultation has taken place over the last few weeks looking into a new pattern for services across the benefice. Unfortunately, while each parish would like to have a consistent time for all their services, that is just not possible to achieve. The pattern for each church will be as consistent each month as possible.

Each parish will generally have a Holy Communion service at 9.30am and a Family Service or Family Service with Holy Communion at 11.00am. The services for the third and fourth weeks will be determined at local level. If there is a fifth Sunday, this will give an opportunity to hold special different style/different venue services.

The biggest change is that each month there will be a benefice service at one of the churches on a rotational basis at 10.00am - this service will take the place of the normal monthly Holy Communion service at that church. No other service will be held in the benefice that day. To accommodate this, there will be a 4-month rotating pattern.

Turning to Great Brickhill, the general pattern in a normal month will be:-

1st Sunday:- 9.30am Holy Communion

2nd Sunday:- Prayer Book Evensong / Mattins / occasional Holy Communion

3rd Sunday:- 11.00am Family Service

4th Sunday:- No fixed service, decided on occasional ad hoc basis

There will be changes to the above pattern to accommodate the monthly Benefice service and at certain times, e.g. Easter, Harvest, Remembrance, Christmas.

The first month of the 4-month pattern will be September. The pattern will be reviewed after 12 months.

The channel of communication used to publicise the services will be widened. Each parish is reviewing what is available to them, to maximise all possible ways of getting the information out to as many as possible.

For the time being, for those who are not yet ready to attend church, the weekly reflections and stories will continue.

SEPTEMBER SERVICES:

Following on from the above, September will be month 1 in the 4-month pattern and it is the turn of Great Brickhill to hold the Benefice Holy Communion service at 10.00am, which will take the place of the normal 9.30am service.

The full service schedule to the end of September can be found at the end of this Newsletter.

WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES SUNDAY, 22nd AUGUST:

The Rector has written a brief reflection and prayer for this Sunday. There is a recording of this reflection, and Andrew Smith reading this week's story, "David the Giant-Killer". These were filmed in the cemetery in Great Brickhill.

The recordings can be found on the following links:

- Reflection & Prayer:- <https://youtu.be/UjVPemxAkvE>
- "David the Giant-Killer":- <https://youtu.be/fhCCKFu8kVU>

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.

CHURCH OPENING TIMES:

For the next couple of weeks until all the builders' materials have been removed, the church will continue to be open just once a week. After that we should 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 261521 pjcook6@gmail.com

CAKES FOR BRICKSTOCK, MONDAY 30th AUGUST:

This year's Brickstock music festival is being held on Bank Holiday, Monday 30th August. The Cricket Club have kindly asked us to do the teas again. We are asking please for people to bake cakes and also for offers of help to serve the teas between 3pm – 5pm. Please contact Julia:- 261618 juliaturner.it@icloud.com

CONCERT WITH YOUNG CHORISTER OF THE YEAR AT SOULBURY CHURCH:

Soulbury church is hosting an evening of popular, choral music with Andrew Olleson, the BBC Young Chorister of the Year 2020 and the choir of All Saints Church, Leighton Buzzard. A former chorister at Christ Church in Oxford, Andrew is now on a choral scholarship at Bedford School.

A PDF poster with details of the concert on 4th September and how to apply for tickets (live in the church £15 incl refreshments and £10 per household via Zoom) was attached to last week's Newsletter.

RIDE & STRIDE:

This year's Ride & Stride for cyclists/horse-riders/walkers in aid of Bucks Historic Churches Trust is on Saturday 11th September. For more details and sponsorship forms please contact Phillipa.

2021 SHOEBOX APPEAL:

Rosie has the forms for this year's appeal and would be delighted to hear from anyone who would like to fill a box:- 01525 261425 robin.rosie@zen.co.uk

THE RECTOR:

If anyone has any concerns, please 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 UNTIL END OF SEPTEMBER 2021

DATE:	TIME:	SERVICE:	VENUE:
August 22nd	10.00	Holy Communion	Bow Brickhill
August 29th	18.00	Evensong	Great Brickhill

DATE:	TIME:	SERVICE:	VENUE:
September 5th	10.00	Benefice Holy Communion	Great Brickhill
September 12th	18.00	Evensong (BCP)	Great Brickhill
September 19th	11.00	Family Service	Great Brickhill
September 26th		No Service	Great Brickhill

OTHER SERVICES IN THE BENEFICE IN SEPTEMBER:-

Sunday 5th September:

N/A

Sunday 12th September:

9.30 (Little Brickhill) Holy Communion
11.00 (Stoke Hammond) Family Service

Sunday 19th September:

9.30 (Bow Brickhill) Holy Communion

Sunday 26th September:

9.30 (Stoke Hammond) Holy Communion
11.00 (Little Brickhill) Harvest Family Service
18.00 (Bow Brickhill) Evensong (BCP)

Please go to the website for information and updates on any of the services:-

<https://brickhillschurches.org.uk/>