

St Mary the Virgin, Great Brickhill
CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) OUTBREAK
Update 24th April 2021



The Fourth Sunday of Easter
The Good Shepherd – I know my sheep and my sheep know me

TOMORROW, FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER, 25th APRIL:

The service in the Benefice will be a service of Holy Communion at Stoke Hammond at 10.00am. Due to social distancing requirements, anyone wanting to attend service is asked to please contact Diane Webber to reserve a place:-
01525 270409 dianejwebber@gmail.com

NEXT SUNDAY, 2nd MAY:

The service next week will be here in Great Brickhill, Holy Communion at 10.00am. The usual COVID regulations will be in place.

OTHER SERVICES IN MAY:

The recent pattern of services will continue, with one service each Sunday at one of the four churches in the Benefice. The schedule of services for May can be found at the end of this Newsletter.

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

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

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

Looking further ahead,

Due to the break in the pattern of services normally held here in the Benefice caused by the pandemic, it seems a good time to have a fresh look at what services will be held each month as things begin to get back to something like before. At their meeting on 6th May, the Wardens will be stating to looking at what changes might be made. It is unlikely that any major changes will happen until at least September. If anyone has any thoughts about future services, e.g. format, timing, frequency, which they would like considered when the review takes place, please contact Julia or Phillipa.

WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES SUNDAY, 18th APRIL:

The Rector has written a brief reflection and prayer for this Sunday. There is a recording of the Rector reading this reflection, plus Stuart Leeming reading the story, "A Special Promise". These were filmed at the new Church Community Hall in Bow Brickhill.

The recordings can be found on the following links:

- Reflection & Prayer:- <https://youtu.be/-iUn9Mjd-HM>
- "A Special Promise":- https://youtu.be/AtHV3duO7_k

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.

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 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.

A REMINDER THAT THE TOMATO PLANTS ARE READY FOR DELIVERY:

John and Celia Hall are happy to announce that the tomato plants on sale in aid of Church funds are now ready for delivery.

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 johnnewhall@yahoo.co.uk stating how many of which variety you would like and please include your address and a contact telephone number. Would you also let him know if you have a greenhouse so he knows when to deliver?

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

They 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@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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SERVICES ACROSS THE BENEFICE IN MAY 2021

DATE:	TIME:	SERVICE:	VENUE:
May 2nd	10.00	Holy Communion	Great Brickhill
May 9th	10.00	Holy Communion	Bow Brickhill
May 16th	10.00	Family Service	Little Brickhill
May 23rd <i>[Pentecost]</i>	10.00	Holy Communion	Stoke Hammond
May 30th <i>[Trinity Sunday]</i>	10.00	Holy Communion	Great Brickhill

As at 5th April

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

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