

St Mary the Virgin, Great Brickhill



CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) OUTBREAK Update 27th March 2021

TOMORROW, PALM SUNDAY 28th MARCH:

10.00am Holy Communion including a dramatised reading of the Passion Gospel (Please remember that the clocks go forward tonight!)

We are looking forward to our first service in church here since Christmas Day and the first in the Benefice since the lockdown. Thank you to the team who have worked hard to clean the church ready for this service.

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 are pleased to be able to offer the opportunity and will welcome all those who come to any of the services.

The COVID regulations in place before the lockdown remain:

- There is still no congregational singing
- Hand sanitizing is required on entry to the church
- Seating will be in accordance with social distancing rules
- Masks are a mandatory requirement
- We ask for contact details, which we have to keep for 21 days.

If anyone would like a Palm Cross please contact me: 01525 261521 pjcook6@gmail.com

HOLY WEEK, EASTER & APRIL SERVICES:-

There will be a service in each of the four parishes on Easter Sunday. We plan to record the Rector's Easter sermon at the service here – this will be available on the website via You Tube later on Easter Sunday. The full schedule of services for Holy Week, Easter Sunday and the remaining weeks in April can be found at the end of this Newsletter.

In brief, the Easter services at Great Brickhill will be:-

Good Friday:- 2.00pm Hour of Devotion

Easter Sunday:- 11.00am Holy Communion

Login details and any changes to the schedule will be notified on the website:-

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

WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES SUNDAY, 28th MARCH:

The Rector has written a reflection and prayer for this Sunday. There is a recording of the Rector reading this reflection, plus James Northen reading a story, "The Great Parade". These were filmed along the path and next to the cross in the choir stalls at Great Brickhill church. The recordings can be found on the following links:

- Reflection & Prayer:- <https://youtu.be/lzVP1tmLOG8>
- "The Great Parade":- <https://youtu.be/rTGytzkvorl>

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 Sunday and Holy Week:-

- (1). The Rector's written brief reflection and prayer.
- (2). How and where to find this week's online services, including the special services for Holy Week. 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:

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.it@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.

SNOWDROP CARDS:



These will on display and available for purchase at the service tomorrow and at the Easter services. A pack of three cards with envelopes costs £5.

To place an order contact Julia or Phillipa:-

07714 028785 261618 juliaturner.it@icloud.com 261521 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
- 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:

Phillipa Cook TEL: 01525 261521 07788 740969 pjcook6@gmail.com

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SERVICES ACROSS THE BENEFICE IN APRIL

April 1st [Maundy Thursday]

7.00pm Virtual Service of Readings, Payer and Reflection (Via Zoom)

The login details for the service are:-

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81539158505?pwd=dm93Y3JzWnJWYkE4N0RBNXIBQUpidz09>

Meeting ID: 815 3915 8505

Passcode: 374641

April 2nd [Good Friday]

9.30am Service of Hymns and Reflections (Bow Brickhill)

2.00pm Hour of Devotion (Great Brickhill)

The church will be open for private prayer at:-

Little Brickhill (9-11am) and Stoke Hammond (12-3pm).

April 4th [Easter Sunday]

9.00am Holy Communion by Extension (Stoke Hammond) * see below

9.30am Holy Communion (Bow Brickhill)

11.00am Family Service with Holy Communion by Extension (Little Brickhill)

11.00am Holy Communion (Great Brickhill)

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