

St Mary the Virgin, Great Brickhill



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

**Update 6th March 2021**

### **NEWS OF SERVICES:**

**Tomorrow's service will be:-**

#### **A PRE-RECORDED HOLY COMMUNION SERVICE FOR SUNDAY, 7th MARCH:**

**During the week the Rector presided at a 30-minute Holy Communion service for the Third Sunday of Lent in Great Brickhill church. Due to the restrictions the service was held with no congregation present – the service was recorded and will be available on You Tube from any time on Sunday. The link for the service is:- <https://youtu.be/8rHAYlbEUwU> (available on Sunday)**

**The Order of Service is attached.**

**The Rector's weekly reflection is part of the service.**

#### **NEXT SUNDAY, 14th MARCH, MOTHERING SUNDAY:**

A virtual Family All-age Service will be held via Zoom at 10.00am. We do hope that some of our young families will join in. We are very pleased to say that pupils from High Ash School will be doing the prayers for us.

Attached is a PFD file of a simple flower shape. As we prepare for our Mothers' Day service, you are invited to print out and decorate one or more copies of this simple flower design. Children and adults alike, everyone is welcome to join in. Perhaps you could write 'Thank you' in the centre, and write names or draw pictures on the petals of mums and all the people who help to care for us, who we would like to say 'Thank you' to.

(If you are more ambitious, you could cut the flowers out, and find something to stick them on as a stem). At our Zoom service, we will have an opportunity to show our flowers to others (and then perhaps gather copies/photos of them to share afterwards).

The login details for the service are:-

Join Zoom Meeting:-

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84484915220?pwd=RVdRSFBqVzBvNlIk0RjUyZVJLbFhyd09>

Meeting ID: 844 8491 5220

Passcode: 181517

#### **THE FOLLOWING, SUNDAY 21st MARCH:**

A virtual service of Mattins will be held at 10.00am via Zoom.

#### **LOOKING FURTHER AHEAD:-**

**Following a meeting of the Wardens of the four parishes, we are delighted to say that live services will return from Palm Sunday, 28th March and on Easter Sunday a service will be held in each of the four churches. A schedule of all the services planned up to Easter Sunday can be found 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://brickhillschurches.org.uk/coronavirus/live-services/>**

### **WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES SUNDAY, 7th MARCH:**

The Rector's reflection and prayer for this week is included in the Holy Communion service. The reflection on its own can be seen via the following link:-

[https://youtu.be/LCtkj6zF\\_pY](https://youtu.be/LCtkj6zF_pY)

The story for the Third Sunday of Lent, "The Kind Stranger", based on the parable of the good Samaritan, Luke 10, is read by Andrew Smith. The recording was filmed overlooking the village of Great Brickhill and can be found via the following link:-

[https://youtu.be/-GKQ\\_af\\_m0Y](https://youtu.be/-GKQ_af_m0Y)

The following files accompany this e-mail for worship for this coming Sunday:-

- (1). The Order of Service for the Holy Communion service on You Tube
- (2). The Rector's written brief reflection and prayer.
- (3). 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.

### **LENT COURSE:**

The material for this year's Lent Course is 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.

**The remaining three sessions will be held on Tuesday evenings from 8pm – 9pm:-**

**9th March:-** Session 3: He was crucified, died and rose again ... (next Tuesday)

**16th March:-** Session 4: I Believe in the Holy Spirit

**23rd March:-** Session 5: The Church and the forgiveness of sins

**The login details will be available from the from Home page of the website.**

On the "**Come and See**" page of the diocesan website the links are available for all the daily Lent reflections so far, and, from Sunday onwards, Bishop Steven's new video for the third Lent course session will be available:-

<https://www.oxford.anglican.org/come-and-see/#toggle-id-2>

If possible, it would be helpful to watch the Sunday video before the Lent course session on Tuesday. All will be welcome to join the sessions at any time - they are independent, so it doesn't matter if you miss one. More details of the course 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.it@icloud.com](mailto:juliaturner.it@icloud.com) 261521 [pjcook6@gmail.com](mailto: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 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 MARCH 2021**

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

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**SERVICES ACROSS THE BENEFICE FOR HOLY WEEK & EASTER****April 1st [ Maundy Thursday ]**

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

**April 2nd [ Good Friday ]**

9.30am Service of Hymns and Reflections (Bow Brickhill)

2.00pm Hour of Devotion (Great Brickhill)

**April 4th [ Easter Sunday ]**

9.00am Holy Communion by Extension (Stoke Hammond)

9.30am Holy Communion (Bow Brickhill)

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

11.00am Holy Communion (Great Brickhill)