

St Mary the Virgin, Great Brickhill

CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) OUTBREAK **Update 8th May 2021**



Sixth Sunday of Easter

TOMORROW, SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER, 9th MAY:

The service will be at Bow Brickhill - Holy Communion at 10.00am

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

OTHER SERVICES IN MAY:

The service next week will be at Little Brickhill, a Family Service at 10.00am

The full 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. 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 ahead to when things will be opening up,

A reminder that, due to the break in the pattern of services caused by the pandemic, we are taking a fresh look at what services to hold each month throughout the Benefice. Any major changes will not happen until at least September. Following this week's Wardens' meeting, a discussion will be held at the forthcoming meetings of the four PCCs. If anyone has any thoughts about future services, e.g. format, timing, frequency, which they would like considered during this review, please contact Julia or Phillipa.

WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES SUNDAY, 9th MAY:

The Rector has written a brief reflection and prayer for this Sunday. There is a recording of the Rector reading this reflection, plus Diane Webber reading the story, "The Lost Coin". These were filmed at the rear of Stoke Hammond churchyard. The recordings can be found on the following links:

- Reflection & Prayer:- <https://youtu.be/75Rhosa6Owc>
- "The Lost Coin":- <https://youtu.be/cxHw48RKQGE>

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.

Included in this file are details of this year's "Thy Kingdom Come" - a global prayer movement that invites Christians around the world to pray between Ascension Day (13th May) and Pentecost (23rd May) for more people to come to know Jesus.

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK, 10th – 16th MAY:

The logo for this year's Christian Aid Week is:-

The climate emergency is one of the greatest injustices we face.
Together we stop this climate crisis.

We are unable to do our normal House to House Collection but a special Online Giving Page has been set up for donations from people in the Brickhills:-

<https://giving.tapsimple.org/online/christian-aid/brickhills-christian-aid-week-2021>

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.

SALE OF TOMATO PLANTS:

A huge thank you to John Hall for donating the proceeds of his sale of tomato plants, which raised the fantastic sum of £575.

OPEN GARDENS, SUNDAY 4th JULY:

We were delighted to hear that the Great Brickhill Gardening Club will be holding an Open Gardens afternoon on Sunday 4th July in aid of our church funds. Afternoon teas will be available at the church, hopefully outside if the weather permits.

The Gardening Club are looking for gardeners in Great Brickhill who will be willing to open their gardens to the public. Gardens can be any size and do not need to be in perfect condition! If you would like your garden to be included, or would like any further information, please contact Rosemary Howell:- rosehowell50@hotmail.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:

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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

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