

The Church of St Mary the Virgin, Great Brickhill

SUNDAY 27th JUNE 2021: FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Welcome to our service of Holy Communion, led by the Rector. Jerry Breslin and members of the choir will be with us and, if the weather allows, we will sing hymns outside before the start of the service.

It has been a busy week but it does feel as if we are getting back to more normal times. The funeral for Jean Griffiths was held here on Wednesday and yesterday afternoon we were pleased that a baptism service took place, almost a year later than hoped. And today we will have the first reading of banns for Fiona and Vincent's wedding in September, again a year later than originally planned.

Thank you to those who did the flower arrangements for the funeral and to the team who prepared the church ready for the three services over the last few days.

The COVID regulations remain in place:

- 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.

The readings for this morning are:-

Lamentations 3: 23-33; 2 Corinthians 8: 7-15; Mark 5: 21-43

The collection/envelopes should be placed in the plate on the table in the cross aisle before the start of the service.

This afternoon is Open Gardens in Little Brickhill - there will be 9 gardens to visit from 2pm to 6pm. There will also be various stalls, train rides and refreshments.

CHURCH BUILDING WORK & OPENING TIMES:

Work on the outside extension and in the new refreshment area is coming to an end. We hope that we will soon be able to have the church open daily as before the pandemic, but for the time being, the church will continue to be open Sundays from 10.00am – 12noon.

CHURCH ANNUAL MEETING DATE:

The Annual Church Meeting will be held on Wednesday 28th July at 7.30pm. Dependent upon the lifting of Covid restrictions, the meeting will be held in-person in the Church.

GREAT BRICKHILL JULY PARISH NEWSLETTER:

A full colour copy of the July issue is now available to read in a folder in the Church porch. Do please let anyone know who does not have access to the Newsletter via the internet. The folder will be available at all times and villagers can either sit in the porch or in the church, when it is fully open again, and read what is happening in the village.

NEWS OF SHEILA McLOUGHLIN:

The sale of Sheila's house in Green End was completed last Friday. Sheila is permanently in The Lindens at Stoke Hammond but would love to see people when possible. Window & garden visits are able at the moment.

OPEN GARDENS, NEXT SUNDAY 4th JULY:

The Great Brickhill Gardening Club will be holding an Open Gardens afternoon, from 1pm – 5pm. Programmes available on the day from outside Ivan Mear's house at 2 Pound Hill. Garden entry fee £3 per person, under-16s free. Afternoon teas available at the church. Any offers of cakes, or volunteers to help with the teas, please contact Julia. The proceeds will go towards the church and Willen Hospice.

JULY SERVICES:

July 4th 9.30am Short service Holy Communion (Stoke Hammond)

11.00am Family Service with Baptism (Stoke Hammond)

Due to social distancing requirements, anyone wanting to attend either of these services, please contact Diane Webber to reserve a place:- 01525 270409 dianejwebber@gmail.com

July 11th 10.00am Holy Communion (Bow Brickhill)

July 18th 11.00am Family Service (Little Brickhill)

July 25th 10.00am Holy Communion (Great Brickhill)

The Rector's weekly reflections and stories will continue.

SERVICES FURTHER AHEAD:

The August services will be planned along the lines of recent months. An initial draft service plan for the longer term is being drawn up for consideration at the July Wardens' meeting. Any changes will be from September at the earliest. If you have any thoughts about future services, please contact:- Julia or Phillipa.

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