

St Mary the Virgin, Great Brickhill

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

**Update 1st May 2021**



### **TOMORROW, FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER, 2nd MAY:**

**The service will be here in Great Brickhill - Holy Communion at 10.00am**

Jerry Breslin will be with us providing music throughout the service and members of the choir will also be there, singing hymns and possibly an anthem.

Thank you to the team who have prepared the church ready for the service, rather more work than normal required due to the ongoing building work.

The COVID regulations remain in place:

- 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.

### **OTHER SERVICES IN MAY:**

The service next week will be at Bow Brickhill, Holy Communion 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, 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 ahead to when things will be opening up, .....**

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 for when things begin to get back to something like before. At their meeting this week on 6th May, the Wardens will be starting 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, 2nd MAY:**

The Rector has written a brief reflection and prayer for this Sunday. There is a recording of the Rector reading this reflection, plus Andrew Smith reading the story, "Philip and the Ethiopian". These were filmed by the font at the entrance and by the Cradle Roll in Great Brickhill church. The recordings can be found on the following links:

- Reflection & Prayer:- <https://youtu.be/g5LCQJHzMA0>
- "Philip and the Ethiopian":- <https://youtu.be/Qw9tZbhR3Ng>

**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.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.

## **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](mailto:rosehowell50@hotmail.com)

## **THE RECTOR:**

If anyone has any concerns during this worrying time, do contact:

- The Rector, Revd John Waller:- 01525 261062 [rector@brickhillchurches.org.uk](mailto:rector@brickhillchurches.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 MAY 2021

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

*As at 5th April*

Please go to the website for information and updates on any of the services:-  
<https://brickhillschurches.org.uk/coronavirus/live-services/>