

The Church of St Mary the Virgin, Great Brickhill

SUNDAY 12th SEPTEMBER 2021: 15th Sunday after Trinity

Welcome to our service of Evensong which is being led by Jeremy. The church is decorated with the flowers for the wedding yesterday of Fiona Middleton and Vincent Foster – we send them our very best wishes for a very long and happy life together.

The current Covid recommendations for services here are:

- Ask people to socially distance
- The doors will be open for ventilation
- Communion will be administered in the same way as recently
- Hymn singing will take place but the congregation will be asked to remain seated
- Individuals to decide whether they wish to wear a mask or not
- The QR code will remain on the door for test and trace
- Contact details taken from those who wish to provide them
- The collection will be taken as in recent weeks

Thank you to Jerry Breslin for playing for us this evening and to members of the choir for leading our singing.

The set readings for this week are:-

Isaiah 50: 4-9a; James 3: 1-12; Mark 8: 27-38

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

CHURCH OPENING:

A reminder that, as the interior work in the church is virtually complete, we are now able to have the church open daily between 10.00am and 4.00pm.

MEET THE NEWCOMERS, SATURDAY 25th SEPTEMBER:

We are aware that there are many newcomers in the village and it has been a difficult time for them to meet other villagers. Now that the new facilities are all but complete, we will be having an open morning here in the church on Saturday 25th September from 10.30am to 12 noon. Do join us if you can to meet newcomers and others who are invited to call in at any time for informal coffee and biscuits, a chance to see the developments at the church.

Please pass this invitation on to anyone you know who is new to the village and encourage them to come along.

ADVENT WINDOWS:

We are delighted that this very successful activity will be repeated. Claire Pincott has kindly agreed to coordinate the windows again. Claire will be in touch with those who took part last year to see if they want to do so again this year. Anyone who didn't do a window last year but would like to take part this year, please get in touch with Claire:- clairepincott@me.com 07870, 583182

NEW SERVICE PATTERN FOR THE BENEFICE:

Each parish will generally have a Holy Communion service at 9.30am and a Family Service at 11.00am. The services for the third and fourth weeks will be determined at local level. A fifth Sunday will give an opportunity to hold special different style/different venue services. In Great Brickhill, the pattern in a normal month will be:-

1st Sunday:- 9.30am Holy Communion

2nd Sunday:- Prayer Book Evensong / Mattins / Holy Communion

3rd Sunday:- 11.00am Family Service

4th Sunday:- No fixed service, occasional ad hoc service

There will be a monthly benefice service at one of the churches on a rotational basis at 10.00am, taking the place of the normal Holy Communion service at that church.

For the time being, for those who are not yet ready to attend church, the weekly reflections and stories will continue.

OTHER SERVICES IN SEPTEMBER IN GREAT BRICKHILL:

September 19th 11.00 Family Service

We would love to see young families join us for this first Family Service here since February last year - all ages welcome.

September 26th No Service

Other Services in the Benefice in September:-

Sunday 19th September:

9.30 (Bow Brickhill) Holy Communion

Sunday 26th September:

9.30 (Stoke Hammond) Holy Communion

11.00 (Little Brickhill) Harvest Family Service

18.00 (Bow Brickhill) Evensong (BCP)

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