The Church of St Mary the Virgin, Great Brickhill

SUNDAY 15th AUGUST 2021: ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY CELEBRATING THE FEAST OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Welcome to our service of Holy Communion, led by the Rector, on the day in the year that we celebrate our Patronal Festival, the Festival of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

The Covid recommendations which we had in place for the service on 25th July will remain for both our services in August:

- Ask people to socially distance, using every other pew
- 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 morning. We look forward to singing some hymns and we may have some members of the choir to accompany our singing.

Refreshments will be served after the service.

The readings for this morning are:-

Isaiah <u>61</u>: 10-11; Galatians <u>4</u>: 4-7; Luke <u>1</u>: 46-56

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

CHURCH BUILDING WORK & OPENING TIMES:

It was good to see the scaffolding come down on Friday. There are just a few outstanding items to be finished. Until all the work is complete, the church will be open Sundays from 10.00am – 12noon.

CHURCH ANNUAL MEETING, 28th JULY:

A report was presented on the events of the year and the Accounts for the year to 31st December 2020 were adopted. Julia was reelected as Warden and the PCC members will all serve for another year, along with newly appointed Clare Hankins-Lewis. The Electoral Roll had been revised and the current number on the Roll is 39.

CAKES FOR BRICKSTOCK, MONDAY 30th AUGUST:

The Cricket Club have kindly invited us to do the teas again at Brickstock. We are asking please for people to bake cakes and to help serve the teas between 3pm – 5pm. Offers please to Julia.

RIDE & STRIDE, SATURDAY 11th SEPTEMBER:

This year's Ride & Stride for cyclists/horse-riders/walkers in aid of Bucks Historic Churches Trust is on Saturday 11th September. For more details and sponsorship forms please contact Phillipa.

2021 SHOEBOX APPEAL:

Rosie Dawson has the forms for this year's appeal and would be delighted to hear from anyone who would like to fill a box:01525 261425 robin.rosie@zen.co.uk

NEW SERVICE PATTERN FOR THE BENEFICE:

Following a consultation process, from September every month each parish will generally have a Holy Communion service at 9.30am and a Family Service (or Family Service with Holy Communion) at 11.00am. The services for the third and fourth weeks will be determined at local level. If there is a fifth Sunday, this will give an opportunity to hold special different style/different venue services. The biggest change is that each month there will be a benefice service at one of the churches on a rotational basis at 10.00am - this service will take the place of the normal monthly Holy Communion service at that church. No other service will be held in the benefice that day. There will be a 4-month rotating pattern.

For 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 of course be changes to the above pattern at certain times, e.g. Easter, Harvest, Remembrance, Christmas. Details of next month's services will be made available next weekend. The pattern will be reviewed after 12 months.

August 22nd 10.00am Holy Communion (Bow Brickhill)
August 29th 6.00pm Evensong (Great Brickhill)

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