

The Church of St Mary the Virgin, Great Brickhill

SUNDAY 19th SEPTEMBER 2021: 16th Sunday after Trinity

Welcome to our Family Service, our first since February last year. The service will be led by the Rector and the theme is: 'Becoming childlike' – as we gather together we will explore why Jesus pointed to a child as an example of how to follow him.

Thank you to Andrew and Margretta for playing for the music for our worship songs. The bible reading will be:- Mark 9: 35-37 and we will also hear the story: 'Be Like Me' (based on Matthew 18: 1-5). This was our weekly recorded story – you might like to view this, especially if you have a liking for dogs (there is a guest appearance by a certain spaniel!):- <https://youtu.be/ZKvO00FCgRI>

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/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, NEXT SATURDAY 25th SEPTEMBER:

A reminder that next Saturday we are having a Meet the Newcomers morning in the church from 10.30am to 12 noon - an open morning for newcomers to the village and others to call into the church at any time for informal coffee and biscuits. This will be a chance for a chat, an opportunity to see the developments at the church and to meet up with others. If you have new neighbours, or know of who anyone new to the village, please pass on this invitation 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

CHURCH CLEAN UP, SATURDAY 2nd OCTOBER:

We are having a grand church clean up morning to remove the dust etc following all the building work, particularly from the areas which most of us cannot reach! Tall people will be most welcome and those who are agile enough to go up a ladder. Plenty of jobs for mere mortals as well! If you could spare the odd half an hour to an hour, please do come to the church between 10.30am and 12.30pm.

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. 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.

NEXT SERVICES IN GREAT BRICKHILL:

October 3rd 9.30am Holy Communion Service

October 10th 11.00am Service of Thanksgiving with the Bishop

October 17th 11.00am Family Service

Services in the Benefice next 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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