

The Church of St Mary the Virgin, Great Brickhill

SUNDAY 28th MARCH 2021: PALM SUNDAY

Welcome to this first service here since Christmas Day and the first in the Benefice since the suspension of services. Thank you to the team who have worked hard to clean the church ready for this service. You will note that part of the ceiling has come down above the bookcase. The area will be cordoned off until remedial work has been carried out.

This morning's Holy Communion service will be led by the Rector. Unfortunately, we are still not able to sing but we are very pleased that Jerry Breslin will again be here to play the organ at various points throughout the service.

The readings for this morning are:-

Isaiah 50: 4-9a; Philippians 2: 5-11; Mark 14: 1 - 15: 47

The gospel passage will be read in dramatic form. Thank you to those who have agreed to read the various parts. Everyone will be issued with a script and you are asked to please join in the words that are highlighted on your copy. Please leave the script in the pew at the end of the service.

Hand sanitizing is still required on entry to the church. Our normal red books will be used as they have not been in use for many months and will not be required again until May. The collection/envelopes should be placed in the plate on the table in the cross aisle before the start of the service. Seating will be in accordance with social distancing rules. Masks are a mandatory requirement and contact details of all those attending will be kept for 21 days.

CHURCH BUILDING WORK & OPENING TIMES:

You will see that work has been progressing in the new refreshment area. Work on the outside extension has been slower than expected due to the complications arising from the positioning of the archaeological find of bones outside the west door. Due to the building work, the church is currently only open once a week: **Sundays from 10.00am – 4.00pm. BUT**, if anyone would like to visit the church for private prayer outside of these times please get in touch with Julia or Phillipa and arrangements will be made for you.

SNOWDROP CARDS:

You will have seen the new Snowdrop Cards on display by the entrance. A pack of three cards with envelopes costs £5. To place an order contact Julia or Phillipa.

HOLY WEEK, EASTER & APRIL SERVICES:

April 1st [Maundy Thursday]

7.00pm Virtual Service of Readings, Payer and Reflection (Via Zoom)

The login details for the service are:-

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81539158505?pwd=dm93Y3JzWnJWYkE4N0RBNXIBQUUpdz09>

Meeting ID: 815 3915 8505 Passcode: 374641

April 2nd [Good Friday]

9.30am Service of Hymns and Reflections (Bow Brickhill)

2.00pm Hour of Devotion (Great Brickhill)

The church will be open for private prayer at:-

Little Brickhill (9-11am) and Stoke Hammond (12-3pm).

April 4th [Easter Sunday]

9.00am Holy Communion by Extension (Stoke Hammond) * see below

9.30am Holy Communion (Bow Brickhill)

11.00am Family Service with Holy Communion by Extension (Little Brickhill)

11.00am Holy Communion (Great Brickhill)

April 11th 10.00am Holy Communion (Bow Brickhill)

April 18th 10.00am Family Service (Little Brickhill)

April 25th 10.00am Holy Communion (Stoke Hammond) * see below

N.B * Due to social distancing requirements, anyone wanting to attend services at St LUKE's (Easter Day and 25th April) please contact Diane Webber to reserve a place:- 01525 270409 dianejwebber@gmail.com

We appreciate that for some it may be too soon to return to church and so the Rector's weekly reflections and stories will continue in written and recorded form. The Rector's Easter sermon will be filmed in place of next week's recording and will be available on You Tube later on Easter Sunday.

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