

# **The Church of St Mary the Virgin, Great Brickhill**

## **SUNDAY 3rd OCTOBER 2021: 18th Sunday after Trinity**

Welcome to our service of Holy Communion, which will be led by the Rector. Unfortunately, we do not have an organist today and so the music for our hymns will come via our sound system. Everyone is invited to stay after the service for coffee and a chat.

The readings for this morning are:-

Genesis 2: 18-24; Hebrews 1: 1-4, 2: 5-12; Mark 10: 2-16

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.

**NEXT SUNDAY** there will be just one service in the Benefice. To celebrate the completion of the new facilities project, we are having a **Thanksgiving Service at 11.00am**, combining our Harvest celebration with thanksgiving for the new facilities, an opportunity for us to thank everyone for the support they have given to the project. We are delighted that Bishop Alan Wilson, Bishop of Buckingham will be joining us for our service, which will be followed by Drinks and Canapes. In order to help with the numbers for catering, if you haven't already let Julia or me know that you will be at the service, please get in touch with one of us as soon as possible if you are able to join us.

### **CHURCH CLEAN UP YESTERDAY:**

Thank you so much to the willing band of volunteers who offered their services yesterday to give the church a really good clean. A sterling effort, especially by those who ventured up the ladders! The many cobwebs and the builders' dust have been removed and the brass has been thoroughly cleaned.

### **CHURCH OPENING:**

A reminder that the church is now open daily from 10am and 4pm.

## **MEET THE NEWCOMERS COFFEE MORNING:**

It was wonderful to use our new gathering area last Saturday to welcome newcomers to Great Brickhill. There was lots of chat taking place in a lovely, relaxed atmosphere.

## **OXFORD DIOCESAN NEWSLETTER, "PATHWAYS":**

The Autumn edition of "Pathways" is now available. It can be downloaded via the link on the front Home page of the church website. Alternatively, there are some printed copies available on the book case just inside the entrance to the church.

## **LINK TO HOPE" SHOEBOX APPEAL:**

The information and forms for the "Link to Hope" Shoe Box Appeal are available from the book case just inside the entrance to the church. Completed shoe boxes need to be with Rosie Dawson by 27th October:- 261521 [robin.rosie@zen.co.uk](mailto:robin.rosie@zen.co.uk)

## **CHRISTMAS FAIR, SATURDAY 4th DECEMBER:**

A date for the diaries – a Christmas Fair will be held in the church on Saturday morning, 4th December. More details to follow.

## **OCTOBER SERVICES IN GREAT BRICKHILL:**

We are now in the second month of the new service pattern cycle. The remaining services here in October are:-

October 10th 11.00am Service of Thanksgiving with the Bishop

October 17th 11.00am Family Service

### **Services in the Benefice to the end of October:-**

October 17th:

9.30 (Bow Brickhill) Holy Communion

9.30 (Stoke Hammond) Café Church

October 24th:

9.30 (Stoke Hammond) Holy Communion

11.00 (Little Brickhill) Family Service

11.00 (Bow Brickhill) Mattins (BCP)

October 31st:

18.00 (Little Brickhill) All Souls Benefice Service

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

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