

The Church of St Mary the Virgin, Great Brickhill

SUNDAY 4th APRIL 2021: EASTER SUNDAY

Happy Easter to you all and welcome to our service of Holy Communion, led by the Rector. Thank you to Jerry Breslin for playing the organ for us this morning.

We were delighted that members of the choir were at our Good Friday service. Whilst it is sad that the congregation cannot yet sing in church, it was wonderful to hear the choir sing an anthem and a couple of hymns. We are hoping that some of the choir will be at our service today.

Thank you to the ladies who helped decorate the Church so beautifully for our Easter celebrations. And also, to the team who have cleaned the church again ready for this week's services, a minor task compared to last week.

The readings for this morning are:-

Isaiah 25: 6-9; Acts 1: 34-43; Mark 16: 1-8

“Alleluia. Christ is risen. He is risen indeed. Alleluia”

The Rector's Easter sermon is being filmed in place of the weekly recording. it will be available on You Tube – the link will be on the Home page of the website later today.

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. **SADLY, we will not be able to have our usual post service Easter egg hunt.**

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.

TOMATO PLANTS FOR SALE:

A message from John and Celia Hall:-

“We are happy to announce that the tomato plants on sale in aid of Church funds will be ready in a couple of weeks – weather permitting! We are happy to take advance orders and will deliver the plants when they are ready. The following varieties will be available at a cost of £1.00 per plant:- Beef; Gardeners Delight; Cherry; Plum; Alicante; Money Maker; Ailsa Craig

John has grown over 600 plants and orders will be dealt with on a “first come - first served basis”. Please email your requirements to celiafeetam@madasafish.com stating how many of which variety you would like and please include your address.

Cash payments only please - either in an envelope on delivery, or in advance into our letterbox at 17 Stoke Lane.

We will also hope to hold a plant sale at our gate in Stoke Lane over the Whitsun and May day bank holidays.”

APRIL SERVICES:

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 Stoke Hammond, please contact Diane Webber to reserve a place:- 01525 270409 dianejwebber@gmail.com

The next services at Great Brickhill will be Holy Communion on Sundays, 2nd & 30th May at 10.00am

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.

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