

The Church of St Mary the Virgin, Great Brickhill

SUNDAY 5th SEPTEMBER 2021: 14th SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

This is the first week of the new Service Pattern – this morning's service is the monthly Benefice Holy Communion. There are no other services in the Benefice today and so we welcome friends from all four parishes.

The current Covid recommendations for services here are:

- 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 evening and to the choir for leading our singing.

The readings for this morning are:-

Isaiah 35: 4-7a; James 2: 1-10; Mark 7: 24-37

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

CHURCH RE-OPENING TIMES:

The interior work in the church is virtually complete and so we are now able to have the church open daily. From today, as before the pandemic, the church will be open every day between 10.00am and 4.00pm. We are delighted that, apart from a few outstanding items, the building work will be finished just in time for our one and only wedding for the year next Saturday.

RIDE & STRIDE, SATURDAY 11th SEPTEMBER:

This year's Ride & Stride for cyclists/horse-riders/walkers in aid of Bucks Historic Churches Trust is next 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:-

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BRICKSTOCK ON MONDAY 30th AUGUST:

Thank you to all who helped with the refreshments for Brickstock on Monday. There was a wonderful choice of cakes and the team who helped serve the refreshments worked tirelessly throughout the day to provide the much appreciated hot drinks on the rather cold summer's(!) day. The amount raised was a fantastic £613.

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. A fifth Sunday will give an opportunity to hold special different style/different venue services. 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.

OTHER SERVICES IN SEPTEMBER IN GREAT BRICKHILL:

September 12th 18.00 Evensong (BCP)

September 19th 11.00 Family Service

September 26th No Service

Other Services in the Benefice in September:-

Sunday 12th September:

9.30 (Little Brickhill) Holy Communion

11.00 (Stoke Hammond) Family Service

Sunday 19th September:

9.30 (Bow Brickhill) Holy Communion

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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