

St Mary the Virgin, Great Brickhill

WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES FOR SUNDAY, 30th AUGUST

LECTIONARY READINGS FOR THE 12th SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY:

Jeremiah 15: 15-21; Romans 12: 9-21; Matthew 16: 21-28 Psalm 26: 1 - 8

WEEKLY REFLECTION & STORY:

Jeremy Hopkinson, LLM, has written a brief reflection and prayer for the Twelfth Sunday after Trinity Sunday – the document is attached.

There is a recording of Jeremy reading this reflection and prayer, plus the story of “Jesus and the Tax Man” from the Lion Storyteller Bible read by Alison Packer, filmed at locations in Great Brickhill and Little Brickhill.

These can be found on the following links:

- **Reflection & Prayer:-** https://youtu.be/cAlmpN_zOYo
- **“Jesus and the Tax Man”:-** <https://youtu.be/0VyrmhALS94>

RADIO 4:

Sunday Worship at 8.10am “Wild at home”

Greenbelt looks 'Wild at Home' in digital form this summer 2020, with Paul Kerensa, Molly Boot and Greenbelt's Creative Director Paul Northup. From livestream performance to reflective blogs; from archive talks to special artist features, Greenbelt is so many things to so many different people. But for everyone, it's somewhere to believe in.

BBC TELEVISION:

Sunday Morning Live BBC 1 at 10.00am Episode 11 of 20

Sean Fletcher and Sally Phillips take a look at the week's talking points and explore the ethical and religious issues of the day. Alongside lively chat, the show also shines a light on inspiring, unique and occasionally unusual stories and people.

Songs of Praise BBC 1 at 12.25pm (Earlier than usual) Blenheim Palace

Aled Jones visits Blenheim Palace, home to the Duke of Marlborough, birthplace of Winston Churchill and an important World Heritage site. The sister of the current duke, Lady Henrietta Spencer-Churchill, explains the history of this remarkable building and shows Aled the private chapel that means so much to her. One of the most impressive features of the interior of the palace is the Willis organ, and the resident organist, Andrew Patterson, demonstrates its particular sound. Blenheim's estate director, Roy Cox, shows Aled some of the famous trees on the estate, including the Cedar of Lebanon, which appears in a Harry Potter film.

Laura Wright joins Oxford's Soundabout Inclusive Choir for a virtual hymn singalong and to hear how being part of the choir helps those with learning disabilities.

The Blenheim estate provides a stunning backdrop for this week's music, which was recorded especially for the programme. There are performances from Laura Wright, new all-female group Stellina, gospel choir IDMC and Aled Jones, who sings one of his favourite hymns, Be Still for the Presence of the Lord.

OXFORD DIOCESE LIVE STREAMING:

Church at Home during August

The team are taking a break for August but churches across the Diocese will be welcoming the regular Church at Home congregation for worship during this time - a range of family, all-age, modern and traditional services is available on the following link:- <https://www.oxford.anglican.org/coronavirus-covid-19-2/livestream/>

For those unable to access a church service online, dial 0800 804 8044 for daily hymns, reflections and prayers.

The Diocesan service returns to its regular 10am slot online from Sunday 6 September.

CHURCH OF ENGLAND ONLINE:

Worship at Home, an Online Service at 9am He gave His life for us

Prepare for the new term with this week's service from Holy Trinity Platt. In his sermon, Rev Dr. Paul Mathole reminds us that the way to find true life is to give our life to Jesus, just as he gave his life for us.

Click on the following link:-

<https://www.churchofengland.org/more/media-centre/join-us-church-online/weekly-online-services/he-gave-his-life-us>

To download the Order of Service, follow the link below:-

https://www.churchofengland.org/sites/default/files/2020-08/trinity_12_oos_vff_afn.pdf

A REMINDER OF THE RESOURCES FOR CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE FROM THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND - FAITH AT HOME:-

Faith at Home is a national campaign that builds on the work of Growing Faith and Everyday Faith to support the faith development and pastoral care of children and young people.

It seeks to provide:

- **Experiences** that inspire parents and families to grow in faith together in the 'new daily normal' of the home
- **Resources** that equip children and young people to explore faith together and feel supported pastorally as part of school and church communities
- **Networks** that connect school leaders, church leaders, chaplains to share great practice and build community together focused on the faith development of children and young people

To find out more follow the link:-

<https://www.churchofengland.org/faith-action/faith-home>