

WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES FOR SUNDAY, 27th SEPTEMBER

LECTIONARY READINGS FOR THE 16th SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY:

Ezekiel 18: 1-4, 25-32; Philippians 2: 1-13; Matthew 21: 23-32; Psalm 25: 1-9

Harvest Readings:-

Deuteronomy 8: 7-18; 2 Corinthians 9: 6-15; Luke 12: 16-30 or 17: 11-19

WEEKLY REFLECTION & STORY:

The Rector has written a brief reflection and prayer for Harvest – the document is attached.

There is a recording of the Rector reading this week's reflection and prayer for Harvest, plus Julia Turner reading the story of "The Man Who Came Back" from the Lion Storyteller Bible. Both were filmed at Rectory Farm in Great Brickhill.

These can be found on the following links:

- **Reflection & Prayer:-** https://youtu.be/p_aBIMeAukU
- **"The Man Who Came Back":-** <https://youtu.be/re4snDNdxUo>

SUNDAY SERVICE - Revd Val Plumb, Rural Dean for Mursley Deanery

The Rural Dean will be recording a 15/20-minute service for the Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity - Worrying is the way of the world; Freedom is the way of the Father!

Follow the link:- <https://youtu.be/ePBnRv5vDxQ>

RADIO 4:

Sunday Worship at 8.10am A new heaven and a new earth

Traditionally harvest is a time to celebrate and offer thanksgiving for God's bounty in nature. Rachel Mann leads today's service and reflects on what harvest might mean for those of us who, even in a covid-shaped world, live in a busy urbanised environment. After months of tiring but necessary restrictions on our lives, what do we have to be thankful for? What 'harvest' do those who live in urban settings have to offer to those who don't? What might a new 'holy city' and 'new earth' look like for urban and country dweller alike? Rev. Grace Thomas will share how she's been instrumental in helping congregations in south Manchester think about how they can cherish God's creation and address the climate emergency. Reading: Revelation 21.1-5.

BBC TELEVISION:

Sunday Morning Live BBC 1 at 10.30am Episode 14 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 1.15pm Saltaire

Claire McCollum explores the beautiful Victorian village of Saltaire near Bradford in Yorkshire, now a Unesco World Heritage site. The vision of Christian industrialist Sir Titus Salt, and built to house the workers for his enormous textile mill, Saltaire was famous around the world when it was completed. Although the concept of providing accommodation for workers was not new, the scale and high standard of Saltaire was groundbreaking, with 850 high-quality houses alongside shops, schools, recreational facilities and a beautiful church, all built in the shadow of the mill.

In the company of historian John Styles, who was born in Saltaire, Claire explores Salts Mill – one of the largest buildings in the world when completed – and discovers that Titus Salt was strongly motivated by his Christian faith in providing so generously for his workers. She also explores what many call the centrepiece of Saltaire, the Grade-I listed church that Titus Salt built in a beautiful Italianate style. The church was damaged in recent storms, and Claire meets the Christian architect in charge of the restoration and a member of the current congregation who has been kneeling in prayer outside the church each week since it closed for lockdown.

OXFORD DIOCESE LIVE STREAMING:

Church at Home for the Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity, 27th September at 10am.

This Sunday we celebrate Harvest, an opportunity to thank God for the many blessings we enjoy and to consider how we can share these. Our thanksgiving is particularly focused around the food which sustains us and those who work to feed us, while remembering those locally and across the world who live with food insecurity.

The Rt Revd Dr Alan Wilson, Bishop of Buckingham, presides. The reflection is given by The Revd Charlotte Bannister-Parker, Associate Chaplain to the Bishop of Oxford. William helps to lead our intercessions and like many leaders, such as Moses and King George VI, speaks with a stammer. William was glad to participate in this service, together with his friends from Roots youth group, St Peter and St Paul, Great Missenden.

To download the order of service and to watch the service, live or at a later time, follow the link:- <https://www.oxford.anglican.org/coronavirus-covid-19-2/livestream/>

To access by telephone, dial 01865 920930 to hear the latest service (press 0= short service, 1= full service). Standard call rates apply.

CHURCH OF ENGLAND ONLINE:

Worship at Home, an Online Service at 9am

Celebrating Harvest and the Season of Creation

Join Bishop Helen-Ann Hartley for this week's Harvest Festival service. This online service includes reflections on climate change, farming and the beauty of nature.

Click on the following link:-

<https://www.churchofengland.org/more/media-centre/join-us-church-online/weekly-online-services/celebrating-harvest-and-season>

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

<https://www.churchofengland.org/sites/default/files/2020-09/Trinity%2016%20OOS%20VFF%20AFN.pdf>

PLUS, BISHOP STEVEN'S PODCASTS CONTINUE:

THOSE WHO WAIT FOR THE LORD WILL RENEW THEIR STRENGTH

The world around us has learned to respond to suffering and pain and difficulty. The temptation is to numb negative emotion, to overlay it, to disguise it through shopping or social media or food or alcohol or other addictive behaviours. We numb. In normal times that can set in motion slow but destructive cycles of behaviour in our lives. We keep afloat but only just. But in times of crisis and difficulty, it is not enough to numb. The pain around us overwhelms our defences. Something much deeper is needed...

To listen to the podcast, go to:-

<https://blogs.oxford.anglican.org/podcast/those-who-wait-for-the-lord-will-renew-their-strength/>