

WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES FOR SUNDAY 10th JANUARY

LECTIONARY READINGS FOR THE FIRST SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY, CELEBRATING THE BAPTISM OF CHRIST:

Genesis 1: 1-5; Acts 19: 1-7; Mark 1: 4-11 Psalm 29

WEEKLY REFLECTION & STORY:

The Rector has written a brief reflection and prayer for the First Sunday of Epiphany, celebrating the Baptism of Christ – the document is attached.

There is a recording of the Rector reading this reflection and prayer, plus Alison Packer reading “The Helpful Servant” a story based on the gospel reading. These were filmed near the font at Little Brickhill church. They can be found on the following links:

- **Reflection & Prayer:-** <https://youtu.be/4cs1TM9ykFo>
- **“The Helpful Servant”:-** <https://youtu.be/kDPINZXnoNo>

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

The Rural Dean, Revd Val Plumb, has recorded a 15/20-minute service:-

What is an Epiphany? Follow the link:- <https://youtu.be/83SCHA3KtqY>

All the material below can be viewed live or at a later date:-

RADIO 4:

Sunday Worship at 8.10am Our Common Home

"If you believe in God...then you should feel a responsibility to care for His Creation" (the Duke of Edinburgh). This insight led Prince Philip as International President of the World Wide Fund for Nature to invite today's service leader Martin Palmer, to help him bring together in Assisi, Italy, the birth place of St Francis, for the first time in 1986, five of the world's major faiths and key environmental organisations to explore how the faiths could become partners with the conservation movements in protecting what Pope Francis calls "our Common Home". Now a member of the Pope's Covid Commission and CEO of FaithInvest, a new organisation that helps faiths invest in a values-based environment, in this morning's service Martin puts the horrifying statistic of the death of 160 species across the last ten years into a spiritual perspective. He's joined in the 4th century church of St Martin's North Stoke, Somerset, by Indian writer, poet, and opera writer Sangita Lakhanpaul. The preacher is Lorna Gold, Chair of the Global Catholic Climate Movement (GCCM) and also a member of the Pope's Covid Commission. The programme draws on insights from major world faiths, but is grounded in the Christian hope of renewal and regeneration with readings from Exodus 3, Psalm 148, and Colossians chapter 1.

BBC TELEVISION:

Songs of Praise BBC 1 at 12.25pm Stirling

Claire McCollum is in the historic city of Stirling in central Scotland. She visits Stirling Castle, once home to Mary, Queen of Scots, and her son, King James VI. Adjacent to the castle lies the Church of the Holy Rude, where James VI was crowned in 1567, making it

one of the only churches in the UK to have held a coronation and still be active today. Claire discovers how the James commissioned a translation of the scriptures, known as the King James Bible, which became one of the most widely used bibles in the world. We meet a ceramics artist in Stirling whose clay creations are inspired by both her faith and the city's unique architecture and landscape. JB Gill talks to worship singer Steph Macleod about his powerful testimony of finding Jesus whilst battling addiction, and Steph performs a special song written about his journey of faith. Plus hymns and worship songs from across Scotland, including brand new recordings from the Church of the Holy Rude, Stirling.

OXFORD DIOCESE LIVE STREAMING:

The Diocesan Church at Home services for this Sunday at 10.20am & 10.30am

Sunday 10th January - this weekend's Church at Home services are hosted by two of our local churches. We hope you will join us in celebrating the baptism of Christ with them.

- Join St Mary's, Cogges, at 10.20am for a Sunday service from home.
- Join St Mary's, Amersham, at 10.30am for a traditional Eucharist.

We look forward to seeing you when the usual Diocesan online service returns next Sunday, 17th January.

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, Online Services at 9am

Plough Sunday, 10th January 2021

Discover the celebration of Plough Sunday in this online service. Led by Rev Lindsay Yates, the service comes from Octagon Parish near Chichester and features a sermon from Rev Will Adam, the Archbishop of Canterbury's Ecumenical Adviser.

Click on the following link:-

<https://www.churchofengland.org/news-and-media/join-us-church-online/weekly-online-services/plough-sunday>

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

<https://www.churchofengland.org/sites/default/files/2021-01/Plough%20Sunday%20OOS%20VFF%20AFN.pdf>

PLUS:- Time to Pray APP (via Church of England website)

Time to Pray presents everything you need for Prayer During the Day, with variations according to the day of the week and the season of the Church's year. The app is compatible with smartphones and tablets (iPhone/iPad iOS 9.0+ and Android 5.1.1+).