

St Mary the Virgin, Great Brickhill

WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES FOR SUNDAY 24th JANUARY

LECTIONARY READINGS FOR THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY:

Genesis 14: 17-20; Revelation 19: 6-10; John 2: 1-11; Psalm 128

WEEKLY REFLECTION & STORY:

The Rector has written a brief reflection and prayer for the Third Sunday of Epiphany – the document is attached.

There is a recording of the Rector reading this reflection and prayer, plus Diane Webber reading “From Water to Wine” a story based on the Gospel passage. These were filmed near the altar at Stoke Hammond church. They can be found on the following links:

- **Reflection & Prayer:-** <https://youtu.be/UYQrA83rmos>
- **“From Water to Wine”:-** <https://youtu.be/1LRzoPY5q0M>

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

No details have been received for the Rural Dean’s weekly recorded 15/20-minute service.

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

RADIO 4:

Sunday Worship at 8.10am Be the light in the darkness!

The Archbishop of Canterbury's Special Advisor for Reconciliation Programmes, Canon Sarah Snyder, and Reverend Julia Hedley, Chaplain to the Rose Castle Foundation, mark this time of Holocaust Memorial. The global pandemic has reminded this generation of the fragility of human life. But down the ages, and particularly in the last century, millions have been indiscriminately killed, not by disease or natural disaster, but by the targeted barbarism of their fellow beings. Witnesses and speakers from a variety of faith and political perspectives are associated with the Rose Castle Foundation, devoted to reconciliation across all kinds of divides, based at the 800-year old seat of the bishops of Carlisle. Sarah Snyder sees in its thick defensive walls an opportunity to invite strangers in, rather than shut them out, to welcome potential enemies from both sides of a divide - to live and learn together.

BBC TELEVISION:

Songs of Praise **BBC 2 at 1.15pm Celebrating 60 Years**

Marking the year Songs of Praise turns 60, Aled Jones celebrates at St George’s Chapel in Windsor with Christian stories that exemplify the spirit of the series. Aled and long-serving presenter Pam Rhodes recall past favourite moments, including the Queen’s celebrated appearance on the programme in 2018, and the moment Pam and Aled first met on screen in 1995. Gospel music pioneer Karen Gibson shares how Songs of Praise came calling in 1996 to feature her choir, which became the Kingdom Choir who shot to fame in 2018 singing at the wedding of the Duke and Duchess of Sussex.

OXFORD DIOCESE LIVE STREAMING:

The Diocesan Church at Home service for the Third Sunday of Epiphany at 10am

Today's reading tells the story of Jesus turning water into wine. It was the earliest of Jesus' miracles – a time when people first started noticing that there was something a bit different about him. Over the course of the pandemic, many people have been asking deep questions about faith. Perhaps you have noticed some glimmers of excitement that God might be at work here – maybe a loved one that has become more curious about the Christian faith, or maybe you yourself are questioning, and you now want to go a bit deeper. Near the beginning of John's gospel, Jesus offers an invitation to two disciples who are curious about him: "Come and see." Come and see what faith has to offer...

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

Living with Difference, 24th January 2021

Rev Dr Paul Goodliff speaks of living with difference in our weekly service, which marks the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, featuring contributions from Chemin Neuf and led by Rev Charles Hadley. Click on the following link:-

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

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

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

PLUS:

Diocese of Oxford - Come and See:-

Many people are asking deep questions of faith. "Come and See" is an invitation from our Bishops to local communities to take the first steps in exploring faith. It all starts on Sunday 24 January – so why not walk with us, as we walk with Jesus... and come and see. For details go to :- <https://www.oxford.anglican.org/come-and-see/>

Who is it for?

Come and See is an invitation to everyone, for everyone. It's for anyone who feels adrift in this pandemic, whether or not they know anything about the Christian faith. Click below to hear an invitation from the Bishop of Oxford, recorded on 20th January, to Come and See:- <https://blogs.oxford.anglican.org/podcast/come-and-see/>

A Reminder of:- 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, which is free, is compatible with smartphones and tablets (iPhone/iPad iOS 9.0+ and Android 5.1.1+). There is now a "Time to Pray" podcast - daily audio for Common Worship Prayer During the Day and Night Prayer services to accompany the Time to Pray app.

For details go to:- <https://www.chpublishing.co.uk/apps/time-to-pray>