

St Mary the Virgin, Great Brickhill

## WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES FOR SUNDAY 7th FEBRUARY

### LECTIONARY READINGS FOR THE SECOND SUNDAY BEFORE LENT:

Proverbs 88: 1, 22-31; Colossians 1: 15-20; John 1: 1-14; Psalm 104: 25-37

### SERVICE RECORDING AND WEEKLY REFLECTION & STORY:

During the week the Rector presided at a 30-minute Holy Communion service for the Second Sunday before Lent at Great Brickhill church. Due to the restrictions the service was held with no congregation present – the service was recorded and will be available on You Tube from any time on Sunday. The Order of Service is attached. The link for the service is:-

<https://youtu.be/rufpY5pKD9E>

The Rector's reflection and prayer for this week is included in the Holy Communion service – the written version of the reflection is in the attached document.

The reflection on its own can be seen via the following link:-

[https://youtu.be/2kj\\_97xtbTw](https://youtu.be/2kj_97xtbTw)

The story for this week is “The Good Shepherd”, based on the parable of The Lost Sheep, and is read by Julia Turner. The recording was filmed at Rectory Farm in Great Brickhill and can be found via the following link:-

<https://youtu.be/abXUG5NHkka>

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

The Rural Dean, Revd Val Plumb, has recorded a 15/20-minute service:- this week - John 1: 1-14 in the pandemic, in all this pain, Is God is still with us?

Follow the link:- <https://youtu.be/8uqWevq21d4>

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

### RADIO 4:

#### Sunday Worship at 8.10am Chinese New Year

Marking Chinese New Year and what is likely to be the largest UK immigration from outside Europe since Windrush, from Hong Kong. Chinese Christians have been worshipping in the UK for at least 70 years. Today the Chinese Christian community flourishes with congregations preaching in English, Mandarin and Cantonese in most major towns and cities across the country. As Chinese New Year approaches Rev Henry Lu of Chinese Overseas Christian Mission leads today's worship, exploring the themes of hospitality and welcome, particularly in anticipation of the many immigrants expected to arrive in the UK from Hong Kong in the coming months. Preacher: Rev Connie Yu.

### BBC TELEVISION:

#### Songs of Praise BBC 1 at 1.15pm Gospel Singer of the Year - Final

Mark De-Lisser hosts the final of our Gospel Singer of the Year competition. Three talented finalists sing to win the title at the stunning Gorton Monastery in Manchester. Making the all-important decision are the judges: pop and West End musicals star Alexandra Burke, vocal coach and gospel expert David Grant and singing legend Heather Small. There's also a guest performance from Shaun Escoffery, singing his single River.

## **OXFORD DIOCESE LIVE STREAMING:**

### **The Diocesan Church at Home service for the Second Sunday before Lent at 10am**

This week marks the start of two weeks of 'ordinary time' before we enter the penitential season of Lent. These weeks are not without meaning; they offer us the chance to see God in the here and now, to recognise his grace all around us.

The readings speak of the God who 'was from the beginning' but is also close to each and every one of us – the God who is at once transcendent and imminent. It is a delight to have the Bishop of Buckingham, Alan Wilson, preside at this service, and to have the Revd Hannah Hobday, vicar of St Peter's, Earley, to share her reflections on the readings. With just three words, Jesus invites each of us into a lifelong journey of discovering who he is, and who he says we are. May we all hear the invitation from Jesus to 'come and see,' and may we be lost in wonder, love, and praise at that which we behold.

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**

#### **Second Sunday before Lent, 7th February 2021**

The weekly service, led by Rev Liz Clutterbuck, comes from Emmanuel Holloway Church, London. The service marks the Second Sunday before Lent.

Click on the following link:-

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

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

<https://www.churchofengland.org/sites/default/files/2021-02/7th%20Feb%202021%20Second%20Before%20Lent%20AFN%20VFF.pdf>

## **PLUS:-**

### **Prayer for the Nation**

#### **A message from Bishop Steven in light of the Covid-19 death toll**

On 26 January 2021, the UK's Covid-19 death toll sadly reached 100,000 people. In an interview with BBC Radio Oxford, Bishop Steven shared his sympathies and encouraged listeners to join in with Prayer for the Nation, a daily prayer initiative from the Archbishops of Canterbury and York.

To listen to the podcast, go to:- <https://blogs.oxford.anglican.org/prayer-for-the-nation/>

#### **A Prayer for the Nation:-**

We remember before God those who have died  
and we pray that God's love will surround all who mourn them, now and always.  
Gracious God,  
as we remember before you the thousands who have died,  
surround us and all who mourn with your strong compassion.  
Be gentle with us in our grief,  
protect us from despair,  
and give us grace to persevere  
and face the future with hope  
in Jesus Christ our risen Lord.  
Amen.