WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES FOR MOTHERS' DAY, 14 MARCH

LECTIONARY READINGS FOR MOTHERS' DAY:

Exodus <u>2</u>: 1-10; Colossians <u>3</u>: 12-17; Luke <u>2</u>: 33-35; Psalm <u>34</u>: 11-20

WEEKLY REFLECTION & STORY:

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

There is a recording of the Rector reading this reflection and prayer, plus Alison Packer reading "The Secret Baby", a version of the birth of Moses from Exodus chapter 1-2. These were filmed at the altar in Little Brickhill church. The recordings can be found on the following links:

- Reflection & Prayer:- https://youtu.be/MbjqDJxb8kM
- "The Secret Baby":- https://youtu.be/o7VJodf6_y8

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

The Rural Dean, Revd Val Plumb, has recorded a 15/20-minute service:- Mothering Sunday. Follow the link:- <u>https://youtu.be/cQoszMfHLG8</u>

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

RADIO 4:

Sunday Worship at 8.10am Fourth Sunday of Lent

Rev Cheryl Meban, the Presbyterian Chaplain to Ulster University and Helen Warnock, the Principal of Belfast Bible College consider how Jesus reached out to the thirsty at the Wedding Feast in Cana and how he reaches out today. John 2: 1-11; 4: 4-15 A link to accompanying online materials from the Ignatian Spirituality Centre can be found on the BBC Sunday Worship web page.

BBC TELEVISION:

Sunday Worship 2021 BBC1 at 11.15am Lent Worship 4

The Rev Kate Bottley introduces a church service to celebrate Mothering Sunday from St Cuthbert's Church in Preston, led by the Rev Mark Bradford. Hymns and songs to mark the fourth Sunday of Lent include The Servant King and Forever Jesus, sung by Katie Ritson and Faye Simpson, and writer and broadcaster Andrew Graystone reveals the amazing coincidence that taught him about the meaning of love.

Songs of Praise **BBC 2** at 1.15pm Mothering Sunday

We visit a new Christian community grocery run by a Manchester-based charity where shoppers pay a small annual fee to fill their shopping baskets twice a week for just £3. Brenda interviews choir leader and Songs of Praise conductor Audrey Mattis about the power of singing together in church

The music is a mix of hymns and worship songs including Tell Out My Soul and Sing Unto the Lord from St. Elisabeth's, You Restore My Soul from Gorton Monastery and special performances from both Brenda and Northern Irish soprano Margaret Keys.

OXFORD DIOCESE LIVE STREAMING:

The Diocesan Church at Home service for Mothering Sunday at 10am

Welcome to this service of Church at Home as we join together, from across the Diocese of Oxford, in worship. The Revd Charlotte Bannister-Parker presides and Bishop Olivia gives our reflection. Today is the fourth Sunday of Lent on which falls 'Mothering Sunday'. This Sunday marks a slight lightening of the solemnity of the Lenten season (you will notice the president wearing rose coloured vestments rather than the usual purple) as we look forward, with growing anticipation, to Easter. Traditionally on this day people would visit their 'Mother Church' and servants were given the day off to be at home with family; sometimes bringing a bunch of flowers home to give to their mothers too.

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

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

Mothering Sunday from Gloucester Cathedral, 14th March

The Bishop of Gloucester, the Rt Rev Rachel Treweek, leads the weekly worship. From Gloucester Cathedral, the full online church service for Mothering Sunday also features Pam Rhodes, and real-life stories of mothering.

Click on the following link to watch the clip and for the full service:-

https://www.churchofengland.org/news-and-media/join-us-church-online/weekly-online-services/mothering-sunday-gloucester-cathedral

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

https://www.churchofengland.org/sites/default/files/2021-

03/Mothering%20Sunday%20Lent%204%2014th%20March%202021%20VF.docx.pdf