

WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES FOR SUNDAY, 16th MAY 2021

LECTIONARY READINGS FOR THE SUNDAY AFTER ASCENSION DAY:

Ezekiel 36: 24-28; Acts 1: 15-17, 21-26; John 17: 6-19; Psalm 1

WEEKLY REFLECTION & STORY:

The Rector has written a brief reflection and prayer for this Sunday – attached. The Rector has also recorded a video version of his written reflection and prayer for the Seventh Sunday of Easter and Alison Packer has recorded the story, “Down through the Roof”. These were filmed inside Little Brickhill church.

The recordings can be found on the following links:

- Reflection & Prayer:- <https://youtu.be/R3BDZGv05rU>
- “Down through the roof”:- https://youtu.be/gD8xNS_SFJ4

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

There is no recorded service this week from the Rural Dean, Revd Val Plumb.

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

RADIO 4:

Sunday Worship at 8.10am A Name Above All Names

In his letter to the Philippians, St Paul wrote, “At the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father,” so describing Christ as humble in his humanity but glorified in his divinity. In live worship from Lichfield Cathedral, Residentiary Canon and Assistant Bishop, The Rt Revd Jan McFarlane, reflects both on the crucified Jesus and the risen and ascended Christ. From one of the places of worship involved in the provision of the Covid vaccines she asks how we might live differently as a result of the pandemic and in the light of the Ascension of Christ. The worship is led by the Canon Precentor, The Revd Canon Andrew Stead. Music comes from Lichfield Cathedral Choir, directed by Ben Lamb, with Ascensiontide hymns and anthems, featuring the BBC Young Chorister of the Year 2020, Highly Commended Award winner, Josie, to launch the 2021 competition.

BBC TELEVISION:

BBC 1 at 10.30am Sunday Morning Stories Series 2 Episode 6 of 8

Kate Bottley hears from people who have given up their time to help others, including a couple who offered their home to a Syrian refugee so he could pursue his dream of becoming a doctor.

Songs of Praise BBC 1 at 1.15pm Exeter

Aled Jones visits the cathedral town of Exeter in Devon. He explores the underground passages that brought water from Saint Sidwell’s Well to the cathedral. We meet Mark Edwards, a cyclist who makes a 25 mile round trip every Sunday to deliver DVDs to fellow members of his church’s congregation who don’t have access to its online services. It’s also Dementia Action Week, and Yolanda Brown meets Jo Earlam, a local woman who has mapped the city to create safe routes to encourage those living with dementia to get out and about. At St David’s Church, we hear how they’ve turned lockdown into an

opportunity for a different sort of Bible study group, and there's also music from there, led by hymn writer Graham Kendrick. Aled performs Pie Jesu with the current BBC Young Chorister of the Year and launches the search to find the next winner of the competition.

OXFORD DIOCESE LIVE STREAMING:

The Diocesan Church at Home service for the Seventh Sunday of Easter at 10am

“Welcome to this week's Church at Home service, which brings together contributions from across the diocese. The service is led by the Ven Jonathan Chaffey, archdeacon of Oxford, and the reflection is given by Revd Jenni Williams, vicar of St Matthew's Oxford. Today's Gospel takes us to Jesus' wonderful prayer for his disciples ahead of his journey to the cross. They reveal some of Jesus' own heart for prayer, and his desire for us as his children to be held in prayer. Let us all pray that God would speak to us through the service today. Between Ascension and Pentecost, many churches participate in the global Thy Kingdom Come prayer initiative. This call to pray takes different forms, but at its heart encourages Christians of all ages and stages to spend time in prayer with God.”

To download the order of service and to watch this 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.

Final Church at Home service next week, 23rd May

With onsite worship now taking place in many parishes and hundreds of churches offering their own online services, the final Church at Home will be next Sunday, 23rd May.

CHURCH OF ENGLAND ONLINE:

Worship at Home, Online Service on 16th May at 9am

National Sports Sunday

Warren Evans, CEO of Sports Chaplaincy UK, speaks in the extract below from the service for National Sports Sunday. The full online service is led by James Lusted, Sports Chaplaincy UK Ambassador. Click on the following link:-

<https://www.churchofengland.org/prayer-and-worship/join-us-church-online/weekly-online-services/national-sports-sunday>

To download the Order of Service as a PDF file, follow the link:-

<https://www.churchofengland.org/sites/default/files/2021-05/National%20Sports%20Sunday%20OOS%20VFF.pdf>