

WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES FOR SUNDAY, 21st MARCH

LECTIONARY READINGS FOR THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT:

Jeremiah 31: 31-34; Hebrews 5: 5-10; John 12: 20-33; Psalm 51: 1-12

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 Diane Webber reading “God’s Friend”. These were filmed at the altar steps and the font in Stoke Hammond church. The recordings can be found on the following links:

- **Reflection & Prayer:-** <https://youtu.be/BGqx0kb9ojc>
- **“God’s Friend”:-** <https://youtu.be/8MYzETWD2U4>

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 Lost Years

As the nation is about to mark the anniversary of the first lockdown, Debbie Thrower - broadcaster and founder of Anna Chaplaincy which promotes the spiritual welfare of older people - marks the loss of more than 125,000 lives to the pandemic in the United Kingdom. Many of those who died were in their later years – some living in care homes. There are currently 160 or so Anna Chaplains (and others in equivalent roles) in the national network ministering to older people across the UK. Named after the widow, Anna, in Luke's gospel, the chaplains help older men and women reflect on the narrative of their lives, to seek meaning and purpose and to foster hope and resilience in old age. The Anna name reinforces the fact that much of the work is with those who have suffered loss and bereavement. Yet it is a hope-filled ministry, highlighting the tradition of older people having prophetic voices. It recognises that many in retirement have wisdom to impart to younger generations, and key life lessons to share spiritually and in other ways. Appropriately, for a ministry that is a gracious offering from church to the community, the name Anna means ‘gift’ or ‘grace’. Preacher: The Very Revd Catherine Ogle, Dean of Winchester, and with a Moment of Remembrance led by the Archbishop of York. Reading: Luke 7:11-17

BBC TELEVISION:

Sunday Worship 2021 BBC1 at 11.15am Lent Worship 5

The Rev Kate Bottley introduces a service for Lent from St Martin’s Church in Maidstone, led by the Rev Joyce Addison, with writer and broadcaster Chine McDonald. Music includes All My Days (Beautiful Saviour) and There Is a Hope, sung by Nicki Rogers, along with There Is a Balm in Gilead from the Adventist Vocal Ensemble.

Songs of Praise ****BBC 2**** at 1.15pm The Rev Kate Bottley’s Favourite Moments

Rev Kate Bottley visits Roche Abbey in South Yorkshire, a place where she loves to walk, as she shares her love of the great outdoors and some of her favourite moments on Songs of Praise. Kate looks back on her walk along the Cleveland Way, one of Britain’s national

trails. She recalls the time she spoke to inspiring Christian, Charlie Duke, who was the tenth and youngest man to walk on the moon but who believes his 'walking with Jesus' has been a lot more important. Kate also talks about one of her greatest passions, open water swimming, and how being in the cold water brings her closer to God. There's also music from across the UK, including performances from Katherine Jenkins and West End star Marisha Wallace.

OXFORD DIOCESE LIVE STREAMING:

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

"On this fifth Sunday of Lent, we turn with Jesus towards Jerusalem and the end of his earthly life: suffering, the cross, and death. But this is only part of the story. We face with Jesus suffering and death, but we face them with the promise that death is not the end. A year after the first national lockdown, as we are reminded of the pain, loss and grief that the last year has brought, we are also reminded that Jesus promises new life, new hope, and a love that continues. One year ago today, the first diocesan Church at Home service was broadcast live from the Cathedral. Since then, thousands of people have tuned in to services from across the diocese each week. It is fitting that Church at Home returns to Christ Church Oxford today and, wherever you are joining us from, may God bless you as we worship him together."

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

Passion Sunday, the Fifth Sunday in Lent, 21st March

Join with our worshipping community in our online church service.

This week, we're marking Passion Sunday, the fifth Sunday in Lent.

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/passion-sunday-fifth-sunday-lent>

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

<https://www.churchofengland.org/sites/default/files/2021-03/OOS%20Passion%20Sunday%202021%20VFF.pdf>

N.B. National Day of Reflection

The Church of England is supporting the National Day of Reflection on 23rd March, the first anniversary of the UK lockdown, to commemorate this tragic loss of life and to stand together with everyone who's grieving.

For prayers and resources, go to:-

<https://www.churchofengland.org/resources/coronavirus-covid-19-guidance/national-day-reflection>