

## St Mary the Virgin, Great Brickhill

### WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES FOR EASTER SUNDAY, 4th APRIL

#### LECTIONARY READINGS FOR EASTER SUNDAY:

Isaiah 25: 6-9; Acts 1: 34-43; Mark 16: 1-8; Psalm 118: 1-2, 14-24

#### WEEKLY REFLECTION & STORY:

The Rector has written a brief reflection and prayer for Easter Sunday – attached.

**Instead of recording the weekly reflection, the Rector's sermon at the Easter Sunday service at Great Brickhill will be recorded and uploaded to You Tube shortly after the service. The link will be on the Home page of the website:-**

[www.brickhillchurches.org.uk](http://www.brickhillchurches.org.uk)

**Suzanne Cook has recorded this week's story "A Happy Day", filmed in a garden in Great Brickhill. The You Tube link is:- <https://youtu.be/3uR7mlkvnf0>**

#### 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:

##### Sunrise Service at 6.35am

An Easter morning celebration of Christ's resurrection, exploring the themes of transformation and restoring hope. With music from Manchester, and speech from West Yorkshire. The service includes a reading from the gospel of John describing the moment when the resurrected Jesus appears to Mary Magdalene. Led by Arianna Walker and Debbie Harvie from Mercy UK, a Christian charity based in Bradford, that helps women with life-controlling issues. With uplifting hymns and worship music all performed by 'Voices Beyond' gospel choir, recorded in lockdown.

##### Sunday Worship at 8.10am Easter Sunday (as per the BBC1 service at 10.00am)

The Most Revd Justin Welby shares his Easter message of hope and resurrection, in a joyful celebration, live from the stunning setting of Canterbury Cathedral. Following Covid-safe guidelines, members of Canterbury Cathedral Choir, directed by David Newsholme, sing well-loved hymns and anthems including Jesus Christ is Risen Today, This Joyful Eastertide and Thine be the Glory and the Mass setting is Mozart's Missa Brevis in B Flat. With Gospel music from Junior Garr and members of the Spirituals Choir and readings and prayers from the Rt Revd Dr Rose Hudson-Wilkin, Bishop of Dover and members of the Community of St Anselm.

#### BBC TELEVISION:

##### BBC 1 at 9.00am Fern Britton's Holy Land Journey

Fern Britton travels to Jerusalem on a life-changing journey of faith in search of the real story of Jesus's final days, from his triumphal arrival to his brutal crucifixion. It is an emotional trip which culminates with Fern's decision to mark her pilgrimage in a way she will remember forever. Ever since Sunday school, Fern has known of the events that took place in Jerusalem 2,000 years ago. Now, as an adult and a committed Christian, she wants to truly grasp their significance - how Jesus entered Jerusalem at the height of his mission, only to be betrayed, abandoned by his closest followers and condemned to suffer the cruellest of deaths on the cross. Fern wants to understand the humanity of Jesus to

get a sense of what he went through during those final days. How did Jesus's crucifixion come about? What he was feeling? And what did it all mean? To find out, she meets local experts and experiences the sights and sounds of the places where Jesus once walked.

### **Sunday Worship BBC 1 at 10.00am Easter Day Eucharist (as per Radio 4 above)**

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### **BBC 1 at 11.00am Urbi et Orbi**

On the ninth Easter of his pontificate, Pope Francis gives his Easter message and blessing Urbi et Orbi – to the city and to the world.

### **Songs of Praise BBC 1 at 1.15pm Easter Sunday**

Katherine Jenkins celebrates Easter Sunday from Llandaff Cathedral in Cardiff. She finds out about the meaning behind the Paschal candle, lit especially at Eastertime, and performs one of her favourite hymns, the Sanctus, to Elgar's stirring tune Nimrod. Echoing the theme of the Easter story, James Lusted meets a vicar who has turned his life around from darkness into light. With favourite Easter hymns and songs from Llandaff Cathedral Choir, Vocal Creation, The Voice UK winner Blessing Annatoria and a special performance from one of Wales's finest - Sir Bryn Terfel.

## **OXFORD DIOCESE LIVE STREAMING:**

### **The Diocesan Church at Home service for Easter Day at 10am**

Alleluia, Christ is risen! Bishops Steven, Olivia, Gavin and Alan wish you a happy Easter Day as we celebrate together from every corner of the diocese and beyond. Easter marks the beginning of a journey of faith, hope and love as we give thanks to God for raising his Son from the dead. It is also characteristic of the Easter Mass that Christians join in a renewal of the rites of baptism. You may wish to have some water in a bowl, safely away from your digital device, to join in this act of renewal. As Saint Augustine said, 'We are an Easter people and Alleluia is our song', so please do join in the service with great enthusiasm as we celebrate the majesty of Christ and the faithfulness of God.

**To download the order of service and to watch this service and other services during Holy Week, live or at a later time, follow the link:-**

<https://www.oxford.anglican.org/coronavirus-covid-19-2/livestream/#tab-id-5>

**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**

#### **Easter Sunday, 4th April**

"You are invited to join our online community in worship on Easter Sunday from the Archbishop of Canterbury on the theme of Resurrection. They will premiere here on the Church of England website, Facebook and YouTube. They will also be shared across BBC services; local radio (8am), Radio 4 (8:10am) and BBC 1 (10am) – see above."

<https://www.churchofengland.org/media-and-news/join-us-church-online/weekly-online-services/worship-home-easter-sunday-and-holy>