

## WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES FOR SUNDAY, 9th MAY 2021

### LECTIONARY READINGS FOR SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER:

Isaiah 55: 1-11; Acts 10: 44-48; John 15: 9-17; Psalm 98

### 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 Sixth Sunday of Easter and Diane Webber has recorded the story, “The Lost Coin”. These were filmed at the rear of the churchyard at Stoke Hammond.

The recordings can be found on the following links:

- Reflection & Prayer:- <https://youtu.be/75Rhosa6Owc>
- “The Lost Coin”:- <https://youtu.be/cxHw48RKQGE>

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

The Rural Dean, Revd Val Plumb, has recorded a 15/20-minute service:- The love of Christ. Follow the link:- <https://youtu.be/h7CO6M5s4C0>

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

### RADIO 4:

#### Sunday Worship at 8.10am How to Pray

The American monk, Thomas Merton wrote "The secret of prayer is hunger for God. The will to pray is the essence of prayer". In this service from Bishopthorpe, the official residence of the Archbishop of York, The Most Revd. Stephen Cottrell explores the question of how to pray. It is prayer that sees many believers through the hardest times but it is not always an easy practice to maintain. He reflects on the Lord's Prayer, the meaning of the words and the impact of them as they are spoken.

### BBC TELEVISION:

#### **\*\*BBC 2\*\* at 12.45pm Sunday Morning Stories Series 2 Episode 5 of 8**

The Rev Kate Bottley shares stories of people who have used their religion, self belief and determination to overcome adversity.

#### **Songs of Praise \*\*BBC 2\*\* at 1.15pm Swansea**

Brenda Edwards visits Swansea to explore the Welsh Revival, when Christianity spread rapidly through Wales, and she discovers a new church that is reviving an old chapel.

### OXFORD DIOCESE LIVE STREAMING:

#### **The Diocesan Church at Home service for the Sixth Sunday of Easter at 10am**

“Welcome to Church at Home on the sixth Sunday of Easter. We are delighted to have the Rt Revd Olivia Graham as our president today, with a reflection by the Ven Canon Stephen Pullin. A huge thanks to everyone from across the diocese who has contributed ideas, prayers and action – you have made this service possible. Our gospel reading this week calls us to a fruitful love of the other, like Jesus does us – a love that’s in it for the long haul. The Jesus of the gospels lived at the edges of polite society. He was out in the wild, untamed places of the community, searching for the ones who didn’t ‘belong.’ The

Jewish leaders of his day could not get their heads around such love – a love that not only frolics with lambs, but wrestles with wolves too. As we worship, let us reflect on the costly love of the ‘other’ that we celebrate in Eastertide, calling to mind the love that flows from God through Jesus. Let us summon the courage to live it, as we participate in the abundance of that goodness in every moment of the day, now and always.”

**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 now 23rd May**

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

## **CHURCH OF ENGLAND ONLINE:**

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

**Loving and following Jesus through music, prayer and reflection**

Tim Hughes speaks of loving and following Jesus, in this online worship. From Gas Street Church, Birmingham, the service features prayer, music and reflections for the Sixth Sunday of Easter. Click on the following link:-

<https://www.churchofengland.org/media-and-news/join-us-church-online/weekly-online-services/loving-and-following-jesus-through>

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

<https://www.churchofengland.org/sites/default/files/2021-05/Easter%206%20OOS%209th%20May%202021%20VF.pdf>

## **PLUS: DAILY PRAYER FOR THY KINGDOM COME:**

**THE GLOBAL WAVE OF PRAYER, 13-23 MAY 2021**

**Thy Kingdom Come is a global prayer movement that invites Christians around the world to pray between Ascension Day (13 May) and Pentecost (23 May) for more people to come to know Jesus.**

Praying for people to come to know the love, hope and peace found in Christ is at the heart of Thy Kingdom Come. Daily Prayer for Thy Kingdom Come is a great way to set up regular, daily patterns of prayer to hold these people in prayer – whether doing so on your own, as a household, or joining with a small group or as a church virtually.

The resource is available in a range of offline and free online formats

i). **The booklet.** In full-colour and complete with services, psalms and readings – is available now from Church House Publishing for just £1.99 when you order online (with bulk discounts on 10s and 50s).

ii). **The free app for iOS and Android.** Containing audio for Morning, Evening, Day and Night Prayer from the booklet for all 11 days. The Daily Prayer for Thy Kingdom Come app has been updated with 2021 Sunday psalms and readings and the ability to set reminders for any or all the services at times that suit you. Download for Android or iOS.

iii). **Smart speaker.** From Thursday 13 May (Ascension Day), you can also get Alexa and Google Home to ‘Ask the Church of England for today’s Thy Kingdom Come’ to hear a short service of Prayer During the Day (before 7pm) and Night Prayer (after 7pm) throughout the 11 days.

For more information, follow the link:-

<https://www.churchofengland.org/resources/daily-prayer-thy-kingdom-come>