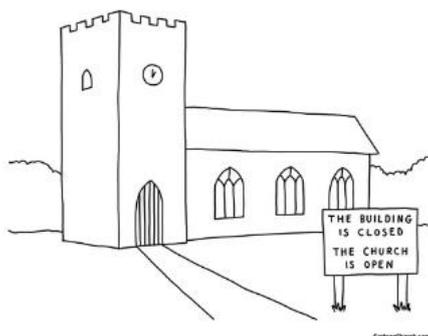


St Mary the Virgin, Great Brickhill



The Church continues to be alive and active, but our buildings must close.

WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES THIS SUNDAY 10th MAY Christian Aid Sunday

LECTIONARY READINGS FOR THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER:

Acts 7: 55-60; 1 Peter 2: 2-10; John 14: 1-14; Psalm 31 verses 1-5, 15-16

REFLECTIONS FROM THE RECTOR:

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

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

The Rural Dean will be recording a 15/20-minute service on Sunday. The you tube link will be on the website.

RADIO 4:

Sunday Worship at 8.10am. “What sort of victory?”

Dr Rowan Williams, Master of Magdalene College Cambridge and former Archbishop of Canterbury, asks how our nation can rise to its present huge challenges as it seeks to emerge from the COVID-19 pandemic. The service is taking place as the country marks the 75th anniversary of VE Day and the bicentenary of the birth of Florence Nightingale. VE commemorates victory on the battlefield after uncountable suffering and loss, but the 1945 Victory in Europe also marked the beginning of a social transformation, in health, education and housing. Recently we have seen another herculean national effort invoking the name of the nation's most famous nurse, who also forged her reputation and skills in a time of national crisis. What are we building today? What does the moment require of us, not just in solidarity now but in the years to come, in shaping a more compassionate world? The service will be lead by the Bishop of London and one time Chief Nursing Officer Dame Sarah Mullally, who will speak about the significance of Florence Nightingale for NHS workers today.

BBC TELEVISION:

Sunday Worship BBC 1 at 10.45am Fifth Sunday of Easter

The Bishop of Dover, the Right Reverend Rose Hudson-Wilkin, leads the service for VE Day from Hereford Cathedral, filmed before the closure of all church buildings was announced. Featuring hymns recorded for Songs of Praise in 2017.

The Order of Service can be downloaded from the BBC website: -

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/m000j4vn>

Songs of Praise BBC 1 at 1.15pm 75th Anniversary of VE Day

Katherine Jenkins marks the 75th anniversary of VE Day. The Rt Rev Rose Hudson-Wilkin, bishop of Dover, tells us about the role churches played in bringing people together to give thanks when peace was declared. We pay tribute to the forces sweetheart Helen Clare in an interview recorded in 2015, three years before she passed away, and there is another chance to find out how the code crackers at Bletchley Park helped to bring the war to an end. We revisit the Royal Hospital Chelsea to see the stunning chapel designed by Sir Christopher Wren and discover what life is like for the Chelsea pensioners who live there. There are performances from Katherine and Britain's Got Talent winner and Chelsea pensioner Colin Thackery and hymns from around the country. Recorded before church buildings closed.

OXFORD DIOCESE LIVE STREAMING:

The diocesan service at 10am on Sunday 10th May will mark the start of Christian Aid Week and also VE Day. This week Bishop Steven will be presiding and there will be a reflection from the new Archdeacon of Oxford, the Venerable Jonathan Chaffey CB.

To watch the service, live or at a later time, follow the link:-

<https://www.oxford.anglican.org/coronavirus-covid-19/livestream/>

An Order of Service will be available to download from the website.

Those unable to watch the service online can now call 01865 920930 and participate by telephone. There is the option to listen to the full service with worship and the Eucharist, or a shorter version without (press 0= short service, 1= full service). Once an option is selected, it takes a couple of seconds of silence before the service starts. Standard call rates apply. Please pass this message on to those who might welcome this way to be involved in worship at this time.

CHURCH OF ENGLAND ONLINE:

Weekly services are streamed each Sunday at 9.00am. Go to the following page, which also lists a range of resources to help walking with Jesus Christ, who is the light of the world:- <https://www.churchofengland.org/more/media-centre/church-online>

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES:

REFLECTIONS FOR A CHURCH IN LOCKDOWN:

"I will lie down and sleep... because the Lord sustains me".

Episode 3 of this series explores Psalm 3, a psalm from the middle of a crisis. What can we learn from the psalmist in the current crisis and when we are feeling overwhelmed?

We are undoubtedly living through one of the greatest crises of our lives. "Reflections for a Church in Lockdown" is a new series of reflective podcasts and online audio by the Bishop of Oxford, the Rt Revd Dr Steven Croft.

The series aims to resource the Church during the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic.

To listen to the podcast go to:-

<https://blogs.oxford.anglican.org/podcast/because-the-lord-sustains-me/>