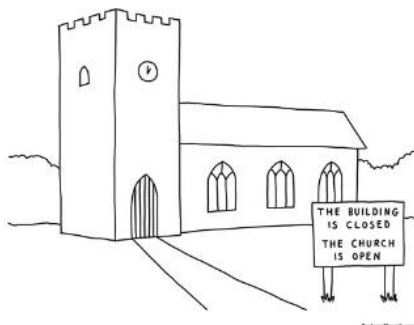


St Mary the Virgin, Great Brickhill



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

WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES FOR PENTECOST, 31st MAY

LECTIONARY READINGS FOR PENTECOST, WHIT SUNDAY:

Acts 2: 1-21; 1 Corinthians 12: 3b-13; John 20: 19-23; Psalm 104: 25-35, 37

REFLECTIONS FROM THE RECTOR:

The Rector has written a brief reflection and prayer for this Seventh 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 for Pentecost on Sunday. Follow the you tube link:- <https://youtu.be/53syT2B77aE>

RADIO 4:

Sunday Worship at 8.10am. "Pentecost"

City Church Cardiff is normally a busy city centre church - one of the largest in Wales - and on Pentecost Sunday would be drawing together a global mix of worshippers young and old to celebrate a day of foundational importance to the denomination. Living out a community life inspired by the Holy Spirit takes on new challenges in the context of Coronavirus. In a service led by Stephen Gibson, City church leaders Dominic and Catherine De Souza, plus members of the congregation, look at the hope offered by the Holy Spirit - especially when life does not go according to plan. With music and hymns recorded at City Church prior to lockdown.

BBC TELEVISION:

BBC 1 at 10.00am 2020: A Celebration for Pentecost

Members of King's Church in Manchester mark the festival of Pentecost with a live service from the unique setting of Gorton Monastery. With most faith communities still unable to meet in their own buildings, the former Franciscan friary offers space amid its world-renowned Gothic architecture for a small, but safely socially distanced group from King's Church to lead a celebration of the coming of the Holy Spirit. Music includes In Christ Alone, Build Your Kingdom Here, and His Eye is on the Sparrow.

Sunday Worship BBC 1 at 11.00am Pentecost, Whit Sunday

The Bishop of Hereford, the Rt Rev Richard Jackson, leads a service for Pentecost Sunday from the city's historic cathedral, with hymns recorded by Songs of Praise in 2017. The service was filmed before the closure of all church buildings was announced. The Order of Service can be downloaded from the BBC website: - <https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/m000jrx>

Sunday Morning Stories at 11.30am Series 1 Hope

During challenging times, stories often emerge of ordinary people using their own personal experiences to help others. Kate Bottley introduces uplifting stories of people making a new start, including the punching preacher who chose boxing as a way to provide a new pathway for others to follow.

Songs of Praise BBC 1 at 1.15pm Pentecost

The Rev Kate Bottley celebrates Pentecost Sunday, the birthday of the Church. The bishop of Dover, the Rt Rev Rose Hudson-Wilkin, reveals the meaning and relevance of Pentecost. JB Gill meets a tree surgeon who revealed how his faith helped him to overcome drug addiction. Kate visits Loch Leven in Kinross and finds out why the wild goose is a symbol of the Holy Spirit in Celtic Christianity. With hymns recorded before church buildings closed.

OXFORD DIOCESE LIVE STREAMING:

Church at Home Pentecost Service this Sunday, 31st May at 10am.

The Church at Home service for Pentecost at 10am, which takes place 50 days after Easter Sunday, marks the end of Eastertide. Pentecost also marks the birth of the Church because it celebrates the day that the Holy Spirit descended upon the disciples. The Bishop of Oxford, the Rt Revd Dr Steven Croft, presides and the address comes from the Revd Kate Seagrave, Mission Priest at St Frideswide Mission Community.

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/livestream/>

To access by telephone, dial 01865 920930 to hear the latest service (press 0= short service, 1= full service). 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:

Worship at Home “Thy Kingdom Come - Pentecost Sunday Service” at 9.00am

Archbishop Justin Welby leads the service and introduces it by saying “It is my great joy that, despite the physical restrictions we’re all living within, we are able to gather together to worship on this Pentecost Sunday, the day we rejoice in the most wonderful gift of the Holy Spirit who brings to birth the Christian church. Since Ascension ten days ago many in this country and across the world have been praying fervently for a fresh empowering of the Holy Spirit as we pray ‘Thy Kingdom Come’, waiting for God’s power to renew us that we might faithfully witness to Jesus Christ.

To celebrate the day we remember the coming of the Holy Spirit and the birth of the Church with the Archbishops of Canterbury and York, UK Church leaders and a message from His Holiness Pope Francis click on the following link:-

<https://www.churchofengland.org/more/media-centre/church-online>

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

<https://www.churchofengland.org/sites/default/files/2020-05/Pentecost%20OOS%20VF%20AFN.docx.pdf>

PLUS, THIS WEEK’S REFLECTIONS FOR A CHURCH IN LOCKDOWN:

“Lord heal me for my bones are racked”

“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.

Episode 6: In our journey through the Psalms we come now to a psalm which focusses on illness, on anxiety and on healing. The episode begins with the opening lines of Psalm 6, beautifully set to music by Orlando Gibbons.

To listen to the podcast, go to:-

<https://blogs.oxford.anglican.org/podcast/lord-heal-me/>