

St Mary the Virgin, Great Brickhill



## WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES FOR SUNDAY, 12th JULY

### LECTIONARY READINGS FOR THE 5th SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY:

Isaiah 55: 10-13; Romans 8: 1-11; Matthew 13: 1-9, 18-23 Psalm 65: 1-8, 9-13

### FROM THE RECTOR:

The Rector has written a brief reflection and prayer for the Fifth Sunday after Trinity Sunday – the document is attached. **There is a recording of this reflection and prayer, plus a recording of the story of the Parable of the Sower, filmed on location at Rectory Farm. These can be found on the following links:**

- Reflection & Prayer:- <https://youtu.be/f52treHbskl>
- "The Parable of the Sower":- <https://youtu.be/giQM2zrQLJg>

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

The Rural Dean will be recording a 15/20-minute service for the Fifth Sunday after Trinity:- When life gets tough, God is faithful

Follow the link: <https://youtu.be/-roGKXa9n0w>

### RADIO 4:

#### Sunday Worship at 8.10am. "Sowing in a time of uncertainty"

The parable of the sower is one of Jesus' best known stories - and one which speaks especially clearly to a time of uncertainty. Seeds are sown into an unknown future, and the conditions in which they will grow are something we can't always predict. As the end of a most unusual term approaches this year students, pupils and teachers across the UK will be wondering just what kind of fruit may lie ahead.

Rev Dr Rosa Hunt, co-principal of the South Wales Baptist College reflects on the message Jesus parable offers today in a service led by Rev Dr Craig Gardiner and including contributions from staff and students at the College.

### BBC TELEVISION:

#### Sunday Morning Live BBC 1 at 10.45am Episode 4 of 20

Sean Fletcher and Sally Phillips take a look at the week's talking points and explore the ethical and religious issues of the day. Alongside lively chat, the show also shines a light on inspiring, unique and occasionally unusual stories and people.

#### Songs of Praise BBC 1 at 1.15pm The UK's Favourite Hymn

From Leicester's De Montfort Hall, Aled Jones counts down the UK's top ten favourite hymns as voted for by you. The ten hymns were recently chosen as the UK's most popular by Songs of Praise viewers in an online vote and include three by living hymn-writers, each of whom takes part in the programme. But which one will be the UK's favourite? A congregation of a thousand voices joins Aled, and there are special

performances of hymns from all around the UK, including Katherine Jenkins and Wynne Evans singing in St. David's Cathedral, Daniel O' Donnell performing In Christ Alone on the coast of Northern Ireland, and Fairground Attraction's Eddi Reader singing Amazing Grace on the coast of Scotland. The star of Hollywood blockbusters Black Panther and Venom, Sope Aluko, talks about her love of hymns and how much comfort she gains from them, and poet John Cooper Clarke and comedian Lloyd Griffith each talk about their own particular favourites.

## **OXFORD DIOCESE LIVE STREAMING:**

### **Church at Home for the Fifth Sunday after Trinity, 12th July at 10am.**

The Rt Revd Alan Wilson, Bishop of Buckingham, is giving the address and Revd Catherine Butt, Vicar of the Water Eaton benefice, Bletchley is presiding. The service opens with Amazing Grace, arr. S. Grahl (b. 1979), sung by The Choir of Christ Church Cathedral Oxford, recorded by choristers and clerks in their homes during June 2020. This week's service involves some of the new curates. Ordinarily they would have been ordained deacon at Christ Church last weekend but due to the pandemic this is postponed until Michaelmas (26–27 September). Bishop Steven authorised them as lay workers and commissioned them in a moving online service last weekend.

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, an Online Service at 9am**

#### **Archbishop Stephen Cottrell – The Power of Prayer**

A Eucharist service on the Fifth Sunday after Trinity. Chaplains from a hospital and a hospice join the newly-elected Archbishop of York, Stephen Cottrell, as he leads worship from York Minster for the Church of England's weekly online service.

Click on the following link:-

<https://www.churchofengland.org/more/media-centre/join-us-church-online/weekly-online-services/power-prayer>

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

<https://www.churchofengland.org/sites/default/files/2020-07/Trinity%20-%20OOS%20VF.pdf>

## **PLUS, REFLECTIONS FOR A CHURCH IN LOCKDOWN:**

For his weekly "Reflections for a Church in Lockdown" the Bishop of Oxford, the Rt Revd Dr Steven Croft, is beginning a new series of reflections on Philippians.

### **Living is Christ and dying is gain**

Almost two thousand years ago, a man we know as Paul sat down in his prison cell and wrote a short letter to his friends in a place called Philippi. He is writing to say thank you for their love and support. He is writing to encourage them. He is writing most of all because he can't be there to support them. Paul is in lockdown...

To listen to the podcast and for questions for discussion from Philippians 1: go to:-

<https://blogs.oxford.anglican.org/podcast/living-is-christ-and-dying-is-gain/>