

St Mary the Virgin, Great Brickhill

WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES FOR SUNDAY, 19th JULY

LECTIONARY READINGS FOR THE 6th SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY:

Isaiah 44: 6-8; Romans 8: 12-25; Matthew 13: 24-30, 36-43 Psalm 86: 11-17

FROM THE RECTOR:

The Rector has written a brief reflection and prayer for the Sixth 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 Weeds in the Wheat, filmed in the wild area of the churchyard at Great Brickhill. These can be found on the following links:**

- Reflection & Prayer:- <https://youtu.be/n329yk9xktU>
- "The Weeds in the Wheat":- <https://youtu.be/EeJNACDXSrI>

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

The Rural Dean will be recording a 15/20-minute service for the Sixth Sunday after Trinity:- "This is a very challenging time and we need to keep as close to God as we can" - this week's offering is "Jesus says; Get some rest!" Follow the link:

<https://youtu.be/KcGpccO5WcY>

RADIO 4:

Sunday Worship at 8.10am. "A Word for All Seasons"

2020 is the 'Year of the Word' in the Catholic Church in England and Wales – to celebrate, share and live out faith through deeper Scriptural engagement. Dioceses have taken on different projects as part of this initiative, and Sunday Worship this morning comes from the Diocese of Leeds where Priests and Parishioners have been exploring the 'Word Unlocked'. Fr Michael Hall will lead the service, "A Word for All Seasons", to reflect on the way that "the God who speaks" meets us in all the changing circumstances of our lives, especially significant at a time when many Christians will have been turning to the Bible for comfort over the last few months. We'll hear passages that have particular emphasis on the importance of the 'Word' of God. Fr Michael Hall is Parish Priest in the West Yorkshire towns of Brighouse and Elland, and the homily will be given by Fr Henry Longbottom, the Diocese of Leeds' newest priest who ministers in the East Leeds Parish of St John Henry Newman. Worship includes hymns and motets previously recorded in Leeds Cathedral.

BBC TELEVISION:

Sunday Morning Live BBC 1 at 10.30am Episode 5 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 Eyam

Rev Kate Bottley visits Eyam in Derbyshire, where 355 years ago residents took the brave decision to lock down their village to prevent the spread of the bubonic plague, saving countless lives across the rest of northern England. Local historians Francine Clifford and Owen Roberts describe how this act of self-sacrifice was inspired by two

rival clergymen in an act of unity. The current rector, Rev Mike Gilbert, explains how the church's current activities have striking parallels with the past and reads the moving letter his 17th-century predecessor William Mompesson wrote after his wife's death from the plague. In the city of Derby, Sean Fletcher meets Julio Abraham, whose charity, Derby City Mission, is at the forefront of helping the city's homeless people in the aftermath of the Covid-19 pandemic. Kate hears how recovered addict Sam is using faith and furniture-making to help redeem the lives of others. Hymns and songs, recorded before lockdown, come from St John the Baptist Church, Tideswell in Derbyshire, also known as the Cathedral of the Peak, as well as other UK churches.

OXFORD DIOCESE LIVE STREAMING:

Church at Home for the Sixth Sunday after Trinity, 19th July at 10am.

The Rt Revd Colin Fletcher, Bishop of Dorchester presides and the address is given by Revd. Verena Breed, Team Rector of Bicester.

The Gospel is read by the Rt Revd Eggoni Pushpa Lalitha, Bishop of Nandyal. Nandyal, located in the state of Andhra Pradesh, is one of our international link dioceses. Like us, it has been working on new forms of ministry during lockdown – and now both has an online presence through its cathedral and is beginning to re-open its church buildings, which are located in communities that range from large cities to rural villages. We pray for each other in these endeavours.

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 Suffering is not the final word

Students from Eastern Region Ministry Course (ERMC) and Ridley Hall in Cambridge and St Hild College in Mirfield, West Yorkshire, will explore what it means to minister through the Covid-19 pandemic.

Click on the following link:-

<https://www.churchofengland.org/more/media-centre/join-us-church-online/weekly-online-services/suffering-not-final-word>

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

<https://www.churchofengland.org/sites/default/files/2020-07/19th%20July%20Service%20Trinity%206%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 recording a series of reflections on Philipians.

No 2. How to face enormous problems

The Bishop says the more I've read Philipians over the last few weeks, the more I'm seeing it through the lens of anxiety. The Church in Philippi is a fearful and anxious church: a small community in a hostile and difficult place, worried for their own future, concerned for Paul, who taught them their faith and concerned for their future. Paul does everything he can in his letter to calm this anxiety, but he offers them something much more important than an answer...

To listen to the podcast and for questions for discussion from Philipians 2: go to:-

<https://blogs.oxford.anglican.org/podcast/how-to-face-enormous-problems/>