

WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES FOR SUNDAY, 9th AUGUST

LECTIONARY READINGS FOR THE 9th SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY:

1 Kings 19: 9-18; Romans 10: 5-15; Matthew 14: 22-33; Psalm 85: 8 - 13

FROM THE RECTOR:

The Rector has written a brief reflection and prayer for the Ninth Sunday after Trinity Sunday – the document is attached.

There is a recording of the Rector reading this reflection and prayer, plus the story of “Samuel Hears a Voice” from the Lion Storyteller Bible read by Diane Webber, both filmed outside the church at Stoke Hammond. These can be found on the following links:

- **Reflection & Prayer:-** <https://youtu.be/H0Lo3RW5MGY>
- **“Samuel Hears a Voice”:-** <https://youtu.be/aEC4zxiSaws>

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

The Rural Dean will be recording a 15/20-minute service for the Ninth Sunday after Trinity:- How do we really see things? The Transfiguration.

Follow the link:- <https://youtu.be/CwRkd5qWmyc>

RADIO 4:

Sunday Worship at 8.10am “The Cross and Black Liberation”

Chine McDonald, a writer on race and faith, leads a service exploring the cross as a symbol of black liberation. The murder of George Floyd and the growth of the Black Lives Matter movement have been pivotal moments; forcing institutions and society to stop and take stock - to highlight the inequality and racism that's prevalent, but also to look forward in hope. Archdeacon of Croydon Rosemarie Mallet, Anglican ordinand Augustine Tanner-Ihm and Baptist speaker and co-founder of Street Pastors, David Shosanya will explore the cross through the lens of black experience. As Black Liberation Theology highlights, whilst the cross is a symbol of suffering, it is also one of hope and liberation - promising emancipation and reconciliation to the oppressed.

BBC TELEVISION:

Sunday Morning Live BBC 1 at 10.00am Episode 8 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 National Trust

With brand new music performances filmed under government guidelines in July 2020, the Rev Kate Bottley visits Coughton Court in Warwickshire to hear how the National Trust was founded by Christian social reformers 125 years ago. She also finds out about the site's rich 600-year history as a family home that sheltered persecuted Catholics during the 16th century Reformation.

As many historic organisations, including the National Trust and the Church of England, examine their past links to slave traders, Gemma Hunt visits Bristol. She joins

its Christian mayor Marvin Rees and Dr Madge Dresser of Bristol University to reflect on the city's relationship with known slave trader Edward Colston. Also, award-winning young preacher Augustine Tanner-Ihm describes his journey from Chicago to the north east of England, and how an experience of rejection led him to preach about his own Christian faith in the context of diversity and inclusion.

The programme's brand new music performances include vocal ensemble Voces8, singer Shaun Escoffery and male vocal quartet Tessera.

OXFORD DIOCESE LIVE STREAMING:

Church at Home during August

The team are taking a break for August but churches across the Diocese will be welcoming the regular Church at Home congregation for worship during this time - a range of family, all-age, modern and traditional services is available on the following link:- <https://www.oxford.anglican.org/coronavirus-covid-19-2/livestream/>

For those unable to access a church service online, dial 0800 804 8044 for daily hymns, reflections and prayers.

The Diocesan service returns to its regular 10am slot online from Sunday 6 September.

CHURCH OF ENGLAND ONLINE:

Worship at Home, an Online Service at 9am God's Kindness and Mercy

This week's online service is led by Rev Dr Lee Gatiss, the Director of Church Society. In his sermon, Lee reflects on God's kindness and mercy. The prayers are led by Ros Clarke, with readings from Gideon Emmanuel and Niv Lobo.

Click on the following link:-

<https://www.churchofengland.org/more/media-centre/join-us-church-online/weekly-online-services/gods-kindness-and-mercy>

To download the Sermon for the Service, follow the link below:-

https://www.churchofengland.org/sites/default/files/2020-08/trinity_9_sermon_-_afn_vf.pdf