

## St Mary the Virgin, Great Brickhill

### WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES FOR SUNDAY, 16th AUGUST

#### LECTIONARY READINGS FOR THE 10th SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY:

Isaiah 56: 1, 6-8; Romans 11: 1-2a, 29-32; Matthew 15: 21-28; Psalm 67

#### FROM THE RECTOR:

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

**There is a recording of the Rector reading this reflection and prayer, plus the parable of the great feast, a story called “The Big Party” from the Lion Storyteller Bible read by Suzanne Cook, both filmed at a location in Great Brickhill.**

**These can be found on the following links:**

- **Reflection & Prayer:-** <https://youtu.be/BncxB95C7I0>
- **“The Big Party”:- Story:** <https://youtu.be/4cvCpVBox4o>  
**Prayer:** <https://youtu.be/VhFjoP-bjrA>

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

The Rural Dean will be recording a 15/20-minute service for the Tenth Sunday after Trinity, celebrating the Blessed Virgin Mary:- No analysing, just trusting.

Follow the link:- [https://youtu.be/6\\_oZv1Dh8pc](https://youtu.be/6_oZv1Dh8pc)

#### RADIO 4:

##### Sunday Worship at 8.10am “When our plans change.....”

A service led by Rev Dr Stephen Wigley, chair of the Wales synod of the Methodist church, reflecting on what happens when our plans change, and marking the 75th anniversary of VJ Day. Readings are from Psalm 67, Isaiah 56 and Matthew 15. The music used in the service was recorded prior to lockdown

#### BBC TELEVISION:

##### Sunday Morning Live BBC 1 at 10.00am Episode 9 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 Trentham Gardens

Claire McCollum visits Trentham Gardens in Staffordshire, discovering the rich religious history of this beautiful estate. She hears about Trentham's connection with Saint Werburgh, who ran a convent on the site back in the seventh century. Claire finds out about the Two Saints Way, an ancient pilgrimage route through the Gardens, revived in recent years to help people connect with God through nature. We also speak to the couple running the parish church situated at the top of Trentham's flower gardens, to find out how worship is still a huge part of life there today.

Just south of the estate, Radzi Chinyanganya tries his hand at beekeeping with a vicar who has taken up the hobby as part of his calling to care for creation. And we meet the Christian sisters celebrating the 75th anniversary of VJ Day, when the Japanese surrender ended the Second World War. They talk about their father, who was a

prisoner of war in the Far East and reveal how he organised the building of a church at the Chungkai camp, so that prisoners could worship together. The episode includes special performances recorded in Trentham Gardens from AMC Gospel Choir, the Salvation Army's International Staff Songsters, and soprano singer Olivia Safe.

## **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 Wisdom from the Psalms**

This online service is led by the community of Mucknell Abbey, located near Worcester, in the West Midlands. The Abbey is part of the Order of St Benedict, and the service includes contributions from Sister Jessica, Brother Stuart, Brother Adrian, Sister Gregory and Brother Thomas.

Click on the following link:-

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

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

<https://www.churchofengland.org/sites/default/files/2020-08/Trinity%2010%20OOS%20AFN%20VF.pdf>

## **PLUS, RESOURCES FOR CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE:**

### **CHURCH OF ENGLAND - FAITH AT HOME:-**

Faith at Home is a national campaign that builds on the work of Growing Faith and Everyday Faith to support the faith development and pastoral care of children and young people.

It seeks to provide:

- **Experiences** that inspire parents and families to grow in faith together in the 'new daily normal' of the home
- **Resources** that equip children and young people to explore faith together and feel supported pastorally as part of school and church communities
- **Networks** that connect school leaders, church leaders, chaplains to share great practice and build community together focused on the faith development of children and young people

**To find out more follow the link:-**

<https://www.churchofengland.org/faith-action/faith-home>