

## St Mary the Virgin, Great Brickhill

### WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES FOR SUNDAY, 1st AUGUST 2021

#### LECTIONARY READINGS FOR NINTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY:

Exodus 16: 2-4, 9-15; Ephesians 4: 1-16; John 6: 24-35; Psalm 78: 23 - 29

#### WEEKLY REFLECTION & STORY:

The Rector has written a brief reflection and prayer for this Sunday – attached. He has also recorded a video version of his written reflection and prayer, and has also recorded this week's story, "An Important Meal". These were filmed near the altar in Great Brickhill Church. The recordings can be found on the following links:

- Reflection & Pray:- <https://youtu.be/4aD-duihZQg>
- "An Important Meal":- [https://youtu.be/Gk4S0Y7Pn\\_c](https://youtu.be/Gk4S0Y7Pn_c)

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

The Rural Dean, Revd Val Plumb, has recorded a 15/20-minute service:- Releasing your inner demons! Follow the link:- <https://youtu.be/a3zJrYVNFgw>

**All the material below can be viewed live or at a later date:-**

#### RADIO 4:

##### Sunday Worship at 8.10am "We cling to our faith"

On 4th August 2020, a nuclear sized double explosion at Beirut port killed around 200 people, injuring more than 6000 and displacing 300,000. Sunday Worship comes from the National Evangelical Church of Beirut, the oldest Arabic speaking Protestant church in the Middle East, less than a kilometre from the explosion's epicentre. "One year later we invite you to pray with us as we lift up our country and its people before the lord... For the first time in history, the Lebanese were unified, there was no religion or sectarian root, just the Lebanese people trying to help in any way possible. We saw how there were Muslims cleaning churches and Christians cleaning mosques. It was a really bitter sweet time - a revolutionary day in Lebanese history." Yet this is a nation with very limited electric power and almost no fuel, its economy crashed and people 'fighting over a roll of bread'. With musical contributions from the ancient roots of Christianity in the East still found just metres from the explosion: the Armenian Apostolic Church, the Maronite, Greek Orthodox and Greek Catholic Churches, and the Armenian Catholic Church...."We cling to our faith". Leaders: Pastor Habib Badr and Dr Rima Nasrallah van Saane of Beirut's Near East School of Theology.

#### BBC TELEVISION:

##### BBC \*2\* at 9.35am Sunday Morning Live Series 12: Episode 8 of 20

Topical magazine show with Sean Fletcher and Nina Wadia covering the week's talking points and exploring the ethical and religious issues of the day. Alongside lively chat and special guests, the show also shines a light on thought-provoking and inspiring stories from around the UK.

### **BBC \*2\* at 1.15pm Songs of Praise Faith and Food**

Aled Jones visits the Coptic Orthodox Cathedral of Saint George to explore the spiritual, symbolic and practical links between feasting and fasting in Coptic Christianity. There's also another chance to see stories of faith and food that have featured in the past, including a Nottinghamshire charity providing job opportunities at a smoothie cafe for people with learning disabilities. And we revisit the time when the Rev Kate Bottley went to Coventry to meet two Christians whose small bakery business is providing much needed help to their local community.

### **OXFORD DIOCESE LIVE STREAMING:**

With onsite worship now taking place in many parishes and hundreds of churches offering their own online services, the Diocesan Church at Home Services have been discontinued.

### **CHURCH OF ENGLAND ONLINE:**

**Worship at Home, Online Service on 1st August at 9am**

**The bread that satisfies**

"I am the Lord your God."

This week's national online service is led by Rev Jody Stowell from St Michael and All Angels' Church, Harrow.

Click on the following link:-

<https://www.churchofengland.org/prayer-and-worship/join-us-church-online/weekly-online-services/bread-satisfies>