

## St Mary the Virgin, Great Brickhill

### WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES FOR SUNDAY 21st FEBRUARY

#### LECTIONARY READINGS FOR THE FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT:

Genesis 9: 8-17; 1 Peter 3: 18-22; Mark 1: 9-15; Psalm 25: 1-10

#### WEEKLY REFLECTION & STORY:

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

**There is a recording of the Rector reading this reflection and prayer, plus Julia Turner reading the story “A Long Journey” based on the book of Exodus. These were filmed among the snowdrops in Great Brickhill on a windy day – it may be helpful to read the written text of the Rector’s reflection as well as listening to the text in the video.**

The recordings can be found on the following links:

- Reflection & Prayer:- [https://youtu.be/t\\_Dz4tgJwh4](https://youtu.be/t_Dz4tgJwh4)
- “A Long Journey”:- <https://youtu.be/IPHUXeFihNA>

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

The Rural Dean, Revd Val Plumb, has recorded a 15/20-minute service:- I can avoid everything, apart from temptation! Follow the link:- <https://youtu.be/XyR5Tgo6TZE>

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

#### RADIO 4:

##### Sunday Worship at 8.10am Lent 1 - Jesus and the Father: United

Marking the first Sunday in Lent, with Father Dermot Preston SJ of St Aloysius’ RC Church in Glasgow, and spirituality guide, Mary O’Duffin.

During Lent, Radio 4 Worship programmes take inspiration from Jesuit spirituality – an ancient form of prayer and bible contemplation pioneered in the 16th Century by St Ignatius of Loyola and used widely today.

Fr Dermot explores the theme of Jesus’ Temptations, reflecting on the challenges to our own instincts and choices, and the ‘discernment of spirits’ in Ignatian spirituality.

Readings: John 12 / Matthew 4: 1-11

#### BBC TELEVISION:

##### Sunday Worship 2021 BBC1 at 11.00am Lent Worship 1

The Rev Kate Bottley introduces the first in a series of church services for the season of Lent. This week’s service comes from St Cuthbert’s Church, Fulwood, Preston, led by the Rev Mark Bradford. Hymns and songs for the season include In Christ Alone, Standing in the Need of Prayer and When I Survey the Wondrous Cross, sung by Faye Simpson, Katie Ritson and the Adventist Vocal Ensemble.

##### Songs of Praise BBC 1 at 1.15pm Faith and Hospitality

Katherine Jenkins visits L’Abri fellowship in Hampshire to explore Christian faith and hospitality. She finds out about L’Abri’s history and meets a family from Australia who are volunteering there. Radzi Chinyanganya meets a former stockbroker who found faith and changed career to help house the homeless.

Music comes from congregations across the UK, including O Worship the Lord in the Beauty of Holiness and Table of the Lord, and Songs of Praise presenter Laura Wright joins the choir of Royal Holloway to perform Can You Hear Me?

## **OXFORD DIOCESE LIVE STREAMING:**

### **The Diocesan Church at Home service for the First Sunday of Lent at 10am**

Join us to worship together for the first Sunday of Lent. The president this week is the Revd Andrew Lightbown, rector of the Winslow Benefice, and our address is given by the Rt Revd Olivia Graham, Bishop of Reading. The season of Lent invites us to prepare ourselves to take in the Good News of Easter, through deeper disciplines of prayer, fasting and good works. This Lent, with the vaccination programme in full swing, we have so much to be thankful for. Each vaccination taken up is an act of love for those around us – a way of showing our gratitude to all those that have made it possible.

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, Online Services at 9am**

### **First Sunday of Lent, 21st February 2021**

Hear from Rev Canon Paul Cartwright, in our weekly service. From St James the Great, Ryhill, the online church service marks the First Sunday of Lent.

Click on the following link:-

<https://www.churchofengland.org/news-and-media/join-us-church-online/weekly-online-services/first-sunday-lent>

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

<https://www.churchofengland.org/sites/default/files/2021-02/First%20Sunday%20of%20Lent%2021st%20Feb%202021%20OOS%20AFN%20VF.pdf>