

St Mary the Virgin, Great Brickhill

WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES FOR SUNDAY, 25th APRIL

LECTIONARY READINGS FOR FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER:

Genesis 9. 8-17; Acts 4. 5-12; John 10.11-18; Psalm 23

WEEKLY REFLECTION & STORY:

The Rector has written a brief reflection and prayer for this Sunday – attached. The Rector has also recorded a video version of his written reflection and prayer for the Fourth Sunday of Easter and Stuart Leeming has recorded the story, “A Special Promise”. These were filmed at the new Church Community Hall in Bow Brickhill.

The recordings can be found on the following links:

- Reflection & Prayer:- <https://youtu.be/-iUn9Mjd-HM>
- “A Special Promise”:- https://youtu.be/AtHV3duO7_k

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

The Rural Dean, Revd Val Plumb, has recorded a 15/20-minute service for this Sunday:- St. George Day, 23rd April. Follow the link:- <https://youtu.be/ks3OW1d5X4A>

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

RADIO 4:

Sunday Worship at 8.10am To Have And To Hold

With the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge celebrating their 10th wedding anniversary, former royal chaplain Rev. Canon Ann Easter leads a service reflecting on the gift of relationships. As lockdown restrictions slowly lift we consider the relationships that have helped us through the past year, those that have been tested and challenged, those just beginning or being picked up again as gathering and travelling become more possible. Three pairs (a grandma and grandson, a husband and wife, and two friends) reflect on their relationships throughout the pandemic and how God has been working through them. Theologian and social entrepreneur Dr Krish Kandiah preaches on partnering with God in our relationships to love and serve those around us. With traditional hymns and modern worship songs.

BBC TELEVISION:

BBC 1 at 10.45am Sunday Morning Stories

Series 2 Episode 3 of 8

Kate Bottley shares inspirational stories rooted in faith, hope and spirituality.

Songs of Praise **BBC 2 at 1.15pm Springtime Joy**

Rev Kate Bottley visits the brand new RHS Garden Bridgewater in Salford. She joins volunteers planting seeds and bulbs in the gardens, due to open to the public in May, and reflects on the signs of hope this represents. Christian author Ruth Valerio tells Kate how gardens are symbolic of the Christian faith throughout the Bible, from Genesis to Revelation. Gifted Christian mouth artist Ian Parker describes how faith and painting have inspired him since teenage years. And Gemma Hunt visits Nigel and Rachel Stephens in Stockport, whose community project Fit and Fed has brought fun to families through cooking. Hymns and songs come from across the UK.

OXFORD DIOCESE LIVE STREAMING:

The Diocesan Church at Home service for the Fourth Sunday of Easter at 10am

“A warm welcome as we worship God together on the fourth Sunday of Easter. We are delighted that our president is the Rt Revd Dr Alan Wilson, Bishop of Buckingham, and that our address is given by the Revd Richard Lamey, rector of the Parish of St Paul, Wokingham. Jesus says: ‘I am the Good Shepherd who lays down his life for his sheep’. Jesus calls us to follow him, offering us love and life and hope, meeting us in very ordinary and even extraordinary ways and places in our lives. Where will you meet Jesus this week? We pray that you do and that you will know the power and gentleness of the Holy Spirit in your life today. Many thanks to everyone who has contributed ideas, prayers, words and music for this week’s Church at Home as we continue our Eastertide celebrations.”

To download the order of service and to watch this 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 Service on 25th April at 9am

Meeting the Good Shepherd where we are

Rev Rachel Mann speaks of meeting the Good Shepherd where we are in our online worship. The service celebrates The Fourth Sunday of Easter, with prayer, music and praise from St Nicholas Church, Burnage, Manchester.

Click on the following link:-

<https://www.churchofengland.org/media-and-news/join-us-church-online/weekly-online-services/meeting-good-shepherd-where-we-are>

To download the Order of Service as a PDF file, follow the link:-

<https://www.churchofengland.org/sites/default/files/2021-04/Easter%20%20OOS%20VFF.pdf>

PLUS:

Come and Eat - New series of podcasts from Bishop Steven

Come and Eat is a new podcast series on Holy Communion, the profound, wonderful meal at the heart of our faith. It focuses on the Eucharist and on resetting our sacramental life as we face the months ahead, looking at different sections of John 6 and Jesus’ invitation to his disciples in John 21 to ‘come and eat.’

The first in this short series of podcasts on Holy Communion is “The Exhausted Prophet”, the story of Elijah in 1 Kings 19. To listen to the 15-minute podcast, follow the link:-

<https://blogs.oxford.anglican.org/podcast/come-and-eat-exhausted-prophet/>