

WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES FOR SUNDAY, 2nd MAY 2021

LECTIONARY READINGS FOR FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER:

Acts 8: 26-40; 1 John 4: 7-12; John 15: 1-8; Psalm 22: 24-30

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 Fifth Sunday of Easter and Andrew Smith has recorded the story, “Philip and the Ethiopian”. These were filmed by the font at the entrance and by the Cradle Roll in Great Brickhill church.

The recordings can be found on the following links:

- Reflection & Prayer:- <https://youtu.be/g5LCQJHzMA0>
- “Philip and the Ethiopian”:- <https://youtu.be/Qw9tZbhR3Ng>

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

There is no recorded service this week from the Rural Dean, Revd Val Plumb.

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

RADIO 4:

Sunday Worship at 8.10am

100 years: reflecting on the past - building a future together

A Service led by the members of the Church Leaders' Group, Ireland, marking of the Centenary of the partition of the island of Ireland and the formation of Northern Ireland and exploring how to build a future marked by peace, commitment to the common good, in Christ, in whom all things hold together. Taking part will be the Right Rev David Bruce, Moderator of the Presbyterian General Assembly, the Rev Tom McKnight, President of the Irish Methodist Church and the Archbishops of Armagh, the Most Rev Eamon Martin and the Most Rev John McDowell.

BBC TELEVISION:

BBC 1 at 10.45am Sunday Morning Stories Series 2 Episode 4 of 8

Kate Bottley shares inspirational stories rooted in faith, hope and spirituality. How specially trained therapy dogs are helping schoolchildren with their reading, and the UK's first Muslim ballet school, which teaches the importance of looking after yourself.

Songs of Praise BBC 1 at 1.15pm Northern Ireland's 100th

Claire McCollum marks the Partition of Ireland and formation of Northern Ireland 100 years ago, meeting Christians from across the denominations to discuss the past and their hopes for the future. She finds out how the Union Theological College in Belfast became the first parliament building, and meets two theology students - one Protestant and one Catholic - to hear their perspectives. We learn how the Belfast Community Gospel Choir was created, and Sean Fletcher meets Danielle Gault, a young Christian whose faith and health have been challenged. With music from Enniskillen, Down Patrick and Dungannon, and a special performance by Daniel O'Donnell filmed on the Causeway Coast.

OXFORD DIOCESE LIVE STREAMING:

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

“This week’s Church at Home brings together two vivid stories from the New Testament: Philip’s encounter with the Ethiopian eunuch from Acts 8 and Jesus’ declaration that he is ‘the vine’ from John 15. These stories speak to us both of a God whose spirit is powerfully at work among us and of the importance of our remaining connected to the work of the Spirit. The service is led by the Revd Liz Jackson, associate archdeacon of Berkshire, with the reflection offered by the Rt Revd Gavin Collins, Bishop of Dorchester. Wherever you are joining us from this morning, our prayer is that you would encounter God afresh and hear the still, small whisper of his voice. Christ is risen. Alleluia.”

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.

Final Church at Home service 16th May

With onsite worship now taking place in many parishes and hundreds of churches offering their own online services, our final Church at Home will be on Sunday 16th May.

CHURCH OF ENGLAND ONLINE:

Worship at Home, Online Service on 2nd May at 9am

Exploring transformative conversations

“Hear from Rev Prebendary Sarah Schofield in this extract from our weekly worship. From the University of Wolverhampton, the full online service explores transformative conversations with students and staff, alongside music and prayer.”

Click on the following link:-

<https://www.churchofengland.org/media-and-news/join-us-church-online/weekly-online-services/exploring-transformative-conversations>

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 – The new series of fortnightly 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.’

Episode two of Come and Eat, Bishop Steven focuses on Jesus as the bread of life.

To listen to the 15-minute podcast, follow the link:-

<https://blogs.oxford.anglican.org/>