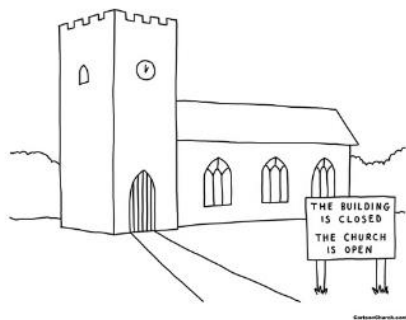


St Mary the Virgin, Great Brickhill



The Church continues to be alive and active, but our buildings must close.

WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES FOR SUNDAY, 14th JUNE

LECTIONARY READINGS FOR THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY:

Genesis 18: 1-15; Romans 5: 1-8; Matthew 9: 35 - 10: 8; Psalm 100

Also celebrating the Feast of Corpus Christi (Thanksgiving for Holy Communion):-

Genesis 14: 18 – 20; 1 Corinthians 11: 23-26; John 6: 51-58; Psalm 116: 10-17

REFLECTIONS FROM THE RECTOR:

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

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

The Rural Dean will be recording a 15/20-minute service for the first Sunday after Trinity - Is there a point to suffering? Follow the you tube link:- https://youtu.be/l3oEvRJ_JeA

RADIO 4:

Sunday Worship at 8.10am. “Mass for the Feast of Corpus Christi”

Cardinal Vincent Nichols celebrates Mass for the Feast of Corpus Christi live from Westminster Cathedral. For countless believers unable to get to church, a live celebration of Mass is of the greatest importance, especially on this feast celebrating the Real Presence of the body and blood, soul and divinity of Jesus Christ in the elements of the Eucharist. Whilst some Catholic churches have been streaming masses on the internet, this will be the first live radio broadcast, and the first radio outside broadcast of a church service in the UK, since the lockdown. The service will take place behind closed doors apart from concelebrant (Fr Daniel Humphreys) and a single reader. The music for the mass will be played from recordings from a BBC studio, to experience the music of the Mass in context. The Gloria, Sanctus and Benedictus will be sung to a setting "Ave Regina Caelorum" by Victoria, recorded in 2004 by the Choir of Westminster Cathedral. The communion anthem will be Byrd's Ave verum corpus. The readings will be Deuteronomy 8:2-3,14-16 and John 6:51-58.

BBC TELEVISION:

Sunday Worship BBC 1 at 10.45am First Sunday after Trinity

A service for the First Sunday after Trinity from Holy Trinity Platt Church in Manchester, led by Sarah Bradley, youth and children's minister. The preacher is Rev Dr Paul Mathole. The service includes songs and hymns recorded by Songs of Praise in 2017 and was filmed before the closure of all church buildings was announced.

The Order of Service can be downloaded from the BBC website:-

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/m000k572>

Sunday Morning Stories at 11.15am Series 1 Kindness

Kate Bottley explores the value of kindness, discovering the remarkable generosity of individuals who offer their compassion and the purest form of love to help others, regardless of their spiritual beliefs.

Songs of Praise BBC 1 at 1.15pm Worship in the Great Outdoors

Aled Jones is in Pains Hill Park in Surrey, looking back at stories of people who find spiritual inspiration in the great outdoors, including the Christian couple Claire McCollum met last summer, who take people for trips around the Yorkshire Dales on their motorbike to places including the stunning Jervaulx Abbey.

There is another chance to see Rev Kate Bottley raft-building with the group of young people at the YMCA's National Centre Lakeside in Windermere. JB Gill takes to the water in a kayak with the minister who is spiritually inspired by the River Tay in Perthshire. We also explore the beauty of God's creation through the lens of a group of photographers at the beautiful Eycott Hill Nature Reserve in Cumbria. Katherine Jenkins performs Make Me a Channel of Your Peace, and there are hymns from around the country. Recorded before church buildings closed.

OXFORD DIOCESE LIVE STREAMING:

Church at Home First Sunday after Trinity, 14th June at 10am.

Bishop Steven is giving an address on Philippians and the Gospel of Matthew, and the Revd Skye Denno is presiding from her home in Old Marston. As of next week, churches are able to reopen for socially-distanced private prayer

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/livestream/>

To access by telephone, dial 01865 920930 to hear the latest service (press 0= short service, 1= full service). Standard call rates apply. Please pass this message on to those who might welcome this way to be involved in worship at this time.

CHURCH OF ENGLAND ONLINE:

Worship at Home, an Online Service for Corpus Christi at 9.00am

Jesus meets us in our darkest hour. Marking the feast of Corpus Christi, Rev Richard Springer will speak of the agony of the crucified Christ and draw parallels with the pain of those who suffer racism, hunger and homelessness.

Click on the following link:-

<https://www.churchofengland.org/more/media-centre/church-online>

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

<https://www.churchofengland.org/sites/default/files/2020-06/Corpus%20Christi%202020%20AFN%20OOS%20VFF.pdf>

PLUS, THIS WEEK'S REFLECTIONS FOR A CHURCH IN LOCKDOWN:

"What are human beings that you are mindful of them?"

"Reflections for a Church in Lockdown" is a new series of reflective podcasts and online audio by the Bishop of Oxford, the Rt Revd Dr Steven Croft. The series aims to resource the Church during the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic.

Episode 8 COVID-19 is terrible: the pandemic has taken lives and robbed people of loved ones and has threatened our way of life for a time. We are still in the middle of it. But if Psalm 8 gives us a perspective on human life, it is that this pandemic is not the greatest challenge of our generation... To listen to the podcast, go to:-

<https://blogs.oxford.anglican.org/podcast/what-are-human-beings-that-you-are-mindful-of-them/>