



WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES FOR SUNDAY, 5th JULY

LECTIONARY READINGS FOR THE 4th SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY:

Zechariah 9: 9-12; Romans 7: 15-25a; Matthew 11: 16-19, 25-30 Psalm 145: 8-15

FROM THE RECTOR:

The Rector has written a brief reflection and prayer for the Fourth Sunday after Trinity Sunday – the document is attached. He has also recorded a video version of this reflection and prayer, plus a recording of a story from the Children’s Storyteller Bible. These can be found on the following links:

- Reflection & Prayer:- <https://youtu.be/YpnYuOM-sH4>
- “Down through the Roof”:- <https://youtu.be/0ZnYz-s9tLQ>

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

The Rural Dean is on leave this week and so there will be no 15/20-minute service from the Rural Dean this week.

RADIO 4:

Sunday Worship at 8.10am. “Speaking into troubled times”

The Revd Lucy Winkett, Rector of St James’s Church, Piccadilly, and composer Bob Chilcott explore the power of music to speak into troubled times.

BBC TELEVISION:

Sunday Morning Live BBC 1 at 10.45am Episode 3 of 20

Sean Fletcher and Sally Phillips take a look at the week’s talking points and explore the ethical and religious issues of the day. Alongside lively chat, the show also shines a light on inspiring, unique and occasionally unusual stories and people.

Songs of Praise BBC 1 at 1.15pm Celebrating Florence Nightingale and the NHS

In the year of Florence Nightingale’s bicentenary and to celebrate the anniversary of the founding of the NHS, Katherine Jenkins is in central London to pay tribute to all carers on the frontline.

Outside St Thomas’ Hospital, where they celebrate pioneers like Florence Nightingale and her contemporary Mary Seacole, Katherine meets Christian nurses who have been caring for people with Covid-19 throughout the pandemic. She also meets the archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby, who has been volunteering as a chaplain at St Thomas’ during lockdown. He speaks about the role of Christian faith at such a time of loss and uncertainty, and he reflects on the care NHS staff have given to patients, which he has witnessed first-hand.

Speaking with Rev Mia Hilborn, head chaplain at St Thomas', Katherine learns more about the extraordinary legacy of Florence Nightingale, born 200 years ago this year, and how her faith was central to all that she did. And Christian artist Sophie Hacker shows Katherine her design for a new Florence Nightingale window for Romsey Abbey, depicting the moment a young Florence felt God's call.

Rev Kate Bottley meets a young man in Manchester to pay tribute to his late mother, a nurse who died of Covid-19 in the hospital in which she worked. He tells Kate of his mother's determination to serve others with Christian love and how his own faith is helping to keep him strong.

James Lusted meets a Christian firefighter from north Wales who is now recovering from Covid-19 after many weeks in intensive care. He and his wife reflect on the care he received, the support of their church and the strength they took from knowing that people all around the world were praying for them.

With hymns and songs from across the UK, including a very special new performance from Katherine Jenkins in tribute to the carers on the frontline. All filming was carried out in accordance with government guidelines and all congregational music was recorded before lockdown.

OXFORD DIOCESE LIVE STREAMING:

Church at Home for the Fourth Sunday after Trinity, 5th July at 10am.

A special service in honour of the NHS

The Rt Revd Dr Steven Croft, Bishop of Oxford, presides from his home and the address is given by the Revd David Walker, Vicar of Greyfriars, Reading, one of five resourcing churches in the Diocese of Oxford. As the National Health Service turns 72 years of age, many of the contributions to our church at home service this weekend are from people working in the NHS. Do join them, and us, at 10am on Sunday.

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, an Online Service at 9am

United in hope and prayer and praise

The service will be the first online prison church service broadcast by the Church of England. Led by Rev Helen Dearnley, the service comes from HMPs Stocken, Low Newton and Pentonville. Click on the following link:-

<https://www.churchofengland.org/more/media-centre/join-us-church-online/weekly-online-services/united-hope-and-prayer-and-praise>

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

<https://www.churchofengland.org/sites/default/files/2020-07/Trinity%204%20HMP%20OOS%20VF.pdf>

PLUS, REFLECTIONS FOR A CHURCH IN LOCKDOWN:

The "Reflections for a Church in Lockdown" by the Bishop of Oxford, the Rt Revd Dr Steven Croft, have been paused this week. News of Episode 11 will appear next week.