

WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES FOR SUNDAY, 26th JULY

LECTIONARY READINGS FOR THE 7th SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY:

1 Kings 3: 5-12; Romans 8: 26-39; Matthew 13: 31-33, 44-52 Psalm 119: 129-136

FROM THE RECTOR:

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

There is a recording of this reflection and prayer, plus a recording of the story of “The Precious Pearl” from the book “Stories Jesus Told”, filmed inside the church at Great Brickhill. These can be found on the following links:

- **Reflection & Prayer:-** <https://youtu.be/Z9zmq3ZYCQM>
- **“The Precious Pearl”:-** <https://youtu.be/ypSfx6DXhfE>

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

The Rural Dean will be recording a 15/20-minute service for the Seventh Sunday after Trinity celebrating the Feast of Mary Magdalene. Follow the link:-

<https://youtu.be/UzDcExMyVUI>

RADIO 4:

Sunday Worship at 8.10am. “Great is Thy Faithfulness”

A service preparing for a "Virtually Keswick" Convention, taking place in the last week of July. The theme is hope. At this time of great uncertainty, in the midst of a global pandemic, there is hope in Jesus Christ. Preacher, the Revd Dr Chris Wright, takes the text of a well known hymn, “Great is thy faithfulness; morning by morning new mercies I see...” which comes from the middle of the darkest book in the Bible - Lamentations. The biblical poet describes the sacking of the city of Jerusalem by Nebuchadnezzar, king of the mighty empire of Babylon. Yet out of utter despair comes hope...such is the character of God. Leaders: John Taylor and Anna Putt. Readings; Lamentations 3:17-24, 1 Peter 1:3-9; with Emu Music and soloist Cathy Burton.

BBC TELEVISION:

Sunday Morning Live BBC 1 at 10.00am Episode 6 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 Crosby Beach

The Rev Kate Bottley is on Crosby Beach celebrating the 15th anniversary of the iron men sculptures created by artist Antony Gormley. Kate speaks to local Christians who have been inspired by the statues to create their own artworks, including paintings, photography and performance. James Lusted meets one of the founding members of Crossbeats, a Liverpool-based band credited with helping to bring Contemporary Christian Music to the UK back in the 1960s. Kate travels just along the coast to Formby, hoping to see the rare red squirrel. She visits the prayer centre there, right in the heart of the National Trust conservation area.

OXFORD DIOCESE LIVE STREAMING:

Church at Home for the Seventh Sunday after Trinity, 26th July at 10am.

The Rt Revd Humphrey Southern, Principal of Ripon College, Cuddesdon, and an Assistant Bishop in the Diocese, presides. The address is given by the Bishop of Reading, the Rt Revd Olivia Graham. The service has been recorded in Cuddesdon's Edward King Chapel.

This week the Diocese is supporting the Disasters Emergency Committee's COVID-19 Appeal. The pandemic has badly hit a number of countries, including Yemen, Syria and South Sudan. The effects of this have been especially felt in refugee camps and amongst displaced people who have little access to medical care, basic food, shelter and water. By supporting the DEC appeal there is a chance of protecting millions of vulnerable people and saving many lives. At the end of the service there will be an opportunity to donate to the appeal online, but donations may be made at any time using the link on this service page on the website.

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

Nothing can separate us from the love of God

This week the online service comes from the Diocese in Europe. Filmed at Holy Trinity Brussels, the service reflects on the theme that nothing can separate us from the love of God. Click on the following link:-

<https://www.churchofengland.org/more/media-centre/join-us-church-online/weekly-online-services/nothing-can-separate-us-love-god>

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

<https://www.churchofengland.org/sites/default/files/2020-07/26%20July%202020%20-%207th%20after%20Trinity%20OOS%20-%20AFN%20VF.pdf>

PLUS, REFLECTIONS FOR A CHURCH IN LOCKDOWN:

For his weekly "Reflections for a Church in Lockdown" the Bishop of Oxford, the Rt Revd Dr Steven Croft, is recording a series of reflections on Philippians.

No 3. Finding Strength from the Centre

Week 3 brings us to Chapter 3 of Philippians and Paul takes us deeper still in this lockdown journey

To listen to the podcast from Philippians 3, go to:- <https://blogs.oxford.anglican.org/>