

## WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES FOR SUNDAY, 23rd AUGUST

### LECTIONARY READINGS FOR THE 11th SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY:

Isaiah 51: 1-6; Romans 12: 1-8; Matthew 16: 13-20; Psalm 138

### FROM THE RECTOR:

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

**There is a recording of the Rector reading this reflection and prayer, plus the story of “Jesus’ Special Friends” from the Lion Storyteller Bible read by James Northen, both filmed by the font at Great Brickhill Church.**

**These can be found on the following links:**

- **Reflection & Prayer:-** <https://youtu.be/lqVBZ4Nnyt4>
- **“Jesus’ Special friends”:-** <https://youtu.be/rao2c5vxsQM>

### RADIO 4:

#### **Sunday Worship at 8.10am “The inspiration of listening”**

Exploring the inspiration of listening with Anna Magnusson and Pádraig Ó Tuama. During this strange summer, the usually busy travels of poet and theologian, Pádraig, and writer and broadcaster, Anna, have been replaced by more stillness, offering opportunities to find solace in time spent listening deeply - to voices of the past, to nature, to breath and to spirit.

### BBC TELEVISION:

#### **Sunday Morning Live BBC 1 at 10.00am Episode 10 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 the Salvation Army**

The Rev Kate Bottley visits the Salvation Army's Hadleigh Farm in Essex to meet the staff and find out about the work of the farm in the past and the present. One thing Hadleigh has been doing during the current pandemic is food distribution, and we see that in action at a local corps in Basildon, where Lizette and Paul Williams hand out food to those who need it. Kate also meets Daniel Holland, an officer in the Salvation Army homelessness unit who has been working as a nurse on a Covid-19 ward. He ended up catching coronavirus but has now fully recovered. We find out about the challenges and rewards this experience has had on his faith.

We talk to two members of the International Staff Songsters (ISS), the current conductor, Dorothy Nancekievill, and Lesley Nicholson, who is also a prison chaplain, about the effect music can have on audiences. Kate also joins Zena Österberg and her dance group to take part in Timbreltastic, a joyous combination of dance, music and praise. Plus music from congregations across the country, with hymns including Strength Will Rise and For the Beauty of the Lord, and the Salvation Army's International Staff Songsters performing three hymns especially for us.

## **OXFORD DIOCESE LIVE STREAMING:**

### **Church at Home during August**

The team are taking a break for August but churches across the Diocese will be welcoming the regular Church at Home congregation for worship during this time - a range of family, all-age, modern and traditional services is available on the following link:- <https://www.oxford.anglican.org/coronavirus-covid-19-2/livestream/>

For those unable to access a church service online, dial 0800 804 8044 for daily hymns, reflections and prayers.

The Diocesan service returns to its regular 10am slot online from Sunday 6 September.

## **CHURCH OF ENGLAND ONLINE:**

### **Worship at Home, an Online Service at 9am We Are Never Alone**

Rev Fergus Butler-Gallie leads Morning Prayer from the Book of Common Prayer for this online service. His sermon reflects on how we are never alone and that God walks with us through life's journey.

Click on the following link:-

<https://www.churchofengland.org/more/media-centre/join-us-church-online/weekly-online-services/we-are-never-alone>

To download the Sermon for the Service, follow the link below:-

<https://www.churchofengland.org/sites/default/files/2020-08/OOS%20Trinity%2011%20AFN%20VFF.pdf>

## **A REMINDER OF THE RESOURCES FOR CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE FROM THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND - FAITH AT HOME:-**

Faith at Home is a national campaign that builds on the work of Growing Faith and Everyday Faith to support the faith development and pastoral care of children and young people.

It seeks to provide:

- **Experiences** that inspire parents and families to grow in faith together in the 'new daily normal' of the home
- **Resources** that equip children and young people to explore faith together and feel supported pastorally as part of school and church communities
- **Networks** that connect school leaders, church leaders, chaplains to share great practice and build community together focused on the faith development of children and young people

**To find out more follow the link:-**

<https://www.churchofengland.org/faith-action/faith-home>