

WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES FOR SUNDAY, 20th SEPTEMBER

LECTIONARY READINGS FOR THE 15th SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY:

Jonah 3: 10 - 4: 11; Philippians 1: 21-30; Matthew 20: 1-16; Psalm 145: 1-8

WEEKLY REFLECTION & STORY:

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

There is a recording of the Rector reading this week's reflection and prayer, plus Andrew Smith reading the story of "Jonah the Groaner" from the Lion Storyteller Bible. Both were filmed in garden locations in Great Brickhill.

These can be found on the following links:

- **Reflection & Prayer:-** https://youtu.be/8NFw_CdqNfY
- **"Jonah the Groaner":-** <https://youtu.be/043szzLSino>

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

The Rural Dean will be recording a 15/20-minute service for the Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity celebrating Harvest – "Always put your hope in God" - Hosea 12: 6

Follow the link:- <https://youtu.be/9mqYmfFcHHA>

RADIO 4:

Sunday Worship at 8.10am Where shall we put our trust?

At a time of enormous uncertainty with so much that was familiar swept away, many people are worried, apprehensive about what will happen to individuals, communities and nations as the result of Covid 19 and about the possibility of environmental catastrophe. In what for large numbers of people is an atmosphere full of fear, Father Brian D'Arcy asks where we can put our trust.

BBC TELEVISION:

Sunday Morning Live BBC 1 at 10.30am Episode 13 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 Harvest in Saddleworth

Rev Kate Bottley marks Harvest by visiting a Christian-run farm in Saddleworth, on the Yorkshire Lancashire border. She meets curate Aaron Moffat-Jackman and his wife Gemma, who quite literally tend to their flock - they have sheep on a field next to their church and use their farm to educate others about looking after God's creation.

In her first appearance on Songs of Praise as a presenter, Katie Piper visits a farm in Carmarthenshire to meet Eileen Davis, an archdeacon in Wales who has been inspired by her faith to set up a helpline for other farmers who are finding it difficult to cope.

In the urban district of Trafford in Manchester, Rev John Hughes explains how his church has become a hub for green-fingered enthusiasts who are growing their own food and as a result are making friends which cross faith boundaries.

Hymns and songs from across the country reflect the Harvest theme, including several from The Priory, Little Wymondley in Hertfordshire, recorded before lockdown.

OXFORD DIOCESE LIVE STREAMING:

Church at Home for the Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity, 20th September at 10am.

We are delighted to welcome as our president the Revd Dr Tess Kuin Lawton, Chaplain to Worcester College Oxford and Vicar of the Parish of Black Bourton. The Rt Revd Colin Fletcher, Bishop of Dorchester, is giving the address from his home.

This weekend deacons across the diocese will be ordained to the priesthood. So our service celebrates the theme of Vocation – remembering that each of us are called by God by our common Baptism.

Please pray especially this weekend for our curates ahead of their ordination and all are welcome to watch live streams of the ordination services.

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

Everyone is made in the image of God

Watch this exclusive extract of Rev Zoe Heming's online sermon, recorded as part of the Church of England's national online service, celebrating the gifts of Christians with disabilities.

Click on the following link:-

<https://www.churchofengland.org/more/media-centre/join-us-church-online/weekly-online-services/everyone-made-image-god>

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

<https://www.churchofengland.org/sites/default/files/2020-09/Trinity%2015%20-%2020th%20September%2020%20-%20OOS%20VF%20-%20AFN.pdf>

PLUS, BISHOP STEVEN'S PODCASTS CONTINUE:

Welcome back to a new series of podcasts for the autumn: comfortable words.

The title is taken from the opening verses of Isaiah 40-55 (and also for a well-known part of the Prayer Book liturgy for Holy Communion). Each episode will begin from a passage of scripture taken from this part of the Book of Isaiah which begins with the unknown prophet's call:

***“Comfort, O comfort my people says your God
Speak tenderly to Jerusalem and cry to her....”***

The focus of the songs in Isaiah 40-55 is helping God's people to sing the Lord's song in a strange land. I hope and pray the podcasts will be helpful to the Church across the Diocese of Oxford and more widely as we find our voice again in the midst of the pandemic.

Three songs that Bishop Steven listened to as he prepared the podcast this week:-

The first is the opening section of Handel's Messiah, which sets this passage to music. The second is Prepare ye the way of the Lord from the musical Godspell, and the third is Emilie Sande's brilliant live performance of Our Version of Events III at the close of the 2012 Olympic games, heard briefly at the beginning and end of this episode.

To listen to the podcast, go to:-

<https://blogs.oxford.anglican.org/podcast/comfort-o-comfort-my-people/>