

WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES FOR SUNDAY, 4th OCTOBER

LECTIONARY READINGS FOR THE 17th SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY:

Isaiah 5: 1-7; Philippians 3: 4b-14; Matthew 21: 33-46; Psalm 80: 7-14

Harvest Readings:-

Deuteronomy 8: 7-18; 2 Corinthians 9: 6-15; Luke 12: 16-30 or 17: 11-19

WEEKLY REFLECTION & STORY:

The Rector has written a brief reflection and prayer for this week's readings – the document is attached.

There is a recording of the Rector reading this reflection and prayer, plus Alison Packer reading "The Parable of the Tenants" from the Lion Storyteller Bible. Both were filmed in the church by the pulpit at Little Brickhill.

These can be found on the following links:

- **Reflection & Prayer:-** <https://youtu.be/ZI0Q34hn3WY>
- **"The Parable of the Tenants":-** <https://youtu.be/DmQC9g0bs24>

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

The Rural Dean will be recording a 15/20-minute service for the Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity - Are We ready for the kingdom of God?

Follow the link:- <https://youtu.be/bnKiUBG7sNA>

RADIO 4:

Sunday Worship at 8.10am Song of the Prophets

This Black History Month the service explores the theme that Black Lives Matter everywhere through the lens of climate injustice, poverty and inequality around the world. Leader: Amanda Khozi Mukwashi, CEO of Christian Aid which is marking its 75th anniversary year; Preacher: Professor Robert Beckford with reflections by Bob Kikuyu (Kenya), and Solomon Woldetsadik (Ethiopia). Prayers: Dionne Gravesande. Readings: Colossians 1:15-20, Romans 8:18-25.

BBC TELEVISION:

Sunday Morning Live BBC 2 (not BBC 1 this week) at 10.00am Episode 15 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 2.00pm Kate's Faith Journey

The Rev Kate Bottley goes on a very personal journey across Yorkshire and Nottinghamshire to share the story of her Christian faith through the people, places and music that have shaped and inspired her.

Kate begins by returning for the first time to the church in Sheffield where she was baptised as a baby. She shares her firm belief that God had his hand on her life from that point on, even though faith was not part of her childhood and it would be years before she set foot in a church again. She then meets the school friend who first invited her to a church youth club, and together they recall the day a teenage Kate became a Christian and decided to share her excitement with the whole school!

Back at her old university in Leeds, Kate gets her boots on to meet up with her old rugby teammates and reflects on the friendships forged on the pitch and in the chapel. She then travels to the beautiful Southwell Minster in Nottinghamshire. It was here Kate was ordained as a priest 11 years ago, and she reflects on her calling to the priesthood and discovers what she was really like a young curate when she meets up with the priest in charge of her first parish.

And we discover how a surprise dance routine at a wedding where Kate was officiating turned into a viral video and changed Kate's life completely. It was the moment that began the newest chapter in Kate's faith journey, in the world of television and radio. As we go behind the scenes at BBC Radio 2, Kate reflects on the experiences of the last few years, hearing other people's faith stories and striving to share the love of God over the airwaves. With favourite hymns and songs all chosen by Kate for the special meaning they hold for her family and her ministry.

OXFORD DIOCESE LIVE STREAMING:

Church at Home - Bishop Colin lays down his ministry as Bishop of Dorchester

Bishop Colin will retire in November having served with great distinction as Bishop of Dorchester for the last twenty years. This Sunday we have two very special services available online. At 10am Bishop Colin will preside at our regular Church at Home online service. At 3pm, we join the live stream from Dorchester Abbey as we say farewell to Bishop Colin and Sarah, giving thanks for all they have shared with us over the last twenty years. All are welcome. Do join us online for both 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

Celebrating 'forgotten heroes' of Covid-19 pandemic

This online service celebrates those who have helped keep food on our plates during the pandemic. Sarah Spencer, from the Diocese of Lincoln, and Nick Shepherd, from the Diocese of Southwark, lead the service, with contributions from farmers, lorry drivers and supermarket workers.

Click on the following link:-

<https://www.churchofengland.org/more/media-centre/join-us-church-online/weekly-online-services/celebrating-forgotten-heroes-covid>

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

<https://www.churchofengland.org/sites/default/files/2020-10/Trinity%2017%20-%204th%20October%202020%20-%20OOS%20%20AFN%20VFF.docx.pdf>

PLUS, BISHOP STEVEN'S PODCASTS CONTINUE:

DO NOT BE AFRAID. Bishop Steven writes:- Look back over the last six months and reflect for a moment. What part has fear played in your own life and your life's journey? What part is anxiety playing now in the key decisions of your life? Does it have too loud a voice? Does all of that fear and caution have the support of reason? Are there inner fears which you are keeping buried deep inside and cannot name or talk through with those closest to you? Are those chains of fear shaping the decisions you make in your work or your Christian service? If that is the case, listen to the word of the Lord to you: "Do not fear, for I am with you. Do not be afraid, for I am your God. I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my victorious right hand".

To listen to the podcast, go to:-

<https://blogs.oxford.anglican.org/podcast/do-not-be-afraid/>