

WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES FOR SUNDAY 15th NOVEMBER

LECTIONARY READINGS FOR THE 2nd SUNDAY BEFORE ADVENT:

Zephaniah 1: 7, 12-18; 1 Thessalonians 5: 1-11; Matthew 25: 14-30 Psalm 90: 1-12

WEEKLY REFLECTION & STORY:

The Rector has written a brief reflection and prayer for the Second Sunday before Advent – the document is attached.

There is a recording of the Rector reading this reflection and prayer, and Julia Turner reading this week's story, "Big Bags of Money" based on the parable of the Talents. These were filmed at the altar in Great Brickhill Church and can be found on the following links:

- **Reflection & Prayer:-** <https://youtu.be/rerCXf65mxY>
- **"Big Bags of Money":-** <https://youtu.be/hJMwaPc0U38>

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

The Rural Dean has not recorded her usual 15/20-minute service for this Sunday.

RADIO 4:

Sunday Worship at 8.10am **It's Complicated**

The Rev Dr Doug Gay, Principal of Trinity College, Glasgow, and Rev Dr Carolyn Kelly, Chaplain to Glasgow University, explore the mixed feelings experienced when faith has to reckon with the complexities of life.

BBC TELEVISION:

Sunday Morning Live **BBC 1 at 10.30am Episode 20 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 Aled Jones's Faith Journey**

Aled Jones is back on home turf in north Wales as he takes a journey exploring how his faith has shaped his life and his singing. He catches up with some old friends on the journey, including composer Howard Goodall and the Rev Canon Mark Oakley, sings a couple of songs that are special to him and picks his favourite hymns for the programme, including Guide Me O Thou Great Jehovah and How Great Thou Art.

OXFORD DIOCESE LIVE STREAMING:

The Diocesan Church at Home service for the 2nd Sunday before Advent at 10am

The theme of the Church at Home service this week is Encouraging Talents. The God revealed in Jesus calls us to grow our gifts and talents out of love not threat, in freedom not fear. With the coming of the pandemic, many church communities have responded in extraordinary ways, recognising new talents among themselves in the process. Yet, sometimes – even in COVID-19 times – we don't always know which gifts we have, or how they could be a part of our healthy growth as disciples. This service ends with a short film about a tool designed to help you in your everyday faith.

As we prepare to worship, may we give thanks for all who have encouraged us; may we share encouragement; and let us pray that all who have experienced discouragement this week, this month, this year, may be built up, restored, and learn again of the gifts they have to share in the grace of God.

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 Weekly Service at 9am

Celebrating friendships that cross continents

Join us in celebrating friendships that cross continents, with this online service from the Anglican Communion. Led by Bishop Anthony Poggo, the service includes a sermon from Sheran Harper, President of the Mother's Union, and reflects on how communities in different parts of the world support one another in both good and hard times.

Click on the following link:-

<https://www.churchofengland.org/news-and-media/join-us-church-online/weekly-online-services/celebrating-friendships-cross>

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

<https://www.churchofengland.org/sites/default/files/2020-11/15th%20November%202020%20OOS%20VFF%20AFN.pdf>

PLUS:-

CHURCH OF ENGLAND:

November 2020 - A Call to Prayer for the Nation

On Wednesday 4 November, the Archbishops of Canterbury and York and Bishop of London called the Church of England to prayer for the nation throughout the month of November. For daily prayer themes and resources, go to:-

<https://www.churchofengland.org/resources/call-prayer-nation>