

WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES FOR SUNDAY 22nd NOVEMBER

LECTIONARY READINGS FOR THE SUNDAY NEXT BEFORE ADVENT, CELEBRATING CHRIST THE KING:

Ezekiel 34: 11-16, 20-24; Ephesians 1: 15-23; Matthew 25: 31-46; Psalm 100

WEEKLY REFLECTION & STORY:

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

There is a recording of the Rector reading this reflection and prayer and this week's story, "The Sheep and the Goats". These were filmed at the lectern and near the pulpit in Great Brickhill Church. They can be found on the following links:

- **Reflection & Prayer:-** <https://youtu.be/yaMIUSJltqk>
- **"The Sheep and the Goats":-** <https://youtu.be/eobSiGBQ2J8>

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

The Rural Dean has recorded a 15/20-minute service – Christ the King.

Follow the link:- <https://youtu.be/8Tsp7DVLEKI>

RADIO 4:

Sunday Worship at 8.10am Student Life in Lockdown

With our lives impacted by the rules of lockdown, many are struggling with loneliness and the absence of people we love. With tight restrictions prescribed for university students particularly, how are they finding some semblance of normal life?

This live service from Holy Trinity, Platt in Manchester explores these issues through the lens of faith. The church lies on the doorstep of the student village, usually a bustling hub of activity, but now the students are isolated in their halls of residence. Recently tensions flared up as temporary fences were erected and subsequently pulled down by students protesting the move.

The Rector, the Revd Dr Paul Mathole and the Youth and Children's Minister, Sarah Bradley, reflect on their ministry to students as they face rules and restrictions. They explore the hopes and fears felt by those who are looking for solace in these testing times. They reflect on what it means to be content throughout good times and bad as students from the congregation describe the way their faith has helped them.

BBC TELEVISION:

Songs of Praise BBC 1 at 2.15pm Young Chorister of the Year - Girls' Semi-Final

From Gorton Monastery in Manchester, Katherine Jenkins launches the very first joint Songs of Praise and Radio 2 competition to find the BBC Young Chorister of the Year. Chosen from hundreds of entries, five talented girl choristers hope to impress expert judges John Rutter, Laura Wright and Carl Jackson, and go through to the final.

OXFORD DIOCESE LIVE STREAMING:

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

The festival of Christ the King stands at a crossroads, with one liturgical year behind us and the promise of a new year ahead, beginning with Advent next week, which will bring a new energy as we prepare our hearts for Christmas.

This service of Christ the King borrows liturgical elements from previous Church at Home services and from Diocesan school assemblies, beginning with the very first Call to Worship from March 2020.

Let us be mindful of the words in that call: 'I lay at the foot of the Cross all my fears.' Those words begin our service. They echo as true today as they did in March, as they have done for centuries, and will echo true into the new liturgical year and beyond.

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

A service of Prayer for the Nation

This online service of Prayer For The Nation comes from Durham Cathedral. The service, marking Christ The King, is led by the Bishop of Durham, with contributions from the Dean of Durham.

Click on the following link:-

<https://www.churchofengland.org/news-and-media/join-us-church-online/weekly-online-services/service-prayer-nation>

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

<https://www.churchofengland.org/sites/default/files/2020-11/Christ%20the%20King%2022nd%20Nov%20OOS%20VFF.pdf>

PLUS:-

BISHOP STEVEN'S LATEST PODCAST, RECORDED ON 18th NOVEMBER:

Episode 7:- A Word for the Weary

Bishop Steven writes:- We often think of comfort as something soft and soothing, like a big hug. But to comfort someone is not simply to wrap them up in cotton wool and tenderness. Comfortable words are words which restore our strength, our core, our backbone. The next three months or so may well be the hardest of the COVID journey – how can we find the resources to give strength to our communities when we are already tired and worn down? To listen to the podcast, go to:-

<https://blogs.oxford.anglican.org/podcast/a-word-for-the-weary/>