

## WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES FOR SUNDAY 20th DECEMBER

### LECTIONARY READINGS FOR THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT:

2 Samuel 7: 1-11, 16; Romans 16: 25-27; Luke 1: 26-38; Psalm 89: 1-4, 19-26

### WEEKLY REFLECTION & STORY:

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

**There is a recording of the Rector reading this reflection and prayer, plus Alison Packer reading “Mary and the Angel” a story based on the gospel reading. These were filmed near the Advent wreath and next to the crib in Little Brickhill church. They can be found on the following links:**

- **Reflection & Prayer:-** <https://youtu.be/lwR32Tm5aaM>
- **“Mary and the Angel”:-** [https://youtu.be/Dy0\\_11GvQSI](https://youtu.be/Dy0_11GvQSI)

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

The Rural Dean has recorded a 15/20-minute service:- Advent 4 Mary, Christ is born in us every day. Follow the link:- <https://youtu.be/AvJkl4ctDkg>

### RADIO 4:

#### Sunday Worship at 8.10am Cities of Promise - A place for the Saviour

During this era of Covid the city seems to have been devalued as a place of human flourishing. Instead it's become a place of fear of contamination - a place to get away from, no longer a sought after place to live. But the biblical view is of a redeemed city, a place where human culture is valued alongside restored relationships - a place of beauty and worship of the living God. Sunday Worship comes from the UK's smallest city, St David's in Pembrokeshire. Dean of St David's Cathedral, Very Reverend Dr Sarah Rowland Jones, reflects on how Jesus came to the tiny city of Bethlehem, and how we can find the Saviour in our cities today.

### BBC TELEVISION:

#### Sunday Worship BBC 1 at 11.30am Fourth Sunday of Advent

On the fourth Sunday of Advent, the Rev Canon Roland Riem leads the morning worship from Winchester Cathedral. With carols from the Songs of Praise archives and a special performance from the boys' choir Libera.

#### Songs of Praise BBC 1 at 1.15pm The UK's Favourite Carol

From the glorious surroundings of St Paul's Cathedral in London, Aled Jones counts down the top ten carols, as voted for by viewers in a UK-wide online poll. With an array of star guests including Sir Cliff Richard, Katherine Jenkins, the Kingdom Choir, The Priests, the Choir of St Paul's and one of the finest voices in the world, Italian opera singer Andrea Bocelli. A panel of carol enthusiasts, including Gareth Malone, Karen Gibson, the Director of Music at St Paul's, Mark De Lisser and Pam Rhodes, reveal their favourites as well as some of the fascinating histories behind some of the UK's best loved carols.

## **OXFORD DIOCESE LIVE STREAMING:**

### **The Diocesan Church at Home service for the Fourth Sunday of Advent at 10am**

In the final Sunday of the season of Advent, the Church turns her attention to Mary: the God-bearer. She is the only person in Scripture who is called the “servant of the Lord”. In that spirit, we are grateful to have represented in our service a member of the Community of Mary the Virgin, Wantage, reading the Gospel. Likewise, our intercessions are led by Fr Richard Peers, who in addition to his role as Sub Dean at Christ Church Cathedral is the Superior of the Sodality of Mary Mother of Priests, a worldwide Marian community of clergy who look to Mary for inspiration and intercession. With thanks to the Bishop of Buckingham for presiding and to the Revd Becky Bevan for preaching in this service.

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**

#### **The Fourth Sunday of Advent with Marie Curie**

Introduced by Rev Kate Bottley, this online service for the Fourth Sunday of Advent is in partnership with Marie Curie, paying tribute to those suffering from illness, bereavement and mental health setbacks.

Click on the following link:-

<https://www.churchofengland.org/news-and-media/join-us-church-online/weekly-online-services/worship-home-fourth-sunday-advent-marie>

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

<https://www.churchofengland.org/sites/default/files/2020-12/Advent4-BlueChristmasOOSVF.pdf>