

WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES FOR SUNDAY 3rd JANUARY

LECTIONARY READINGS FOR EPIPHANY SUNDAY:

Isaiah 60: 1-6; Ephesians 3: 1-12; Matthew 2: 1-12 Psalm 72: 1-7, 10-14

WEEKLY REFLECTION & STORY:

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

There is a recording of the Rector reading this reflection and prayer, plus Suzanne Cook reading “The Wise Men’s Visit” a story based on the gospel reading. These were filmed near the three kings in Great Brickhill church. They can be found on the following links:

- **Reflection & Prayer:-** <https://youtu.be/ED826ITwjCA>
- **“The Wise Men’s Visit”:-** https://youtu.be/ru2VImJvD_Y

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

No details have been received for the Rural Dean’s weekly recorded 15/20-minute service:- these will be on the website as and when received.

All the material below can be viewed live or at a later date:-

RADIO 4:

Monday 28/12 – Friday 1/1, five episodes of fifteen minutes at 9.45am

A History of the Bible by John Barton, read by Hugh Bonneville

John Barton’s fascinating A History of the Bible investigates the origins, development and contemporary meaning of this greatest of unread bestsellers. From a disparate collection of writings that first emerged deep in the distant past Barton charts the gradual emergence of both the Old and the New Testaments and their evolution into what have become the two revered volumes of authoritative Scripture that we know today. In a series of lively and engaging essays Barton shows how meaning has both been drawn from the Bible and been imposed up on it and explores how differently Judaism and Christianity approach and interpret the books of both the Old and the New Testaments.

Sunday Worship at 8.10am Through Change and Chance

"Through change and chance He guideth, only good and only true."

Robert Bridge’s translation of Joachim Neander’s hymn "All my hope on God is founded" expresses faith and trust in God throughout the changes and chances of this fleeting world. At a time of uncertainty, Canon Angela Tilby and Canon Stephen Shipley reflect on the changes and chances in their own lives; the personal challenges they have faced and how these have had an impact on their health, well-being, faith and vocation. Through the writing of St Ignatius, Francis Thompson, John Henry Newman, Thomas Merton and GK Chesterton they explore the place of faith in unpredictable times. They focus on the central message of The Feast of the Epiphany, a revelation that transforms all knowledge and throws the world into a different perspective.

BBC TELEVISION:

Sunday Worship BBC 1 at 10.00am The Second Sunday of Christmas

The Very Rev Henry Hull leads an ecumenical service for the second Sunday of Christmas from Down Cathedral in Downpatrick, Northern Ireland. With hymns from the Songs of Praise archives from across Northern Ireland.

Songs of Praise BBC 1 at 1.15pm St Paul's Cathedral

Katherine Jenkins explores this hugely iconic cathedral, a masterpiece of design by Christopher Wren. Katherine learns that one of the newest additions to the building is a porch dedicated to those who have lost their lives to Covid-19. Music includes hymns sung by St Paul's Cathedral Choir and special performances by Daniel O'Donnell, Aled Jones and The Priests, and Katherine sings two of her favourites, You'll Never Walk Alone and Amazing Grace.

OXFORD DIOCESE LIVE STREAMING:

The Diocesan Church at Home service for Epiphany Sunday at 10am

The parish church of St Stephen and St Agnes in Windsor is delighted to welcome you to this week's Church at Home livestreamed service for Epiphany Sunday. St Stephen and St Agnes has modern catholic style and the congregation ranges from babies to 98-year-olds. St Stephen and St Agnes is part of the New Windsor Team Ministry, which includes Holy Trinity, Windsor Parish Church of St John the Baptist, and All Saints.

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, Online Services at 9am

A service with the Archbishop of York on New Year's Eve

May we be the first to wish you a Happy New Year! Join the Archbishop of York, Rt Rev Stephen Cottrell, as he looks back at 2020 with both thanksgiving and sorrow, and prays that we will all know the peace of Christ in this new year.

Click on the following link:-

<https://www.churchofengland.org/news-and-media/join-us-church-online/weekly-online-services/worship-home-service-archbishop-york>

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

<https://www.churchofengland.org/sites/default/files/2020-12/NYE%20OOS%20AFN%20VF.pdf>

Worship at Home - Epiphany with Embrace the Middle East, 3rd January 2021

"This child of Mary is God's only son, both human and divine. He's also the king of kings." - Bishop Hosam Naoum. Our service for Epiphany comes from the UK and the Middle East, in partnership with Embrace the Middle East. Hear Father Boulos Khano, St Mark's Syriac Monastery in Jerusalem, sing the Gospel and the Lord's Prayer in Aramaic, the language of Jesus, as we celebrate the revelation of the incarnation in Jesus Christ.

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<https://www.churchofengland.org/sites/default/files/2020-12/Epiphany%20OOS%20VF%20AFN%20%281%29.pdf>