

WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES FOR SUNDAY 31st JANUARY

LECTIONARY READINGS FOR CANDLEMAS, CELEBRATING THE PRESENTATION OF CHRIST IN THE TEMPLE:

Malachi 3: 1-5; Hebrews 2: 14-18; Luke 2: 22-40; Psalm 24: 1-10

WEEKLY REFLECTION & STORY:

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

There is a recording of the Rector reading this reflection and prayer, plus the story “Simeon’s Waiting is Over” from the Gospel passage. These were filmed near the altar at Great Brickhill church. They can be found on the following links:

- **Reflection & Prayer:-** <https://youtu.be/1hBV5A3p60k>
- **“Simeon’s Waiting is Over”:-** https://youtu.be/2bqHj_plhs8

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

The Rural Dean, Revd Val Plumb, has recorded a 15/20-minute service:- Candlemas: Why is waiting so hard? Follow the link:- <https://youtu.be/uue1uKEzaMM>

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

RADIO 4:

Sunday Worship at 8.10am Belfast, a City Shaped by the Sea

The Very Rev Stephen Forde, Dean of Belfast whose cathedral stands not far from Belfast’s docks reflects on those who go down to the sea in ships, and do business in great waters.

With Canon Mark Niblock and Gillian McCaughey. Jonah 1.3-13 & Mark 4.35.41

BBC TELEVISION:

Songs of Praise BBC 1 at 1.15pm Gospel Singer of the Year - Semi-Final

Mark De-Lisser hosts the semi-final of the brand new competition to find the Gospel Singer of the Year 2021. In the first of two programmes celebrating gospel music, five talented amateur singers take to the stage at Gorton Monastery in Manchester.

Deciding who goes through to next week’s final are three celebrity judges: pop sensation and West End musical star Alexandra Burke, singer and leading gospel vocal coach David Grant and singing legend Heather Small, who closes the show with her hit song Proud.

The semi-finalists are Monique McKen from Birmingham, Kieron Bygraves from Huddersfield, Lois Kirby from Bedford, James Morrison from Lincoln and Tara Goddard from Halifax. Which singer will be your favourite?

OXFORD DIOCESE LIVE STREAMING:

The Diocesan Church at Home service for the Fourth Sunday of Epiphany at 10am

Welcome to our service for the fourth Sunday of Epiphany. A huge thank you to everyone from across the diocese who has made this service possible. Forty days ago, we celebrated the birth of Jesus Christ. Now we recall the day on which he was presented in the temple, when he was offered to the Father and shown to his people. In this eucharist, we celebrate the joy of his coming as we look back to the day of his birth and forward to

the coming days of his passion. Today, we focus on vision. We continue to extend the invitation to 'Come and See' – to encounter Christ and be welcomed, just as Simeon and Anna recognised Jesus as Lord in the temple. We invite you to have a candle nearby that you can light as we finish our celebration.

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

Presentation of Christ in the Temple, 31st January 2021

Rev Tiffer Robinson leads this week's online service for Candlemas. This marks the Presentation of Christ in the Temple, when Jesus was offered to his Father and revealed as the future Saviour of all people.

Click on the following link:-

<https://www.churchofengland.org/news-and-media/join-us-church-online/weekly-online-services/presentation-christ-temple>

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

<https://www.churchofengland.org/sites/default/files/2021-01/31st%20January%202021%20Candlemas%20OOS%20AFN%20VF.pdf>