

WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES FOR SUNDAY 14th FEBRUARY

LECTIONARY READINGS FOR THE SUNDAY NEXT BEFORE LENT:

2 Kings 2: 1-12; 2 Corinthians 4: 3-6; Mark 9: 2-9; Psalm 50: 1 - 6

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 “The True Glory of Jesus” from the Gospel passage. These were filmed on the steps to the pulpit at Great Brickhill church. They can be found on the following links:

- Reflection & Prayer:- <https://youtu.be/e1pQpALNkcc>
- “The true Glory of Jesus”:- <https://youtu.be/Sdnn8iPdcW8>

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

The Rural Dean, Revd Val Plumb, has not been well enough this week to record her normal weekly 15-20 minute service.

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

RADIO 4:

Sunday Worship at 8.10am Facets of Love

‘This is love’. Those are the words of John, the ‘beloved disciple’ - seeing out his latter years with the congregation of his beloved church in Ephesus. In the centuries since, poets and musicians of every hue have been happy to complete the sentence for him. To Han Suyin it was a ‘many splendored thing’, to Freddie Mercury it was a ‘crazy little thing’, and to William Thackeray it was a thing which makes fools of us all. Maybe all are true, but St John himself does not leave it undefined. With Baptist Minister the Revd Richard Littledale. Reading: 1 John 4: 7 – 21.

BBC TELEVISION:

Songs of Praise BBC 1 at 1.15pm Love and Lent

To mark the beginning of Lent, Sean Fletcher visits historic Ripon Cathedral in North Yorkshire and hears from its dean, the Very Rev John Dobson, on the variety of ways the cathedral building, founded by seventh-century saint Wilfrid, has inspired others through the centuries. Sean also reflects on the themes of love and Lent in the current times with the Bishop of Ripon, the Rt Rev Helen-Ann Hartley. To mark Valentine’s Day, we hear from a young Christian couple, Ben and Kristen, who proved that love is stronger than lockdown, and whose wedding finally went ahead at the fourth attempt in December 2020. Katie Piper visits Leeds to talk to Joe Walsh, the founder of Faith In Operation, an initiative encouraging organ donations for anonymous recipients. Hymns and songs, old and new, come from across the UK, reflecting the start of the season of Lent.

OXFORD DIOCESE LIVE STREAMING:

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

As we mark Racial Justice Sunday, we are reminded that each of us is made in the image of the God of love, who calls us to show his love to others in our words, actions and relationships. In the Gospel reading, we hear God say of Jesus, ‘this is my Son, the

beloved'. Jesus is the One who reveals the face of God to us; the One who invites us all to 'Come and See' what life can be like, living in the knowledge of God's love for us. We in turn invite you to come and see and look deeper with us.

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/#tab-id-3>

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

Sunday next before Lent, 14th February 2021

Rev Helen Shannon leads a service to mark the Sunday next before Lent. This online church service comes from Church@Five.

Click on the following link:-

<https://www.churchofengland.org/news-and-media/join-us-church-online/weekly-online-services/sunday-next-lent>

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

<https://www.churchofengland.org/sites/default/files/2021-02/Sunday%20Next%20Before%20Lent%20OOS%20AFN%20VF.docx%20%281%29.pdf>

PLUS:- ASH WEDNESDAY, 17th FEBRUARY

LECTIONARY READINGS FOR ASH WEDNESDAY:

Isaiah 58: 1-12; 2 Corinthians 5: 20b- 6: 10; John 8: 1-11; Psalm 51: 1 - 18

OXFORD DIOCESE LIVE STREAMING:

Celebrate Ash Wednesday with churches around the Diocese.

Join the United Benefice of Shiplake, Dunsden and Harpsden for an Ash Wednesday service at 10am. An order of service will be available.

Or join Christ Church Cathedral, Oxford, for a Holy Communion service at 6.05pm. Christ Church is the cathedral church for the Diocese and is home to a vibrant worshipping community. An order of service will be added shortly.

For details of the above, follow the link:-

<https://www.oxford.anglican.org/coronavirus-covid-19-2/livestream/#tab-id-4>