

WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES FOR SUNDAY, 23rd MAY 2021

LECTIONARY READINGS FOR PENTECOST – WHIT SUNDAY:

Acts 2: 1-8, 12-18; Romans 8: 22-27; John 15: 26-27; Psalm 104: 25-35, 37

WEEKLY REFLECTION & STORY:

Jeremy Hopkinson, LLM, has written a brief reflection and prayer for this Sunday – attached. Jeremy has also recorded a video version of his written reflection and prayer and Suzanne Cook has recorded the story, “The Helper Arrives”. These were filmed in a garden in Great Brickhill.

The recordings can be found on the following links:

- Reflection & Prayer:- <https://youtu.be/CpEAwn79dPk>
- “The Helper Arrives”:- <https://youtu.be/L9UMDAIXjA8>

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

There is no recorded service this week from the Rural Dean, Revd Val Plumb.

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

RADIO 4:

Sunday Worship at 8.10am The Breath of Life

Bishop of Bangor, the Right Reverend Andy John and Archdeacon of Bangor, the Venerable Mary Stallard, lead a service for Pentecost from St Tudno's Church on the Great Orme peninsula.

BBC TELEVISION:

BBC 1 at 10.30am Sunday Worship 2021 A Celebration for Pentecost

A joyful and uplifting service, live from All Saints' Church, Woodford Wells, to mark the Christian festival of Pentecost. The service is introduced by the Rev Paul Harcourt, Becky Harcourt and Yasmin Omotosho. Songs and hymns include This Is Amazing Grace, Spirit Break Out, Waymaker and How Great Thou Art, sung by members of All Saints' worship group, led by Martin Donovan.

BBC 1 at 11.30am Sunday Morning Stories Series 2 Episode 7 of 8

Kate Bottley shares stories of faith, hope and spirituality, including the Jewish fire chief who is hoping to inspire others to follow in her footsteps.

BBC 1 at 1.15pm Songs of Praise Pentecost Sunday

On Pentecost Sunday, Sean Fletcher learns about life in a monastery at the Community of the Resurrection in Mirfield, West Yorkshire. He meets older and younger brothers who have committed themselves to a simple life of daily devotion and prayer. Sean discovers more about the story of Pentecost, when the Holy Spirit empowered the first Christians to share their faith 2,000 years ago. Also in the programme, Pam Rhodes joins musician Pete James and actor Martha Shrimpton, who have helped to create Cheeky Pandas, a cartoon series teaching children about the Bible. Ultra-marathon runner Rohan Kallicharan explains how a simple but profound encounter brought him a life-giving faith in Jesus, enabling him to overcome major mental health battles. Hymns and songs with a Pentecost theme come from across the country.

OXFORD DIOCESE LIVE STREAMING:

The Final Diocesan Church at Home service at 10am. Pentecost.

“ Welcome to this very special final service of Church at Home. Since the pandemic restrictions began, we have prayed, lamented, rejoiced and lifted our hearts in worship together. We have been led by readers, intercessors, presidents, preachers, musicians, liturgists and more from homes, churches, offices, chaplaincies, schools, convents, cathedrals, colleges and playgrounds across the diocese.

Now, we celebrate all God has done in and through Church at Home and give thanks especially for those who have come to faith, returned to faith, and deepened their faith through these services.

On this day of Pentecost, we celebrate God pouring out the Holy Spirit on the gathered disciples and pray that we would also be filled afresh. God has given each of us gifts for the building up of the kingdom, and every one of these gifts is needed as we seek to rebuild our communities and to build up one another in love.

This special service is an hour long, after which there's some worship to enjoy and sing along with, and a thank you to everyone who's been involved in Church at Home.”

To download the order of service and to watch this 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 Service on 23rd May at 9am

Pentecost Sunday

“In this week's service, with the Archbishop of York and Thy Kingdom Come, we pray for more people to find their joy within God's Church.”

Join the weekly online service, streamed each Sunday at 9am.

Click on the following link:-

<https://www.churchofengland.org/prayer-and-worship/join-us-church-online/weekly-online-services/pentecost-sunday>

To download the Order of Service, click on the link below:-

<https://www.churchofengland.org/sites/default/files/2021-05/OOS%20for%20Pentecost%20Sunday%20VFF%20AFN.docx.pdf>