

## St Mary the Virgin, Great Brickhill

### WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES FOR PALM SUNDAY, 28<sup>th</sup> MARCH

#### LECTIONARY READINGS FOR PALM SUNDAY:

Isaiah 50: 4-9a; Philippians 2: 5-11; Mark 14: 1 - 15: 47; Psalm 31: 9-16

#### 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 James Northen reading “The Great Parade”. These were filmed along the path and next to the cross in the choir stalls at Great Brickhill church. The recordings can be found on the following links:**

- **Reflection & Prayer:-** <https://youtu.be/lzVP1tmLOG8>
- **“The Great Parade”:-** <https://youtu.be/rTGytzkvorl>

#### 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 Palm Sunday

Methodist minister Revd Dr Calvin Samuel leads us in a celebratory service marking the first day of Holy Week, known as Palm or Passion Sunday. Featuring a dramatic gospel reading of the account of Jesus’ triumphal entry into Jerusalem. The sermon comes from the winner of the 2021 Theology Slam, a national competition to find engaging young voices, aged 18-30, who think theologically about the contemporary world. With a variety of music including traditional Palm Sunday hymns such as ‘All Glory, Laud, and Honour’.

#### BBC TELEVISION:

##### Sunday Worship 2021 BBC 1 at 11.00am Lent Worship 6

The Rev Kate Bottley introduces a service for Palm Sunday from All Saints Church in Hale Barns, led by the Rev Clair Jaquiss. Sarah Small reflects on what Palm Sunday might mean for us today, and hymns include Were You There, from the Adventist Vocal Ensemble, and My Song Is Love Unknown, sung by Katie Ritson.

##### Songs of Praise BBC 1 at 1.15pm Finding Hope

On Palm Sunday, Aled Jones visits Oxford to celebrate stories of hope and meets Professor Andy Pollard, one of the leading scientists behind the Oxford-AstraZeneca vaccine. At St Cross College, Professor Pollard shares how his Christian faith and the prayers of people all over the world have helped and inspired him, and how he finds great hope in the way scientists and volunteers in many nations have worked together to make the vaccine possible. Aled also visits the city’s largest vaccination centre to witness the hope the jab is bringing to the community. Young mum Louise Blyth shares her story of how miraculous answers to prayer led her to find faith and hope in the darkest days of grief. And Yolanda Brown meets the Christian friends using their gifts in medicine and music to help doctors facing burnout. With hymns for Holy Week and a performance of a new blessing for carers.

## **OXFORD DIOCESE LIVE STREAMING:**

### **The Diocesan Church at Home service for Palm Sunday at 10am**

“Join us to worship together on Palm Sunday. Revd Sarah Nesbitt, of the United Benefice of Shiplake, Dunsden and Harpsden, is our preacher this morning, with Revd Ross Meikle and the Taylor family leading a special procession of the palms. The service features a dramatic reading of Christ’s Passion from the Gospel according to Mark. We hope it carries you into the drama of Holy Week and helps you to engage with the joy of Palm Sunday, followed by the desolation and bewilderment that precedes the excitement and anticipation of Easter for Christians around the world. You may wish to have or make a cross to help you focus your prayers, which Bishop Alan will bless in the service.”

**To download the order of service and to watch this service and other services during Holy Week, 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.

### **HOLY WEEK SERVICES:- (the link to these services is as above)**

**Maundy Thursday** 11am:- Chrism Eucharist livestreamed from Christ Church, Oxford.

**Good Friday** 10am, 2pm and 6pm

“Hear the Cathedral choir sing the solemn liturgy from 10am and join a choral meditation from 6pm, featuring a sermon from the Archdeacon of Oxford.

At 2pm we’re highlighting a virtual walk of witness taking place in Cookham; one of hundreds of Holy Week activities taking place across the diocese.”

**PLUS: “THE LAMB OF GOD”** available from Maundy Thursday

“A series of six short addresses from Bishop Steven, which include hymns and readings, as we journey to the cross together once more. As we come to the cross on Good Friday, we come as we are - with all our doubts and denials, with the darkness in our hearts. And we do our best to bring these things into the light: to open our lives afresh to the grace of God.” Listen online at Bishop Steven’s blog:- <https://blogs.oxford.anglican.org/>

## **CHURCH OF ENGLAND ONLINE:**

**Worship at Home, Online Services at 9am**

**Palm Sunday, 28th March Learning to be the Church again**

Worship and pray with us, in this full online church service for Palm Sunday.

From St Paul's Church Scotforth in Lancaster, our online act of worship is led by Rev Dr Rebecca Aechtner, with a sermon from Rev Dr Anderson Jeremiah.

Click on the following link to watch the clip and for the full service:-

<https://www.churchofengland.org/news-and-media/join-us-church-online/weekly-online-services/palm-sunday-learning-be-church-again>

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

<https://www.churchofengland.org/sites/default/files/2021-03/Palm%20Sunday%202021%20OOS%20V3.pdf>

## **PLUS:**

### **Stations of the Cross**

The Stations of the Cross have formed part of Christian devotion for many centuries because they offer a particularly vivid way of following in the steps of Jesus on the way to the Cross. To find out more about the Stations of the Cross, go to:-

<https://www.churchofengland.org/our-faith/what-we-believe/lent-holy-week-and-easter/stations-cross>

**Worship at Home Services for Holy Week, follow the link:**

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