

WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES FOR SUNDAY, 4th JULY 2021

LECTIONARY READINGS FOR FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY:

Ezekiel 2: 1-5; 2 Corinthians 12: 2-10; Mark 6: 1-13; Psalm 123

WEEKLY REFLECTION & STORY:

The Rector has written a brief reflection and prayer for this Sunday – attached. He has also recorded a video version of his written reflection and prayer, and Stuart Leeming has recorded this week's story, "The Burning Bush". These were filmed in the children's outdoor play area at the new Church Community Hall in Bow Brickhill.

The recordings can be found on the following links:

- Reflection & Prayer: <https://youtu.be/e7qp5lzTIXc>
- "The Burning Bush":- <https://youtu.be/ceobNFRQ0kk>

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 Tokyo Olympics – Stretching every sinew

The Rt Revd Libby Lane, the Bishop of Derby, and lead Bishop for Sports looks ahead to the Tokyo Olympic Games. The service will feature testimonies from Christian athletes Daniel Jervis, Daniel Rowden and Stef Reid as they make their final preparations. We will also hear from those who support athletes pastorally as they face the greatest pressure in their careers. The readings, that focus on God as our strength, are Isaiah 40: 28 – 31 and Hebrews 12: 1-3; 11 – 14.

BBC TELEVISION:

BBC 1 at 10.30am Sunday Morning Live Series 12: Episode 4 of 20

Sean Fletcher and Kate Bottley explore the ethical and religious issues of the day. Alongside lively chat and special guests, the show features inspiring stories from around the UK.

BBC 1 at 1.15pm Songs of Praise Chatsworth

Brenda Edwards visits one of England's finest stately homes, Chatsworth House in Derbyshire. She discovers how some of Chatsworth's treasures shed light on our royal and religious history, and she finds out what life is like behind the scenes of this centuries-old family home. Sean Fletcher joins walkers to mark the 70th anniversary of the Peak District National Park. He discovers the historic events that led to our national parks being established and meets people who find inspiration for their faith in the varied landscapes of the High Peak. Sean also meets travel expert Simon Calder in the Derbyshire market town of Melbourne to hear the remarkable story of Thomas Cook, who was born there in 1808. Cook's fervent Baptist faith was the inspiration behind his first offering excursions to the public, which eventually led to him becoming the father of modern travel and tourism.

Back at Chatsworth, Brenda speaks to renowned soprano Lesley Garrett, who reflects on her career and her journey of faith before she gives an exclusive performance of a favourite inspirational song. Other special performances in the house and gardens come from the Overtones and Brenda herself, and there are hymns from the Cathedral of the Peak in Tideswell.

OXFORD DIOCESE LIVE STREAMING:

With onsite worship now taking place in many parishes and hundreds of churches offering their own online services, the Diocesan Church at Home Services have been discontinued.

CHURCH OF ENGLAND ONLINE:

Worship at Home, Online Service on 4th July at 9am

Thinking about homelessness and rough sleeping

For the Fifth Sunday after Trinity, the weekly online church service explores homelessness and rough sleeping. Led in worship by Rev Dr 'Bunmi Fagbemi from Holy Trinity Tottenham, we also hear from the Rt Rev Rob Wickham, Bishop of Edmonton and Chair of Housing Justice.

Click on the following link:-

<https://www.churchofengland.org/prayer-and-worship/join-us-church-online/weekly-online-services/thinking-about-homelessness-and>

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

https://www.churchofengland.org/sites/default/files/2021-07/trinity_5_4th_july_oos_vf.pdf

PLUS,

THE FORTNIGHTLY PODCASTS FROM BISHOP STEVEN CONTINUE:

Come and Eat – A series of fortnightly podcasts from Bishop Steven

Come and Eat is a podcast series on Holy Communion, the profound, wonderful meal at the heart of our faith. Bishop Steven explores how we can hear afresh, and then pass on, an invitation from our risen Lord to come and eat, to gather again around the table of the Lord, to reset our common life and especially our sacramental life? Bishop Steven offers us a way of framing and thinking about our calling through the coming months, as we begin to regather as a church and restore something like our normal common life.

To find out more about “come and Eat” and to listen to the 15-minute podcasts, follow the link:- <https://www.oxford.anglican.org/our-faith/come-and-eat/>