

A few words on the readings.

Genesis 9:8-17. This passage follows on the story of the Ark and the flood. God makes a promise that he will never again punish the earth for the sins of the people. He also gives a sign, that of the rainbow, an eternal symbol of the covenant that he makes with his people and the whole of his creation.

Peter 3:18-end. 1 Peter stresses that Christ died for our sins. He refers to the story of Noah and makes the connection between the way God saved Noah and his family from the flood and how he has saved and continues to save those who believe in him. Baptism is a sign of his saving work.

Mark 1:9-15. Mark's account of the beginning of Jesus' ministry is fast moving and sums up here three key events which mark it. The first is his **baptism by John** in the Jordan at which the Holy Spirit descends upon him. The second is his **time in the desert** where the Holy Spirit sends him and where he passes 40 days strengthening himself against his adversary, the devil. Following straight on **he begins to preach** about the Kingdom. His message is urgent and it is just as urgent for us now. 'The kingdom of God has come near; **repent and believe in the good news.**'

Opportunities for Worship and other Resources LENT 1 21 Feb 2021

Radio & TV : *Sunday Worship* on Radio 4 at 8-10 am

Songs of Praise BBC 1 at 13.15pm Faith and Hospitality with Katherine Jenkins

Choral Evensong BBC Radio 3 Sun.3pm & Wed 3-30pm

The Daily Service (15 m) Weekdays at 9h45 on BBC Radio 4 long wave.

NEW Sunday 11.00 am (30 mins) BBC 1 *Lent Worship* The Rev. K Bottley introduces the first in a series of services for Lent

Daily Hope is a free phonenumber of hymns, reflections and prayers **0800 804 8044**.

NEW A 'sleep well ' option has recently been added.

Rotherham Minster - The Minster will remain open for private prayer and social supermarket activities ONLY. Private Prayer will take place on a Tuesday and Saturday, 11-1 every week. Social Supermarket will continue on Wednesdays and Thursdays. See website www.rotherhamminster.co.uk for link for **Sunday Worship** 10-30am via YouTube. This **Sunday at 4-30pm Taizé Prayer Service on Minster YouTube Channel** (Taizé prayer is a service using music and liturgy from the Taizé community in France, which encourages us to pray meditatively and to sit quietly in God's presence.) The order of service is on the website.

On **Diocese of Sheffield Facebook** page Morning Prayer at 8am on Thursdays.

SHEFFIELD CATHEDRAL are streaming the Eucharist celebrated in the nave Mondays to Saturdays at 10 am and on **Sundays at 10-30am**. Night Prayer on Tuesdays and Thursdays led by Cathedral Clergy at 9pm via Facebook.