

Worship resources worth exploring ...

Katie Hill of Longniddry Parish Church has kindly compiled a list of resources which will help keep you in touch with worship, faith and spirituality in the comfort of your own home. Whether you choose to listen to radio, watch TV, read the printed word, receive e-mails, surf the net or use an app, the range of materials available is amazing.

Sunday sermons and prayers (with hymn choices too!) from Robin Hill, Gladsmuir and Longniddry

In text form, printed and made available free and on request to district elders.

In text form, online at both: www.weethought.com
www.longniddrychurch.org.uk

Also, there will be a weekly congregational coronavirus update from Abigail.

Remember that at www.weethought.com a new “wee thought” from the manse of Gladsmuir and Longniddry appears each Wednesday at 12.01am. There are currently more than 100 to view!

BBC Radio (Available to catch-up anytime on BBC Sounds, app and online)

Acts of Worship:

- BBC Radio 4 **Sunday Worship**. Sunday at 8:10am. Duration: 38 mins.;
- BBC Radio Scotland **New Every Sunday**. Sunday at 6:30am. Duration: 29 mins.;
- BBC Radio 3 **Choral Evensong**. Wednesday at 3:30pm. Duration: 1 hour.

Programmes/Segments:

- BBC Radio 4 (long wave) **Daily Service**. Monday – Friday, at 9.45am; BBC Sounds (online) and BBC DAB side channel. Duration: 14 mins.;
- BBC radio 4 **Lent Talks**. Sunday at 5:45am. Duration: 14 mins.;
- BBC Radio 4 **Prayer for the Day**. Monday – Saturday, 5:43am. Duration: 2 mins.;
- BBC Radio 4 **Thought for the Day**. Monday – Friday at around 7:45am as part of the *Today* programme. Duration: around 2 – 3 mins.;
- BBC Radio 4 **Bells on Sunday**. Sunday at 5:43am (repeated at 12:45am, Monday morning). Duration: 2 mins.;
- BBC Radio 4 **Something Understood** (ethical and religious discussion examining some of the larger questions of life, taking a spiritual theme and

exploring it through music, prose and poetry). Sunday at 6:05am (repeated at 11:30pm). Duration: 30 mins.;

- BBC Radio 2 ***Pause for Thought***. Monday – Friday at around 9:12am as part of the *Zoe Ball Breakfast Show*. Duration: 2-4 mins.

BBC Television (Available to catch up anytime on BBC iPlayer)

- BBC One ***Songs of Praise***. Sunday at 1:15pm. Duration: 35 mins.

Church of Scotland Services (online)

A number of congregations make their services available online in audio or video format. Many of these are live-streamed on a Sunday mornings. With all Church of Scotland services being cancelled until further notice, the live-streamed options will not be available in their normal form, but some churches have an archive of past services available. Links to the various church websites can be found through this page on the Church of Scotland website:

<https://www.churchofscotland.org.uk/worship/services-online>

Listening to Hymns (online)

The Church of Scotland recently undertook a project to record, in part, each of the hymns in the purple CH4 hymnbook. With recordings of church choirs, bands and soloists from around Scotland, they have compiled a database of audio files available to listen to free of charge on the Church of Scotland website. (A few of the recordings are from our very own Longniddry Church band!) If you feel you would like a reminder of how a hymn goes, this is the webpage to visit:

<https://music.churchofscotland.org.uk>

United Church of Christ *Daily Devotionals* (e-mail and online)

The United Church of Christ (UCC), a denomination in the USA, offer a free daily devotional e-mail. If you subscribe (through the link below) you will receive a short reflection with accompanying Bible passage and prayer to your e-mail inbox each morning. They have a wide range of writers, most of whom are ministers in the United Church of Christ.

You can subscribe to their e-mails through the link below. Alternatively you can read the reflections online without subscribing, through this same link:

https://www.ucc.org/daily_devotional?utm_campaign=dd_mar17_20&utm_medium=email&utm_source=unitedchurchofchrist

United Church of Christ *Weekly Seeds* (e-mail and online)

The UCC's *Weekly Seeds* works in the same way as the *Daily Devotionals* (above). *Weekly Seeds* is weekly rather than daily and contains a longer reflection, prayer, Bible readings, questions to consider, and supplementary reflections from ancient or contemporary sources.

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https://www.ucc.org/weekly_seeds

Church of Scotland Daily Prayer (Facebook)

Each day the Church of Scotland posts a short prayer for the day on their Facebook page. Search "church of Scotland" on facebook or visit the page directly at:

<https://www.facebook.com/churchofscotland/>

Apps for mobile phones and tablets:

The Church of England

The Church of England offer a variety of apps. Not all are relevant to everyone as some are specifically designed to aid worship leaders in preparing worship. However, there are several which could be of interest. Suggestions are listed below. **N.B. Some of these may cost money to get. Please check carefully before downloading.**

- Time to Pray;
- Daily Prayer;
- Live Lent: Care for God's Creation;
- Reflections for Daily Prayer.

A list of The Church of England's apps can be found on this page on the Church House Publishing website:

<https://www.chpublishing.co.uk/apps>

Alternatively, search "The Church of England" in the App Store or in Google Play Store on your phone/tablet. **N.B. These two "stores" will offer you suggestions that they categorize as similar to your search, as well as adverts. Therefore, all the apps that appear from your search will not necessarily be from the Church of England.** Look under the title of the app to see the name of the organization/company that has produced it. The Church of England apps will helpfully say "The Church of England"!

Book of Common Prayer, School for Conversation, Inc.

This app offers morning, midday and evening prayers for every day of the year. It draws from different traditions and is designed for the whole Church across denominations.

Search “Common Prayer” in the App Store or in Google Play Store on your smartphone or tablet/iPad. The icon for the app is a beige background with an ornate black cross.

The Bible in One Year

This is available as an app, a book and on kindle, as well as being found at www.bibleinoneyear.org. Users can start at any point in the year, reading through not only every book of the Bible across 365 days, but also a range of commentary materials. You can even listen to David Suchet reading each day’s texts.

And finally ...

Exploring *BBC Sounds*

If you use a computer, smartphone or tablet/iPad, you have access to a wealth of words and music through *BBC Sounds*. On any of these devices *BBC Sounds* can be accessed by visiting <https://www.bbc.co.uk/sounds> or by clicking on “Sounds” in the menu at the top of any BBC website page.

There is also the option of downloading the app, free of charge, on to smartphones and tablets/iPads.

BBC Sounds enables you to listen to any programme as it is being broadcast on the radio but also lets you catch-up on programmes that have been broadcast in the past. Essentially, it is iPlayer for radio.

Additionally, *BBC Sounds* offers audiobooks, podcasts and music compilations – all available to listen to free of charge! A podcast is an audio programme usually in the form of a series of episodes. Some of the podcasts on *BBC Sounds* are simply a slightly edited version of a radio programme or a regular segment extracted from a larger radio programme.

There are thousands of hours of listening available at your fingertips through *BBC Sounds* so it’s worth exploring and seeing what interests you. Here are a few examples:

- BBC Radio 4 *Desert Island Discs*: a celebrity or person of note is interviewed about their life through exploring the pieces of music that are most important to them;
- BBC Radio 3 *Private Passions*: similar format to *Desert Island Discs*, with a particular focus on classical pieces of music;
- BBC Radio 2 *What Makes us Human with Jeremy Vine*: leading thinkers and writers prepare their thoughts on the question “what makes us human?” and deliver their reflections as a segment on the Jeremy Vine Show. On *BBC Sounds* this segment is available in its own podcast, separate from the show as a whole;
- BBC Radio 4 *Word of Mouth*: writer Michael Rosen explores words and the ways we use them;
- BBC Radio 4 *A Point of View*: a weekly reflection on a topical issue;
- *Mindful Mix*: a periodically updated selection of calming classical music;
- Audiobooks: a large selection of audiobooks, from Jane Austen to David Attenborough.