



Wychwood Benefice

Church News 14 - 21 April 2019

Our Vision: To build God's Kingdom here on earth as in heaven

CLOSURE OF SHIPTON CHURCH

We are aiming to have the church back in use by mid-May, please check the notice sheet or website for details of services over coming weeks.

SUNDAY 14 APRIL 2019 - PALM SUNDAY

- 10.00am** Milton United Benefice Holy Communion
Followed by coffee and Lent Lunch in Milton Village Hall
- 6.00pm** Fifield BCP Choral Evensong

PRAYERS AND READINGS

Collect

True and humble king, hailed by the crowd as Messiah: grant us the faith to know you and love you, that we may be found beside you on the way of the cross, which is the path of glory. **Amen**

Post Communion

Lord Jesus Christ, you humbled yourself in taking the form of a servant, and in obedience died on the cross for our salvation: give us the mind to follow you and to proclaim you as Lord and King, to the glory of God the Father. **Amen**

Readings 14 April Palm Sunday

Liturgy of the Palms: Gospel Luke 19:28-40 Having sent the disciples ahead to untie and bring a colt to him, Jesus rides it into Jerusalem, to be greeted by a rapturous crowd.

Liturgy of the Passion: First Reading Isaiah 50:4-9a With the Lord on our side we have nothing to fear.

Second Reading Philippians 2:5-11 Christians are to put aside personal ambition and follow Christ's example of humble servanthood, allowing God to work in them, as Christ was raised to glory.

Gospel Luke 22:14 – end of 23, or Luke 23:1-49 The passion story takes us through the Last Supper, Peter's cowardly act of denial, the betrayal by Judas Iscariot, Jesus brought before Pilate, his journey through Jerusalem to his place of execution, and his death upon the cross. Through it all, until the final bleak hours of his mission on earth, Jesus displays compassion and grace, courage and obedience.

Prayer List: Hostage John Cantlie, David Trollope, Shauni McGregor, Mark Forsbrey, Karin Wiseman, Emma Bradford, Margaret Gibbs and James Newman.

RIP: Rob Newman.

Baptisms: Rory and Quinn Benfield who were baptized in Milton church on 7 April. Jack Marsh and Jack Duester who will be baptized on 28 April in Milton church.

Weddings and Banns: We pray for all the couples getting married in the benefice this summer: Elizabeth Pratt and Charlie Roome; Laura Taylor and Joshua Chapman; Louise Ford and Michael Morgan; Fiona Matthews and Robert Crossland, Tim Yates and Jilly Newman; Nick Willson and Victoria Shreeves; Carmen Hillier and Ashley Swain; Gemma Potter and Matthew Berry.

Deanery: 14 April St Peter's, Wilcote. Please pray for Paul Mansell and Sarah Jones.

Open Doors: 14 April Philippines "In this worst of all times we have someone we can hold on to no matter what", said a Team member in the region of Mindanao. "So we say with confidence, 'The Lord is my helper, I will not be afraid'".

April 21 Indonesia Ahok a former governor of Jakarta has thanked Christians around the world for praying for him. He was accused of blasphemy and imprisoned. He says, "Your love to me is better than gold and silver".

MAUNDY THURSDAY 18 APRIL 2019

7.30pm Milton Maundy Thursday Holy Communion

GOOD FRIDAY 19 APRIL 2019

9.30am Milton Good Friday service
followed by hot cross buns & walk

2.00pm Idbury's Hour at The Cross with Choir

SUNDAY 21 APRIL 2019 - EASTER DAY

9.30am Milton Easter Family Communion

11.00am Shipton Easter Family Communion in **New
Beaconsfield Hall**

11.00am Fifield BCP Easter Communion

PRAYERS AND READINGS

Collect God of glory, by the raising of your Son you have broken the chains of death and hell: fill your Church with faith and hope; for a new day has dawned and the way to life stands open in our Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen**

Post Communion God of Life, who for our redemption gave your only-begotten Son to the death of the cross, and by his glorious resurrection have delivered us from the power of our enemy: grant us so to die daily to sin, that we may evermore live with him in the joy of his risen life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Today's Readings

First Reading Acts 10:34-43 (The reading from Acts must be used as either the first or second reading.) Peter testifies that Jesus' resurrection is not just for the Jewish people. Forgiveness and healing is on offer to all who believe.

Or Isaiah 65:17-end The prophet sees a time when sin and death will be no more. Conflict will be a thing of the past, and we will care for the world around us.

Second Reading I Corinthians 15:19-26 The hope of the risen Christ is not only for this life. All of Christ's enemies, even death, will be defeated, and all those who have died will be made alive.

Or Acts 10:34-43

Gospel John 20:1-18 Mary Magdalene encounters Jesus in the garden. The risen Lord reveals himself to us in our despair.

Or Luke 24:1-12 We do not serve a dead saviour. Jesus is alive, and will be found among the living.

Notices

Sat. 13 April Easter Egg trail and Mini Messy Church at Milton Church

A morning of activities. Come and join us any time from 10am till 12pm with crafts, refreshments and an Easter egg trail round the churchyard. We look forward to seeing you.

Passover Supper: Wednesday 17 April 7pm, Fifield Parish Hall

On the Wednesday of Holy Week, we would like to invite you to Fifield Parish Hall for our Passover Supper. We welcome people of all ages to this event which is great for families, very interactive, and there are Easter Eggs to find and readings to be read by children and young people. As the evening unfolds we learn about the Jewish tradition of the "Passover meal" and reenact it from Jesus' perspective at his Last Supper, with his disciples. Please R.S.V.P. to Anne Hartley 830160.

Good Friday: 19 April

On **Good Friday** we will have our **family service** in Milton church at 9.30, followed by hot cross buns. After the service there is the opportunity to join in a leisurely walk across the countryside to **Fifield** for a **picnic** at 12noon. Of course, you could just drive up and bring your picnic. 12.45pm we leave for Idbury Church. 2pm is Idbury's Hour at the Cross.

Confirmation Candidates There will be a Deanery Confirmation on 9th June at 3pm in Great Tew church. If you are thinking about getting confirmed please get in touch with Geoffrey.

Sunday 28th April "A People's Service" in Milton 9.30am

A "People's Service", something slightly different, a communion service at which you will have an opportunity to be involved in the creation of the content of the service. There will be special drinks and cakes at the end of the service in memory of Alison Chaple whose anniversary of death falls on that weekend.

Readings 28 April Easter 2

Exodus 14:10-end; 15:20-21 Or Acts 5:27-32

Revelation 1:4-8

Gospel John 20:19-end

Benefice Office Hours over Easter:

The office will be open as follows:

Mon. 15 April 9am-4pm,

Tues. 16 April 11.30-3.30

Then closed until Tuesday 23 April 9am

Geoffrey will be on holiday from Monday 22-Sat 27 April inclusive.

If you need to speak to a priest during this time, please contact Anne on 830160.

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