



Wychwood Benefice

Church News 12 April, 2020

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



Sunrise over the Sea of Galilee, 19 May 2019, taken by Rachel Cable

SUNDAY 12 APRIL 2020 - EASTER DAY

Please join together at home with The Lighting of the Easter Candle

May the light of Christ, rising in glory,
banish all darkness from our hearts and minds.

When the candle is lit
The light of Christ.
Thanks be to God

We greet each other

Alleluia. Christ is risen.
He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

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**

Readings: (Year A)

Easter Day

Sunday 12 April 2020 **First Reading Acts 10:34-43**

Peter challenges the prevailing society by witnessing to the truths of Christ's life, death and resurrection.

Gospel Matthew 28:1-10

Faithful women witness to the resurrection with sight, touch and sound, before being commissioned by Christ as his first evangelists.

Prayer List: Hostage John Cantlie, Mark Forsbrey, Emma Bradford, Wendy Cherry, and Marian Clark.

R.I.P.: Auriol King and Evelyn Williams.

Online Services and other Resources

Wychwood Benefice:

- Stations of the Cross have been (and will continue to be) posted on the Wychwood Benefice Facebook page and website facebook.com/WychwoodBenefice/
- We also hope to put another short service online for Easter Day.
- We will also post links to resources on our own website including orders of service for the Sunday services WychwoodBenefice.org.uk

Oxford Diocese:

Please visit the website <https://www.oxford.anglican.org/> to keep up to date with everything that is up and coming but this week it includes the following:

- Good Friday: A series of six short addresses from Bishop Steven with hymns and prayers. <https://www.oxford.anglican.org/coronavirus-covid-19/livestream/come-and-see/>
- Easter Eve 11 April: 8pm A Vigil for Our Times - see <https://www.rumoursofhope.co.uk/>
- Easter Day: 10 am Diocesan Eucharist. Bishop Steven presiding.

Church of England

- 9am Easter Sunday Service with the Archbishop of Canterbury <https://www.churchofengland.org/more/media-centre/church-online>
- For Personal prayers: www.churchofengland.org/more/media-centre/coronavirus-covid-19-liturgy-and-prayer-resources
- For daily prayer and readings: www.churchofengland.org/prayer-and-worship/join-us-service-daily-prayer
- For the latest Church of England guidelines and other resources please visit: www.churchofengland.org/

Church Times

- Church Times are currently producing a free downloadable supplement “Lift Up Your Hearts” on their website – updated each Friday. You can access it here: <https://www.churchtimes.co.uk/>

Notices

If you have any concerns please get in touch with Geoffrey or Anne.

After Easter

Geoffrey will be on leave from 13-19 April. If you need to speak to a priest during this time please contact Anne.

Clare will also be working reduced hours 13-19 April and will reply to any messages the week starting 20 April.

Postponement of Shipton APCM

The APCM for St Mary's S-u-W that was due to be held on Sunday, 26th April 2020 has to be postponed. The Church of England has extended the date by which APCMs need to be held to the end of October in light of current circumstances. We will review developments in order to set an appropriate date later in the year.

Donations to the Foodbank

We are encouraging people to continue to support the foodbank at this time but it is easier to do this by donating money for the time being. You can either donate via the North Oxfordshire Community Foodbank website

<http://www.northoxfordshirecommunityfoodbank.org.uk/donations/4542603964>

Or send a cheque made out to The North Oxfordshire Food Bank and posted to The North Oxfordshire Food Bank, c/o Kidlington Baptist Church, High St, Kidlington, OX5 2DS.

Please feel free to give whatever amount you choose, but you might care to know:

Items needed to make up one large parcel cost £40

Items needed to make up one small parcel cost £20

Readings: Second Sunday of Easter Sunday 19 April 2020

First Reading Acts 2:14a. 22-32 Peter addresses the crowds, explaining that death could not hold Jesus in its power. He quotes the words of David, which, though written long before, concern Jesus.

Gospel John 20:19-end Jesus appears to the disciples, who are hiding in a locked room. He gives them his peace and they receive the Holy Spirit as he breathes on them. A week later Jesus stands among them again. Thomas, who was not present the first time, asks for proof. Jesus tells him that those who believe without seeing are blessed.

Contact Details

The Benefice Office is currently closed, Clare is working from home and will be checking emails and phone messages Mon – Fri.

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