



Wychwood Benefice

Church News 19 April, 2020

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

SUNDAY 19 APRIL 2020 – EASTER 2

PRAYERS AND READINGS

Collect Risen Christ, for whom no door is locked, no entrance barred: open the doors of our hearts, that we may seek the good of others and walk the joyful road of sacrifice and peace, to the praise of God the Father. **Amen**

Post Communion Lord God our Father, through our Saviour Jesus Christ you have assured your children of eternal life and in baptism have made us one with him: deliver us from the death of sin and raise us to new life in your love, in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, by the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ. **Amen**

Readings: (Year A) 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.

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:

- We continue to post services online each Sunday on [facebook.com/WychwoodBenefice/](https://www.facebook.com/WychwoodBenefice/)
- Additional resources plus the online services will also be posted on the website: [WychwoodBenefice.org.uk](https://www.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 including details of services that you can watch live, online.

Church of England

- 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.

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: Third Sunday of Easter Sunday 26 April 2020

First Reading Acts 2:14a. 36-41

Instead of ignoring Peter's words about Jesus, or simply feeling guilty in silence, the listeners ask what they should do to gain forgiveness and become disciples. Peter's response is that they should repent and be baptised in the name of Jesus.

Gospel Luke 24:13-35

The two disciples did not recognise Jesus until he had urged them first to speak about their grief, then to listen to him, and finally to break bread together.

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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