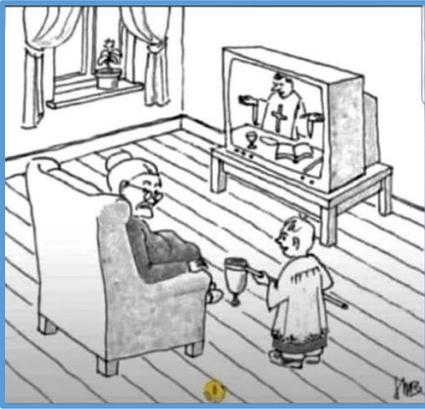




Wychwood Benefice

Church News 26 April, 2020

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



**SUNDAY 26 APRIL 2020 –
EASTER 3**

PRAYERS AND READINGS

Collect Risen Christ, you filled your disciples with boldness and fresh hope: strengthen us to proclaim your risen life and fill us with your peace, to the glory of God the Father. **Amen**

Post Communion Living God, your Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread: open the eyes of our faith, that we may see him in all his redeeming work; who is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **Amen**

Readings: (Year A) Today's Readings

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.

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

R.I.P.: Irene Carpenter.

Online Services and other Resources

Feedback:

It would be great to have your feedback on the materials that we are providing at this time, including the online services and sermons. Are they helpful and do you have other ideas of what would be good? Do you need help with the technology to be able to access them? If you have found any other resources that you think it would be helpful to share please let us know.

Wychwood Benefice:

- We continue to post services online each Sunday on [facebook.com/WychwoodBenefice/](https://www.facebook.com/WychwoodBenefice/) (You don't have to have a facebook account to access the videos).
- Additional resources 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.

- You can download an app for the Bishop of Oxford's Reflections (updated for 2020) Easter Pilgrim <https://www.chpublishing.co.uk/apps/easter-pilgrim>

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

First Zoom (online) Church Coffee Morning

We are holding our first Benefice Church Coffee Morning on **Tuesday 28 April 10.30-11.10** on Zoom. Login details have been sent by email and can be obtained from Clare (email office@wychwoodbenefice.org.uk)

You do not need to have a Zoom account but you do need to have downloaded Zoom onto whichever device you wish to use to join the meeting on. Let Clare know if you need any help. Do join us to connect with others from the Benefice, say hello and let us know how you are doing.

Giving whilst the church buildings are closed

It is now 6 weeks since we were able to come together in church, our last service was on the 15th March. One of the many consequences of this is the disruption to our cash flow. I have attached a letter which goes into a bit more detail about this particular issue. Please read it and give it some thought. Thank you, Geoffrey.

Help with research into Covid 19

Doctors at the Wychwood Surgery are encouraging people to sign up to an app to help research into Covid 19. The app can be downloaded from

<https://covid.joinzoe.com>

It takes about five minutes to register, but after that it is just a matter of reporting each day which takes less than a minute.

Another Virtual Pilgrimage

If you'd like to take part in a virtual pilgrimage from Chadlington to Spelsbury you can download the details on our website here:

<https://wychwoodbenefice.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/Virtual-Pilgrimage-Chadlington-to-Spelsbury-1.pdf>

We have been asked to provide feedback on the first virtual pilgrimage we posted for Good Friday - a 'virtual' pilgrimage from St Mary's, Chipping Norton to the site of Cold Norton Priory. If you did this, please let us know what you thought. If you haven't but would like to you can still find details on our website:

<https://wychwoodbenefice.org.uk/good-friday-reflections-from-the-walk-and-virtual-pilgrimage/>

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: Fourth Sunday of Easter, Sunday 3 May 2020

First Reading Acts 2:42-end

Having heard Peter's stirring exhortation on the day of Pentecost, crowds of people are baptised. The believers live generously, praising God and caring for those in need.

Gospel John 10:1-10

Jesus contrasts those who have good intentions for those in their care and those who do not. As the shepherd and the gate, he offers protection to all within his flock.

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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