



# Wychwood Benefice

Church News 5 April, 2020

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

***All Church Buildings  
are closed  
as we all follow government  
instructions to  
STAY AT HOME***



**SUNDAY 5 APRIL -  
PALM SUNDAY**

## **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: (Year A)

### 5 April:

*Liturgy of the Palms* **Gospel Matthew 21:1-11**

Having commanded two of his disciples to untie a donkey and bring it to him, Jesus rides into Jerusalem as the crowds praise and glorify him.

*Liturgy of the Passion* **First Reading Isaiah 50:4-9a**

God blesses us with the gifts we need, such as fortitude and resolve. However hard things may get, if we stay true to God, God will help us.

**Second Reading Philippians 2:5-11**

Paul exhorts his readers to imitate Christ, who in humility took the form of a slave, being born in human likeness and obedient to God's will. Therefore Christ is exalted above all others.

**Gospel Matthew 26:14 – end of 27**

The account of the passion of Christ.

**Deanery:** St John the Baptist, Fifield. Please pray for Geoffrey Clement, Anne Hartley, Pat Yaxley and Mary Champness.

**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:

- In the lead up to Easter, Geoffrey is posting Stations of the Cross on the Wychwood Benefice Facebook page and website. Follow (and like) our **Facebook page:** [facebook.com/WychwoodBenefice/](https://www.facebook.com/WychwoodBenefice/)
- We also hope to put another short service online for Palm Sunday.
- We will also post links to resources on our own website including orders of service for the Sunday services [WychwoodBenefice.org.uk](https://www.wychwoodbenefice.org.uk)

### Oxford Diocese:

- **Make your own Palm Cross.** The Diocese have collated a host of suggestions for making your own. There are ideas for people of all ages <https://www.oxford.anglican.org/coronavirus-covid-19/livestream/palm-sunday/>

- The next diocesan live-stream service will take place at 10am on Sunday 5 April:  
[www.oxford.anglican.org](http://www.oxford.anglican.org)

## **Church of England**

- For Personal prayers:  
[www.churchofengland.org/more/media-centre/coronavirus-covid-19-liturgy-and-prayer-resources](http://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](http://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/](http://www.churchofengland.org/)

## **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

## Holy Week Readings

### Maundy Thursday

Thursday 9 April 2020

#### **First Reading Exodus 12:1-4 [5-10] 11-14**

The Passover is instituted. Each family is to eat a lamb, in haste, putting its blood on the doorposts. This is a sign that the Lord should pass over the Israelite houses when he strikes Egypt.

#### **Second Reading I Corinthians 11:23-26**

Paul describes the institution of the Lord's Supper. He explains that we are proclaiming the Lord's death until he comes.

#### **Gospel John 13:1-17. 31b-35**

Jesus washes the disciples' feet. Peter objects because he thinks it is beneath him, but Jesus insists. He goes on to explain that soon he will not be with them and that they cannot go where he is going. He gives them a new commandment, that they should love one another as he has loved them.

### 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.

#### 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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