



WychwoodBenefice

Church News 10 May, 2020

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

SUNDAY 10 MAY 2020 – EASTER 5

PRAYERS AND READINGS

Collect Risen Christ, your wounds declare your love for the world and the wonder of your risen life: give us compassion and courage to risk ourselves for those we serve, to the glory of God the Father. **Amen**

Post Communion Eternal God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life: grant us to walk in his way, to rejoice in his truth, and to share his risen life; who is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **Amen**

Readings: (Year A) Fifth Sunday of Easter Sunday 10 May 2020

First Reading Acts 7:55-end Stephen faces death by stoning with a vision of God's glory, commending his spirit to Jesus and praying for forgiveness for those who kill him.

Gospel John 14:1-14 Jesus tells his disciples that he is the way, the truth and the life and can therefore enable them to join his union with his Father in the kingdom of heaven.

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

R.I.P.: Gordon Gillett.

Online Services and other Resources

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

- **Daily Hope telephone line.** The line – which is available 24 hours a day on **0800 804 8044** – has been set up particularly with those unable to join online church services during the period of restrictions in mind. A Free phone line of hymns, reflections and prayers.
- 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

Christian Aid Week 10-17 May 2020

With the help of volunteers, we usually do door to door collections during Christian Aid week. This year things are a little different. We will be sending out an e-envelope to all of you so that you can donate if you would like to. If you would like to send any e-envelopes yourselves the link is below:

“Poor communities are hit hardest by coronavirus. It’s affecting families living in overcrowded refugee camps, and many vulnerable people who have no water to clean their hands. With your support, we can limit the impact of the virus, with life-saving soap and water.”

Send an e-Envelope today and save lives.

<https://envelope.christianaid.org.uk/>

Rogation Sunday 17 May 2020

We need your help to make this year's service a celebration of the beautiful countryside we live in.

On Rogation Sunday we give thanks for everything that grows in the fields, that surrounds our villages; crops, animals and wildlife. We thank those who work on the land and those who work in food production, from the farms and fields to the supermarkets and local shops. We thank God for all creation and ask for his blessing on the crops, praying for a good harvest.

This year we will have a service online which can be accessed through our Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/WychwoodBenefice/> from early on Sunday morning.

We may not be able to visit a farm in person but we can share photographs and video clips that celebrate creation and all that grows in the countryside near us. If you have animals yourself or grow food in your garden, we would love to see how they are growing.

Please take your phone or camera with you on your daily walk and take a photo or video, with voice over (and include yourselves if you like) explaining what they mean to you, perhaps answering the question "this is important to me because.....".

Send them to office@wychwoodbenefice.org.uk or vicar@wychwoodbenefice.org.uk by the end of Wednesday 13 May and we will include as many as we can in the online service.

Tell your family and friends about this wonderful opportunity to show our appreciation of the countryside, and let's thank God, together.

Anne

Lockdown Volunteers needed

We would like to ask anyone who might like to record themselves saying one of readings for the next few Sundays to let us know so that we can include more people in our online services.

We'd also like to include families reading prayers and other readings so please get in touch with Geoffrey or Anne if you'd be willing to help.

Weekly Zoom (online) Church Coffee Morning, Tuesdays 10.30-11.10.

Login details are sent by email with the weekly Church News and can also 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

Thank you to all those who have kindly responded to the recent letter from Geoffrey by making payments into Shipton and Milton accounts. If you have done this and you are a taxpayer, please let us know so we can send you a gift aid form. Please email office@wychwoodbenefice.org.uk

If you have not yet had chance to donate and would like to, please see the letter here for details.

<https://wychwoodbenefice.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/Giving-April-2020.pdf>

Donations to the Foodbank

We are encouraging people to continue to support the foodbank 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>

Readings: Sixth Sunday of Easter Sunday 17 May 2020 – Rogation Sunday

First Reading Acts 17:22-31 Paul introduces the Athenians to their “unknown God”.

Second Reading I Peter 3:13-end To suffer justly, though hard, enables a clean conscience which, purified through baptism, leads to God.

Gospel John 14:15-21 Jesus prepares the disciples for his imminent departure from them and promises the comfort of the Holy Spirit.

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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