



Wychwood Benefice

Church News 21 June, 2020

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

**SUNDAY 21 JUNE 2020 – TRINITY 2, FATHER'S DAY
and FIFIELD PATRONAL FESTIVAL**

PRAYERS AND READINGS

Collect Faithful Creator, whose mercy never fails: deepen our faithfulness to you and to your living Word, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Post Communion Loving Father, we thank you for feeding us at the supper of your Son: sustain us with your Spirit, that we may serve you here on earth until our joy is complete in heaven, and we share in the eternal banquet with Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Readings: Birth of John the Baptist

Second Reading Acts 13:14b-26

Paul preaches in the synagogue in Antioch telling the people how God sent a saviour, Jesus and how John prepared for his coming by preaching repentance.

Gospel Luke 1:57-66,80

The nativity of John the Baptist

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

R.I.P.: Anna Laurie-Walker and Dougie Coombes.

From the family of Dougie Coombes:

Dougie moved to Milton-under-Wychwood in 1969, he lived at Heath Farm for 51 years. Farming was inevitable, in his blood and he worked the land at Swinbrook, Milton-under-Wychwood and surrounding areas; he knew the area like the back of his hand. The hum of his milking parlour could be heard by most of Green Lane as he milked his herd of cows.

Dougie was one 'true gentleman' who would help anybody with a cheerful attitude and a great sense of humour. He will be missed immensely by all his family and village folk. God bless him.

Dougie's funeral took place at Banbury Crematorium, earlier this week.

Prayers for Postponed wedding couples. A number of couples have had to postpone and reschedule their weddings. At the best of times weddings are very stressful, with the current uncertainty it is even worse. Please remember those who would have had their weddings around this time: Alex and Kelly, Abby and Chris, Chloe and Matthew.

Heavenly Father we pray for all those whose weddings have been postponed, be with them in this stressful time. Be with all couples, parents, friends and family who have been planning for their special day. Grant them peace, patience and hope that their dreams will be fulfilled, and their special day will not be long in coming. Amen

Online Services and other Resources

Wychwood Benefice:

- We post a weekly service online which is now filmed in one of our churches and is online on facebook and the website from 9am each Sunday.
 - <https://www.facebook.com/WychwoodBenefice/>
 - WychwoodBenefice.org.uk
- Additional resources will be posted online and sent out with the church news email. These may include orders of service and sermons.
- **Weekly Zoom (online) Church Coffee Morning, Tuesdays 10.30.** 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.

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

- **Daily Hope telephone line** available 24 hours a day on **0800 804 8044**. 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/

Notices

Opening up the churches after “Lockdown”.

The government has now decided that “Places of Worship” can open but only for private prayer.

For our churches to be open we need to make sure they are safe for people to enter.

Milton, Fifield and Idbury Churches are now open daily with signs on the doors explaining how to safely enter the churches for private prayer.

Shipton church is not yet open. With the added complications of the repair works, there are currently surveys and inspections taking place. We hope to be able to open the church shortly.

Funerals are now allowed to take place in church (with restricted numbers to ensure social distancing measures are respected).

We still cannot hold regular Sunday Services or Weddings or Baptisms.

PCC Meetings

Shipton Monday 22 June, 7pm by Zoom

Fifield with Idbury 25 June 10am

Milton Wednesday 1 July 10.30 by Zoom

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>

Virtual Pilgrimages

You can now find details on the virtual pilgrimages on the following website:

<https://www.stmaryscnorton.com/serving-you/virtual-pilgrimages.php>

You may also like to take a look at Revd Dr Sally Welch’s latest video of readings, reflections and music on the journey from St Mary’s Charlbury to All Saints’

Shorthampton <https://youtu.be/ofXKXm8Ikds>

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>

June 28th Trinity 3

Second Reading Romans 6:12-end

Paul urges his listeners not to succumb to sinful ways, since they are not under law but under grace. Former slaves to sin have become slaves of righteousness and God's free gift is eternal life in Christ.

Gospel Matthew 10:40-end

Jesus explains that anyone who welcomes one of his disciples receives Jesus himself and, by extension, his heavenly Father. Even the smallest gesture of kindness will be rewarded.

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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