



Wychwood Benefice

Church News 12 July, 2020

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

SUNDAY 12 JULY - TRINITY 5

11.00am Fifeild BCP Holy Communion Parish Service in church
Benefice Service Online on Facebook & website from 9am

Additional resources:

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.
- **What if you don't have internet?** You can still dial into the Diocesan Sunday service and listen in on your phone? Dial 01865 920930 and, once connected, dial 0 for the full version of the service, or dial 1 a short version of the service. Standard call rates apply and there will be a few seconds of silence before the service starts.

PRAYERS AND READINGS

Collect Almighty God, send down upon your Church the riches of your Spirit, and kindle in all who minister the gospel your countless gifts of grace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Post Communion Grant, O Lord, we beseech you, that the course of this world may be so peaceably ordered by your governance, that your Church may joyfully serve you in all godly quietness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

12 July - Trinity 5 Readings

Today's Readings First Reading Genesis 25:19-end The brotherly conflict between Isaac's twin sons, Esau and Jacob.

Second Reading Romans 8:1-11 God has spoken the words of freedom through the Spirit, who brings life so that we can live fully.

Gospel Matthew 13:1-9. 18-23 When we hear God's promise of the kingdom in our lives right now we become people of God's abundance for the world.

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

R.I.P.: Patricia Glynn, John Bellars and Martin Fussey.

Weddings: Abby Dudfield and Chris Humpherson are getting married on 11 July in Milton Church. Emily Chapman and Ashley Armitage will be getting married in Shipton church on 1 August. Banns will be read for Alex and Kelly Hardwick who will be getting married in Milton church on 1 August.

Notices

Opening up the churches after lockdown

Churches are open for private prayer

All our churches are now open daily with signs on the doors explaining how to safely enter the churches for private prayer.

Record of those entering our churches

If you are entering any of the churches, it would be helpful to sign in (ideally with your own pen). This will help us if anyone subsequently becomes unwell and it will also help those cleaning or carrying out other work, to have an idea of how many people have been in the church and when.

Sunday Services in Church

Our initial plan is to hold one Communion service per Sunday and move around the 4 places of worship in the benefice. Given that numbers attending each service may be restricted can we ask that you avoid visiting another church if possible. Of course, no one will be turned away but please try to be aware of what sort of seating capacity each church may have if “social distancing” is applied. As August is only a month away and some people will be away on holiday (myself included) this pattern of services will run until mid-September when it will be reviewed.

The weekly online service will continue throughout July but not in August when Geoffrey is on annual leave.

How church services will be different

See the accompanying document sent out with the church news (and on the website) for more details. The following is an outline:

- People will need to be greeted and shown to their seats
- Everyone will be asked to use hand sanitizer on entering church
- Holy Communion will be bread only - the celebrant will use hand sanitizer at the start of the service, at the offertory and immediately before the distribution of communion
- Currently singing is not permitted but this does not mean we cannot have music in our services
- We ask you please not to come if you are unwell

- Please wear a mask or covering, if you would prefer to.
- We are still able to take collections but there will be a box at the back of the church rather than passing round the plate.

Church Service Dates:

July

19th Shipton 11 am

26th Idbury 11 am

August

2nd Milton 9.30 am

9th Fifield 11 am

16th Shipton 11 am

23rd Idbury

30th Fifield

September

6th Milton 9.3. am

13th Fifield 11 am

Weddings and Funerals can also now take place in church (with restricted numbers to ensure social distancing measures are respected).

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

There will be a final coffee morning on Tuesday 14 July before a break for the summer. Login details are sent by email with the weekly Church News and can also be obtained from Clare (email office@wychwoodbenefice.org.uk)

Home Groups

Belonging to a home group is a really good way to get to know people and go deeper in our faith. We look at the Sunday Bible readings through study and discussion, sharing our own stories and pastoral concerns, sometimes over a meal or coffee.

During the Covid-19 pandemic, we have continued to meet, albeit virtually using Zoom.

We would love to welcome more people to our home groups. If you would like to find out more, get in touch.

We currently have 2 groups which meet as follows:

Mondays 10.30am - contact Liz Watts: 01993 831759

Wednesdays 7pm - contact Anne Hartley 01993 830160

Home Groups will take a break during August.

Diary Dates

Shipton PCC Monday 27 July 7pm,

Shipton APCM Sunday 20 September 4pm

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>

SUNDAY 19 JULY - TRINITY 5

11.00am Shipton Holy Communion Parish Service in church

Benefice Service Online on Facebook & website from 9am

Today's Readings

First Reading Genesis 28:10-19 Jacob's dream about a ladder reaching heaven. God promises to bless him and his offspring.

Second Reading Romans 8:12-25 We are the children of God and co-heirs with Christ. We suffer like Christ, so that we can also be glorified with him.

Gospel Matthew 13:24-30. 36-43 The parable of the weeds among the wheat.

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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