



# Wychwood Benefice

Church News 30 August - 6 September 2020

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

## **SUNDAY 30 AUGUST - TRINITY 12**

I lam Shipton United Benefice Holy Communion Service in church  
*We hope to record part of the service and post it on facebook.*

### **Additional resources:**

- The Diocesan *Church at Home* team are taking a break and will be back on 6 September. Until then to see what is available online/by phone each week visit: <https://www.oxford.anglican.org/coronavirus-covid-19-2/livestream/>

### **PRAYERS AND READINGS**

**Collect** God of constant mercy, who sent your Son to save us: remind us of your goodness, increase your grace within us, that our thankfulness may grow, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

**Post Communion** God of all mercy, in this eucharist you have set aside our sins and given us your healing: grant that we who are made whole in Christ may bring that healing to this broken world, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

**First Reading Exodus 3:1-15** The Lord appears to Moses from the burning bush, assuring him that the people will be delivered from the Egyptians.

**Second Reading Romans 12:9-end** Paul urges his readers to live a truly Christian lifestyle, blessing their persecutors, feeding their enemies and overcoming evil with good.

**Gospel Matthew 16:21-end** Jesus has tough words for his disciples concerning his own fate. When Peter objects, Jesus responds that his followers must follow in his steps and take up their cross.

**Prayer List:** Hostage John Cantlie, Marian Clark, Meriel Brooke, Alastair Dods, Richard Adams, Louis Collett and Christine de Warren-Chinn.

**Weddings:** Michèle Cole & Liam McIntyre on 2 September in Shipton church.

## Notices

**Holidays** Geoffrey will be on annual leave from Sunday 2 August until 5 September inclusive. Clare is next working on Tuesday 1 September.

If you need to contact a priest during this time, please contact Anne.

### **Have your say on the new pattern of services**

Please complete the **feedback form** which is on the website before the end of August or send us your comments.

**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.

We currently 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 unless it is a United Benefice Service where you are welcome to come but need to book.

### **How church services will be different**

- People will be greeted and shown to their seats
- Please wear a mask or covering
- 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
- We are now allowed some live music and singing in church again. For the time being there will be an organist and a small choir at services held in Shipton. Other churches will use recorded music/singing although there may be an organist at some of the services. Congregations are still at this time not permitted to sing as part of worship.
- We ask you please not to come if you are unwell
- We are able to take collections via a box at the back of the church

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

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| <b>Church Service Dates</b>   |   |
| <b>30 Aug. 11am Shipton United Benefice Holy Communion – booking required</b> | <b>20 Sep. 11am Shipton United Benefice Holy Communion - booking required</b> |
| <b>6 Sep. 9.30am Milton United Benefice Holy Communion – booking required</b> | 27 Sep. 11am Idbury Harvest Festival<br>12 Milton Harvest Festival and Picnic |
| 13 Sep. 11am Fifield BCP Holy Communion                                       |   |

### **United Benefice Services**

Everyone is welcome to come to our United Benefice services but it is necessary to pre book. Please RSVP to Anne or the office.

**Shipton Church Car Boot Sale – Monday 31 August 9-12** on the field at the New Beaconsfield Hall.

Do come and support this Shipton Church fundraiser if you are able to.

**Oxfordshire Historic Churches Trust Sponsored Ride and Stride is taking place this year on Saturday 12 September**

If you are able to take part and help raise funds for our churches, please visit the website:

<https://ohct.org.uk/ride-and-stride/>

**Meetings** *locations or zoom details will be sent out beforehand.*

Fifield with Idbury PCC Tuesday 15 Sept 6:30pm

JPCC Wednesday 16 September 7pm

Shipton APCM Sunday 20 September 4pm

Fifield with Idbury APCM Wednesday 14 October 6:30pm

### **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/>

## **SUNDAY 6 SEPTEMBER - TRINITY 13**

9.30am Milton United Benefice Holy Communion Service in church  
*We hope to record part of the service and post it on facebook.*

### **PRAYERS AND READINGS**

**Collect** Almighty God, you search us and know us: may we rely on you in strength and rest on you in weakness, now and in all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen**

**Post Communion** God our creator, you feed your children with the true manna, the living bread from heaven: let this holy food sustain us through our earthly pilgrimage until we come to that place where hunger and thirst are no more; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

### **September 6<sup>th</sup> Blessed Virgin Mary**

**First Reading Gal 4:4-7** Jesus came to redeem us so that we might be adopted as children of God.

**Gospel Luke 1:46-55** Mary rejoices at the news she has been chosen by God to bear his son Jesus.

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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