



Wychwood Benefice

Church News 9, 16 & 23 August, 2020

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

SUNDAY 9 AUGUST - TRINITY 9

I lam Fifield BCP Holy Communion Parish 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 Gracious Father, revive your Church in our day, and make her holy, strong and faithful, for your glory's sake in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Post Communion Holy Father, who gathered us here around the table of your Son to share this meal with the whole household of God: in that new world where you reveal the fullness of your peace, gather people of every race and language to share in the eternal banquet of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

First Reading Genesis 37:1-4. 12-28 The familiar story of Joseph's brothers selling him into slavery in Egypt reminds us how jealousy can destroy a relationship, but later God would bring good out of a seemingly impossible situation.

Second Reading Romans 10:5-15 Paul reminds us of our calling to help others believe in Jesus, for it is faith in him which has the power to save.

Gospel Matthew 14:22-33 When Peter took his eyes off Jesus, he momentarily lost faith in his own ability to do as Jesus commanded, but still knew Jesus could save him.

Prayer List: Hostage John Cantlie, Marian Clark, Meriel Brooke, Alastair Dods and Richard Adams.

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

R.I.P.: Phyllis Pilkington.

Notices

Holidays Geoffrey will be on annual leave from Sunday 2 August until 30 August inclusive. Clare is on annual leave from Monday 10 – Friday 21 August.

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.

New Guidance on face coverings

The government's latest update is that **face coverings in places of worship are mandatory from 8 August**. Details from the Church of England to follow.

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
- Currently group 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
- 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).

Church Service Dates	
30 Aug. 11am Shipton United Benefice Holy Communion – booking required	20 Sep. 11am Shipton United Benefice Holy Communion - booking required
6 Sep. 9.30am Milton United Benefice Holy Communion – booking required	27 Sep. 11am Idbury Harvest Festival 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.

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

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

Please spread the word. As well as sellers (£10 per pitch to be prepaid) we need helpers on the morning to help run this as a fundraising event.

Details from Anne.

Some good news!

To those who know the story of our young friend James Adams, you will be pleased to know that he has at last been granted his certificate of British citizenship.

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 16 AUGUST - TRINITY 10

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Shipton Holy Communion Parish Service in church

We hope to record part of the service and post it on facebook.

PRAYERS AND READINGS

Collect Lord of heaven and earth, as Jesus taught his disciples to be persistent in prayer, give us patience and courage never to lose hope, but always to bring our prayers before you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Post Communion God of our pilgrimage, you have willed that the gate of mercy should stand open for those who trust in you: look upon us with your favour that we who follow the path of your will may never wander from the way of life;

through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

First Reading Genesis 45:1-15 Joseph makes himself known to his brothers, who have visited him. He invites them to settle near to him, and promises to provide for them and their families.

Second Reading Romans 11:1-2a. 29-32 The people of Israel may now be resistant to the word of God, but remain the people of God because of the covenant with their ancestors.

Gospel Matthew 15:[10-20] 21-28 Jesus explains that the body is defiled, not by what goes into it, but by what comes from the heart, and meets a Canaanite woman who calls him “Lord”.

SUNDAY 23 AUGUST - TRINITY II

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PRAYERS AND READINGS

Collect God of glory, the end of our searching, help us to lay aside all that prevents us from seeking your kingdom, and to give all that we have to gain the pearl beyond all price, through our Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen**

Post Communion Lord of all mercy, we your faithful people have celebrated that one true sacrifice which takes away our sins and brings pardon and peace: by our communion keep us firm on the foundation of the gospel and preserve us from all sin; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

First Reading Exodus 1:8 – 2:10 A new chapter begins for God’s people, in the birth of a baby called Moses whose life is threatened from the start. Moses is drawn from the water by the courage of women and the grace of God – and the story continues.

Second Reading Romans 12:1-8 True worship is about allowing God’s mercy to renew our minds and transform our lives – then we will be able to know and do the right thing.

Gospel Matthew 16:13-20 The question of all questions – who is Jesus? We hear Peter’s answer, and we hear Jesus’ response to it – that the Church will be built upon the faith that he has declared.

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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