



# Wychwood Benefice

Church News 13-20 September 2020

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

## **SUNDAY 13 SEPTEMBER - TRINITY 14**

11am      Fifield BCP Holy Communion Service in church  
*We will post a recording of the service on Facebook each Sunday.  
It will be available on the website on Monday.*

### **Additional resources:**

Church at Home from the Diocese is online at 10am each Sunday. The order of service and links to view or listen to the service will be posted online on Saturday:  
<https://www.oxford.anglican.org/coronavirus-covid-19-2/livestream/>

## **PRAYERS AND READINGS**

**Collect** Merciful God, your Son came to save us and bore our sins on the cross: may we trust in your mercy and know your love, rejoicing in the righteousness that is ours through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

**Post Communion** Lord God, the source of truth and love, keep us faithful to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, united in prayer and the breaking of bread, and one in joy and simplicity of heart, in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

**First Reading Exodus 14:19-end** God's people miraculously escape the army of Pharaoh as Moses leads them across the sea to a new life of freedom.

**Second Reading Romans 14:1-12** Paul's advice on how Christians can show consideration for one another, rather than being quick to pass judgement.

**Gospel Matthew 18:21-35** In response to Peter's question about the possible limits to forgiveness, Jesus tells a story that shows how gratitude for limitless forgiveness must be expressed in forgiveness towards others.

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

## **Notices**

**The Benefice Office** is now open on Mondays 9-2.30 and Fridays 9-11.

## **Updated Rota of Services**

Thanks to all who sent in feedback on services for this next period of time.

We have now devised a rota for the remainder of September, October and November. There will be 2 clergy led services per Sunday plus Lay Led services.

There will usually be one 8.15 BCP Holy Communion in Shipton each month on the fourth Sunday. (There is an additional one in November because the other services on Remembrance Sunday are no Holy Communion services).

There will also be an online service each Sunday (one of the church services will be recorded and posted to Facebook shortly afterwards). And it will be on the website from the Monday morning.

The new Rota will be circulated next week and will be available on the website.

## **United Benefice Services**

Everyone is welcome to come to our United Benefice services which will usually be held on the first and third Sundays.

There will also be a Mid-Week Holy Communion each Wednesday at 10.30am in Milton Church.

## **Harvest in the Benefice**

### **Sunday 27 September:**

11.00 Idbury Harvest Festival in Church (*no lunch*)

12.00 Milton Harvest Festival in Church with

Messy Church for families. We hope to be in the church grounds for activities. B.Y.O. picnic lunch if you would like to.

### **Sunday 11 October:**

11.00 Fifield Harvest Festival

11.00 Shipton Harvest Festival

## **Harvest donations**

We are supporting the local foodbank this year as their need has doubled in recent months. You can drop off any items from the list below to the churches in the week leading up to the Harvest Festivals. There will boxes left out for your items.

Tins of Fruit, Custard or Pudding Rice. Pasta sauce all varieties

Tins of Meat (all types including tinned pies) Tins of tuna, Tins of Vegetables.

Rice (500g bags) - Pasta (500g bags). Breakfast Cereals of all kinds and sizes

Coffee, Tea & Small packets of Sugar. Long Life semi skimmed Milk & L.L. Fruit Juice

Biscuits, Jams & spreads, Tins of Soup Baked Beans & spaghetti.

We also welcome toilet rolls, washing up liquid, washing machine tablets etc.

You can continue to support the foodbank as usual via the website

<http://www.northoxfordshirecommunityfoodbank.org.uk/>

**Latest Guidelines on attending services:**

- There will be no change to the numbers we can have in church under the latest regulations on numbers allowed to meet socially
- People will be greeted and shown to their seats
- Please wear a mask or covering and use hand sanitizer on entering church
- Holy Communion will be bread only - the celebrant will use sanitizer at the start of the service, the offertory and before the distribution of communion.
- 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 not yet 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.
- Coffee can now be served. It is up to each church to make their own arrangements for this.

**The Churches are 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.

### **Breathing Space is back in Milton Church on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday at midday.**

The next one is on Tuesday 15 September.

**The Car Boot Sale** held in Shipton on bank holiday Monday raised well over £1000 for the Shipton roof and repairs fund. A huge thank you to all those who helped, sold or came along to support it on the day.

**Shipton Christmas Cards** are now available at services in Shipton or contact Mike and Joy on 01993 830014. These are £5 for 10.

**Thank you from Miles and Sheilah Peregrine** to all at Milton for the lovely card they received for their 60th anniversary.

**Good luck to all the Riders and Striders** taking part on Saturday.

Chris Seviour and Liz Watts will be riding around the churches if aid of Milton church. If anyone would like to sponsor them get in touch.

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

Fifield with Idbury PCC Tuesday 15 Sept 6:30pm

JPCC Wednesday 23 September 11am in Milton Church (please note date change).

Shipton APCM Sunday 20 September 4pm

Fifield with Idbury APCM Wednesday 14 October 6:30pm

**Retirement of Bishop Colin** Bishop Colin has faithfully and generously served the Diocese as Bishop of Dorchester for 20 years. Sadly, due to COVID-19, we will not all be able to be with Bishop Colin for his leaving service on 4 October, but please join with us online to give thanks for Bishop Colin's ministry and to say goodbye. If you would like to donate to a retirement gift, please see [payment details](#).

If you would like to send a message or card, send it to the office by the end of September and we will collate and send them on together.

## **SUNDAY 20 SEPTEMBER - TRINITY 15**

I am                      Shipton United Benefice Holy Communion Service in church  
*We will post a recording on Facebook shortly after the service.*

### **PRAYERS AND READINGS**

**Collect** Lord God, defend your Church from all false teaching and give to your people knowledge of your truth, that we may enjoy eternal life in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

**Post Communion** Keep, O Lord, your Church, with your perpetual mercy; and, because without you our human frailty cannot but fall, keep us ever by your help from all things hurtful, and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

### **September 20th Trinity 15**

**First Reading Exodus 16:2-15** The Israelites complain to Moses and Aaron. God hears their complaint and provides manna every morning and quails in the evening. Moses tells the Israelites they were not complaining against him, but against God.

**Second Reading Philippians 1:21-end** Paul urges the Philippians to live in a way that is worthy of the Gospel and to remain strong because God has granted them the privilege of suffering.

**Gospel Matthew 20:1-16** Jesus tells a parable about a generous vineyard owner. He hires workers at different times of the day, from early morning to just an hour before work ends, and pays them all the same wage. Those who have worked all day complain that it is not fair. The vineyard owner asks them if they are jealous because he is generous.

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