



Wychwood Benefice

Church News 27 September- 4 October 2020

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

SUNDAY 27 SEPTEMBER - TRINITY 16

9.30am Milton Harvest Festival in church

11.00am Idbury Harvest Festival in church

We will post a recording of one of the services on Facebook each Sunday. It will be available on the website on Monday.

Please note: This Sunday's Messy Church has been cancelled. Geoffrey and team will be continuing with the Takeaway Packs.

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 Lord of creation, whose glory is around and within us: open our eyes to your wonders, that we may serve you with reverence and know your peace at our lives' end, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Post Communion Almighty God, you have taught us through your Son that love is the fulfilling of the law: grant that we may love you with our whole heart and our neighbours as ourselves; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Harvest Readings for Milton

2 Corinthians 9. 6-15

Luke 14. 15-23

Harvest Readings for Idbury

Deuteronomy 8. 7-18

Luke 12. 16-30

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

Notices

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

Updated Rota of Services

From October, 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 is available on the website and from the office.

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 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 be 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.

The final figure for the amount raised at the Car Boot Sale is £1140.

Fifield Sale Saturday 26 September 10.30-12noon Fifield Churchyard

Homemade Cakes, scones, biscuits, jams, pickles, chutneys, preserves will be for sale in Fifield churchyard. Proceeds for parochial church council funds. Contributions welcome, please contact catherine hitchens 01993 831881 Please observe "social distancing".

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

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

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 4 OCTOBER - TRINITY 17

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 Gracious God, you call us to fullness of life: deliver us from unbelief and banish our anxieties with the liberating love of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Post Communion Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us, and make us continually to be given to all good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

October 4th Trinity 17

First Reading Exodus 20:1-4. 7-9. 12-20 God says to the people, "I am yours so behave in this way," but they are afraid.

Second Reading Philippians 3:4b-14 Paul has confidence, not because of his status but because he belongs to Christ.

Gospel Matthew 21:33-end The kingdom of God belongs to those who live according to the way of the kingdom of God and not through any other status.

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