



# Wychwood Benefice

Church News 11 and 18 October 2020

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

## **SUNDAY 11 OCTOBER - TRINITY 18**

9.30am Milton Holy Communion in church

11.00am Fifield Harvest Festival in church

11.00am Shipton 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.*

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** God, our judge and saviour, teach us to be open to your truth and to trust in your love, that we may live each day with confidence in the salvation which is given through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

**Post Communion** We praise and thank you, O Christ, for this sacred feast: for here we receive you, here the memory of your passion is renewed, here our minds are filled with grace, and here a pledge of future glory is given, when we shall feast at that table where you reign with all your saints for ever. **Amen**

**First Reading Exodus 32:1-14** As Moses pleads for mercy on the faithless Israelites' sacrifice to other gods, the Lord responds to Moses' faith in God's covenant promise to bless and multiply Abraham's descendants.

**Second Reading Philippians 4:1-9** Paul urges Christians to direct their hearts and minds to maintaining an active faith in Christ by every means – resolving quarrels, praying, expressing trust and focusing on all that is good.

**Gospel Matthew 22:1-14** Jesus presents God's response to Israel's refusal to honour the Son. He extends an invitation. All are now welcome at the kingdom celebrations.

**Harvest Readings 2 Corinthians 9. 6-15 and Luke 14.15-23.**

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

**R.I.P.:** Louis Collett.

**Deanery:** 11 October St Mary's, Chastleton: James Kennedy, David Salter, Ursula Simpson, Roger Simpson, Toby Artis, Judith Marshall and churchwardens Tessa Jackson and Alastair Jackson. 18 October St Nicholas, Chadlington: Mark Abrey, Ilona Cheyne and churchwardens Susan Myatt and Michael Wigley.

## Notices

### IMPORTANT INFORMATION ON SERVICES

In order to ensure that we can safely accommodate everyone at some of our busier church services, we will be asking people let us know in advance how many seats they would like. You can let Anne, Geoffrey or Clare in the office know **ideally by the Thursday before the service**. This will help those who need to go into the churches and make the seating plans to accommodate the desired number of groups/households.

We will need to do this for the following services in November:

**Sunday 1 November United Benefice All Souls Service in Shipton at 11am**  
**Sunday 8 November Remembrance Services in Milton (9.30am), Shipton (10.50am) and Fifield (10.50am).**

### NHS TRACK AND TRACE

Our churches are now displaying posters with QR codes. If you are able to, please download the free app onto your phone before you come to church. Details here:

<https://www.nhs.uk/apps-library/nhs-covid-19/>

Please scan the code each time you enter one of our churches. By 'checking-in', app users will have a digital diary on their phones of the venues they have been to which can support discussions with contact tracers if they become ill with coronavirus. It also means that important public health messages can be sent to relevant app users' phones if needed. Venues will not be named in any messages. If you are unable to do this please use the sign in sheets.

### Latest Guidelines on attending services:

- People will be greeted and shown to their seats
- Please wear a mask or covering and use hand sanitizer on entering church
- Sign in or use the App on your phone to register
- Pick up an order of service - this may be on your seat in the pew
- 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. Congregations are not yet permitted to sing
- We ask you please not to come if you are unwell

**The Churches are open daily** with signs on the doors explaining how to safely enter the churches for private prayer.

**For details of up and coming services up to Christmas, please visit the Calendar on the Benefice Website:**

**<https://wychwoodbenefice.org.uk/whats-on/benefice-calendar/>**

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 donations for the foodbank**

You can drop off nonperishable items to Shipton or Fifield church ahead of their Harvest Festivals or bring to the service. Details of the most needed items can be found here: <http://www.northoxfordshirecommunityfoodbank.org.uk/special-requests/4594408657>

### **All Saints' & All Souls' United Benefice Service Sunday 1 Nov., 11am Shipton Church**

We will once again be reading out the names of those who have died recently and remembering other departed loved ones we hold dear at this special service. During the service, there will also be an opportunity to light a candle in memory of your own loved ones. If you would like to add someone to the list of those to be remembered please email [office@wychwoodbenefice.org.uk](mailto:office@wychwoodbenefice.org.uk) or leave a message on the Benefice Centre phone by 26 October or write it on the sheets which will be in each of the churches until 25 October. PLEASE NOTE YOU WILL NEED TO LET US KNOW HOW MANY SEATS YOU WOULD LIKE IF YOU ARE COMING TO THIS SERVICE.

### **Christmas Shoebox Countdown**

We are once again collecting shoeboxes on behalf of the charity **Teams4U**. This year there is also the option to sponsor a shoebox. Leaflets will be available in the churches and the benefice office. For details of what to include and to download labels or the leaflet, please have a look at the website: <http://teams4u.com/> Please bring your shoeboxes to the service on 15 November in Milton church at 9.30 or leave in Milton church between 8-14 November.

**The Martha Team at St Simon and St Jude's** would be very pleased to welcome new members to help with the cleaning of our lovely church. At the moment this entails giving around an hour every 6 weeks as we have 6 pairs of helpers. However we are soon losing 3 members, and would like to replace them and ideally add more to create more pairs. Time is flexible, but mostly we clean on a Friday to prepare the church for Sunday services. Please contact Marjorie Connolley 01993 832851 [mmconnolley@googlemail.com](mailto:mmconnolley@googlemail.com)

**The Sale in Fifield** on 26 September raised £550 for PCC funds. Thanks to all those who both contributed and also bought items.

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

## Meetings

Fifield with Idbury APCM Wednesday 14 October 6:30pm

## SUNDAY 18 OCTOBER - TRINITY 19

9.30am Milton United Benefice Holy Communion Service in church  
*We will post a recording on Facebook shortly after the service.*

## PRAYERS AND READINGS

**Collect** Faithful Lord, whose steadfast love never ceases and whose mercies never come to an end: grant us the grace to trust you and to receive the gifts of your love, new every morning, in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

**Post Communion** Holy and blessed God, you have fed us with the body and blood of your Son and filled us with your Holy Spirit: may we honour you, not only with our lips but in lives dedicated to the service of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

**First Reading Exodus 33:12-end** Moses realises that he and his people are inextricably bound together with God – divine and human realities work creatively with one another as the exodus journey continues.

**Second Reading 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10** Paul's relationship with the Thessalonian Christians bears fruit in their steadfast commitment to Christ, which they live out as a profound and explicit witness before their neighbours.

**Gospel Matthew 22:15-22** The Pharisees plot to trap Jesus with a question about paying taxes to the Romans, but he is not to be outwitted.

## Readings for Sunday 25 October (St Simon & St Jude Patronal)

N.B. Clocks go back.

**Ephesians 2:19-end, Matthew 22:34-40**

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

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