



Wychwood Benefice

Church News 25 October and 1 November 2020

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

SUNDAY 25 OCTOBER – BIBLE SUNDAY/ ST SIMON & ST JUDE

PATRONAL N.B. Clocks go back today.

8.15am Shipton BCP Holy Communion

9.30am Milton Worship for All

11.00am Idbury BCP Holy Communion

11.00am Shipton BCP Morning Prayer

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

There is an online service from the Diocese at 10am each Sunday. The order of service and links to view/listen are posted on Saturday:

<https://www.oxford.anglican.org/coronavirus-covid-19-2/livestream/>

PRAYERS AND READINGS

Collect Merciful God, teach us to be faithful in change and uncertainty, that trusting in your word and obeying your will we may enter the unfailing joy of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Post Communion God of all grace, your Son Jesus Christ fed the hungry with the bread of his life and the word of his kingdom: renew your people with your heavenly grace, and in all our weakness sustain us by your true and living bread; who is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **Amen**

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

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

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.: Rose Jones and Peter Sleight.

Funerals: The funeral of Peter Sleight is on Weds 28 October in Shipton church.

Deanery: 25 Oct.,: St Michael & All Angels Great Tew: Pray for visiting clergy covering the Interregnum & churchwardens Richard Veale & Rosie Rowe. 1 Nov., St Andrew's, Kingham: David Salter, James Kennedy, Ursula Simpson, Roger Simpson, Toby Artis, Judith Marshall and churchwarden Charlie Care.

Intercessions: In our prayers we are particularly praying for all in our care homes -

Tall Trees, Old Prebendal and The Paddocks; and all the elderly in our villages. We are also praying for the work of the foodbank.

SUNDAY 1 NOVEMBER – ALL SAINTS’ DAY

8.15am Shipton BCP Holy Communion

11.00am Shipton United Benefice All Saints’ and All Souls’ Service
We will post a recording on Facebook shortly after the service.

PRAYERS AND READINGS

Collect God of holiness, your glory is proclaimed in every age: as we rejoice in the faith of your saints, inspire us to follow their example with boldness and joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Post Communion God, the source of all holiness and giver of all good things: may we who have shared at this table as strangers and pilgrims here on earth be welcomed with all your saints to the heavenly feast on the day of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Readings: Philippians 2:1-4 and Matthew 5:1-12

Notices

Update from Geoffrey:

Shipton update: We have now received the tenders and the PCC will be meeting shortly to look at these and plan the next stage of the work.

Fifield and Idbury: APCM was on the 15th and Catherine Hitchens was elected churchwarden following the “retirement” of Pat and John Yaxley from the PCC. The PCC expressed their gratitude to Pat and John for all the work they have done on the PCC over the years.

Catherine and Mary Champness will be sworn in as churchwardens this Sunday.

Milton: Last Sunday Mike Hartley and Liz Watts were sworn in as churchwardens.

Remembrance Sunday: This will go ahead as it has done in past years at Shipton, Milton and Fifield. The only difference is that a “parade” is not permitted this year by the uniformed groups.

Advent and Christmas. The carol services will be online, if you would like to read one of the lessons please contact Geoffrey to arrange filming the reading.

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All Saints’ & All Souls’ Service Sunday 1 Nov., 11am Shipton Church

If you would like to add someone to the list of those to be remembered at this service please email office@wychwoodbenefice.org.uk or leave a message on the Benefice Centre phone by 26 October or write it on the sheets in church before 25 October. PLEASE NOTE YOU WILL NEED TO LET US KNOW HOW MANY SEATS YOU WOULD LIKE IF YOU ARE COMING TO THIS SERVICE.

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 I am Sunday 8 November Remembrance Services in Milton (9.30am), Shipton (10.50am) and Fifield (10.50am).**

Harvest Thanks from Foodbank

“Can you pass on our thanks to everybody in the Wychwood Benefice for all your Harvest donations you have all been so generous. We are very busy at the moment with so many people needing support many of them, who earlier in the year, would not have imagined they would need help but these are difficult times for all sorts of reasons. We are also grateful for your continuing support during the year.”

Continued Support of the Foodbank

‘For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink’ Matthew: vv25 -35

As many face a bleak winter there has never been a more urgent need to support those engaged in meeting the needs of families facing hunger.

The North Oxfordshire Community Foodbank is a voluntary group of local churches providing practical help to issue emergency supplies of food to those in need in our locality. Their provision has doubled recently and is likely to increase further in the coming months. Goods collected in our area are taken to Chipping Norton for sorting and distribution. We can support in a number of ways.

- Prayer
- Donations of long-life and non perishable foods, soap, toothpaste and basic cleaning materials eg. Washing-up liquid. These can be left at the village Co-op store or our local churches.
- Look on-line for ways of donating either a one-off gift or a regular payment and more information about the Foodbank
<http://www.northoxfordshirecommunityfoodbank.org.uk/donations/4542603964> Tel 07929 721172
- We can signpost individuals to collect tokens which they can exchange for supplies via The CAB, Social Services and the GP.
Get in touch with Elaine Russell-Jarvie for more details:
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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. 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 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.

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.

Readings for Remembrance Sunday 8 November

Micah 4:1-5. 2 Thessalonians 2:13-16.

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

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