



Wychwood Benefice

Church News 22 November, 2020

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

SUNDAY 22 NOVEMBER 2020
Christ The King

A pre-recorded Service
will be posted online to Facebook and
YouTube on Sunday morning.

[youtube.com/wychwoodbenefice](https://www.youtube.com/wychwoodbenefice)

There is an online service from the Diocese at 9am 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 God the Father, help us to hear the call of Christ the King and to follow in his service, whose kingdom has no end; for he reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, one glory. **Amen**

Post Communion Stir up, O Lord, the wills of your faithful people; that they, plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good works, may by you be plenteously rewarded; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

November 22, Christ The King

First Reading Ezekiel 34:11-16. 20-24 God is the shepherd who not only tends the lame and seeks out the lost, but also judges the behaviour of the flock.

Second Reading Ephesians 1:15-end Christ has dominion over all, in heaven and earth, and the Church, and we have been promised the glorious inheritance of the saints.

Gospel Matthew 25:31-end Christ comes as king and judges his flock, and will count anyone's treatment of the least in society as if it were he himself who was hungry, thirsty and needed clothing.

Prayer List: Hostage John Cantlie, Marian Clark, Meriel Brooke, Richard Adams, Emma Bradford and Shauni McGregor.

Deanery: 22 November: All Saints Churchill. Please pray for David Salter, James Kennedy, Ursula Simpson, Roger Simpson, Toby Artis, Judith Marshall & churchwarden Claire Blackman.

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 also pray for our school – for the teachers and staff and all the children. We are also praying for the work of the foodbank.

Church of England

- **Daily Hope telephone line** available 24 hours a day on **0800 804 8044**. A Free phone line of hymns, reflections and prayers plus listen in to the weekly service.
- For Personal prayers: [churchofengland.org/more/media-centre/coronavirus-covid-19-guidance-parishes/](https://www.churchofengland.org/more/media-centre/coronavirus-covid-19-guidance-parishes/)
- For daily prayer and readings: www.churchofengland.org/prayer-and-worship/join-us-service-daily-prayer
- For the latest Church of England guidelines and other resources please visit: www.churchofengland.org/

Notices

Update from Geoffrey:

Shipton church update: Lang the building specialists will be starting to work in the church on Monday 30th November. To begin with they are just doing the preparation work which should take until the beginning of January. Lang's have indicated that they hope to complete the work by in March 2021.

The pastoral team (Geoffrey, Anne and Elaine) are available if you or anyone you know might need pastoral or practical support. They are only too happy to receive your calls or emails.

Services: The renewed lockdown means there will be no Sunday services for a while, I will be filming a service each week and posting it online at both Wychwood Benefice Facebook and Wychwood Benefice You Tube channel. As well as Sunday services there will be an Advent Carol service and a Lessons and Carols service later in December.

We have permission to keep churches open for private prayer and ask that any who go into church sign in on the sheet and use the QR code for track and trace and observe the facemask and hand sanitising advice.

Risk assessments have been carried out in our churches to ensure that we are doing everything necessary to keep our churches open for private prayer as well as preparing to come back to church in December. This does mean however that we need to keep on top of cleaning our churches regularly.

More Help with Cleaning our Churches Urgently Needed

To keep our churches open safely we need to ensure extra cleaning happens. To this end we really do need some additional helpers.

Please get in touch with Geoffrey or Anne or email the office if you can help.

Christmas Shoebox Campaign

The deadline for dropping off shoeboxes is 22 November. Please leave in Shipton or Milton Church.

Advent Groups during December

The Wednesday evening group will start on 25 November 7pm on Zoom.

The Monday group will start on 30 November. Get in touch with Anne or Geoffrey if you'd like to be involved.

We will be using Bishop Steven's book *Alive in Christ* and have copies if you would like one -either for individual use or as part of our advent sessions which will run online. Copies are available in Milton church. They cost £2.50. Please post the money into the Church Room postbox or get in touch with Clare.

Christmas in the Community

This year with travel plans in question and probable restrictions on meeting up in numbers, it is possible that more members of our community than usual may be facing Christmas alone.

If you hear of someone who may be home alone this year, please can you let Elaine Russell-Jarvie know on 831610 with their name and perhaps a telephone number or address.

We will aim to make sure that they are contacted on Christmas Day and offer in advance to deliver a Christmas lunch.

Join in The National Month of Prayer

Throughout the month, Christians will be encouraged to pray daily for a specific area of national concern, wherever they are, culminating in a collective moment of prayer at 6pm each evening, with cathedrals and churches across the country invited to ring a bell at this time.

Further details can be found here:

<https://www.churchofengland.org/more/media-centre/coronavirus-covid-19-guidance-churches/call-prayer-nation>

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

Continued Support of the Foodbank

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:
erusselljarvie@talktalk.net tel 01993 831610

Sunday 29 November – First Sunday of Advent

Pre-Recorded Advent Carols Service online

First Reading 1 Corinthians 1:3-9 Paul writes to the Church in Corinth, giving thanks for their understanding of the Gospel and spiritual gifts, and their readiness for the day when Christ comes again.

Gospel Mark 13:24-end Jesus warns his disciples of hard times to come and tells them to remain watchful for the return of the Son of Man.

Contact Details

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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