



# Wychwood Benefice

Church News 8 November, 2020

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

**REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY 8 NOVEMBER 2020**



A pre-recorded Remembrance 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, our refuge and strength, bring near the day when wars shall cease and poverty and pain shall end, that earth may know the peace of heaven through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

**Post Communion** God of peace, whose Son Jesus Christ proclaimed the kingdom and restored the broken to wholeness of life: look with compassion on the anguish of the world, and by your healing power make whole both people and nations; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen**

## **Readings for Remembrance Sunday**

**Micah 4:1-5. 2**

**Thessalonians 2:13-16.**

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

**Deanery:** 8 November: St Mary's, Charlbury. Pray for Sally Welch, Jan Fielden, Tish Bird & churchwardens John Glasgow & Patrick Gallagher.

**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.

## 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](https://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/](https://www.churchofengland.org/)

## Notices

### Update from Geoffrey:

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.

**Shipton update:** We have now received the tenders and the PCC is now waiting for confirmation from the diocese to carry out the work.

**Mothers Union:** After over 70 years the Wychwood Branch of the Mothers Union has closed. At the Wednesday Communion in Milton earlier in the week we had prayers of Thanksgiving for the work of the MU, giving thanks not just for all that the MU has done in the area over the years but for their work worldwide with its 4 million members.

## **Advent Groups during December**

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. Please get in touch with Anne. Books cost £2.50.

## **Christmas Shoebox Campaign**

We are once again collecting shoeboxes on behalf of the charity **Teams4U**. This year there is also the option to sponsor a shoebox. Please drop your shoeboxes off at Milton or Shipton church by 22 November.

For details of what to include and to download labels or the leaflet, please have a look at the website: <http://teams4u.com/>

**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**

*'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:  
[erusselljarvie@talktalk.net](mailto:erusselljarvie@talktalk.net) tel 01993 831610

## **Milton Ride and Stride**

We raised just short of £500 for the ride and stride this year. Thank you to those who rode (Heather, Chris and Liz) and those who gave.

## **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.

## **November 15 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday before Advent**

### **Readings:**

First Reading Zephaniah 1:7. 12-18

Second Reading 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

Gospel Matthew 25:14-30

## **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.

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

## **A prayer for all those affected by coronavirus**

Keep us, good Lord,  
under the shadow of your mercy.  
Sustain and support the anxious,  
be with those who care for the sick,  
and lift up all who are brought low;  
that we may find comfort  
knowing that nothing can separate us from your love  
in Christ Jesus our Lord.  
Amen.

### Contact Details

The Benefice Office is currently closed, Clare is working from home and will be checking emails and phone messages Mon – Fri.

Tel 01993 832467 [office@wychwoodbenefice.org.uk](mailto:office@wychwoodbenefice.org.uk)

Vicar: Rev Geoffrey Clement [vicar@wychwoodbenefice.org.uk](mailto:vicar@wychwoodbenefice.org.uk) 01993 832514

Rest Day: Thursday

Rev'd Anne Hartley [anne@wychwoodbenefice.org.uk](mailto:anne@wychwoodbenefice.org.uk) 01993 830160