



Wychwood Benefice

Church News 10 January, 2021

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

SUNDAY 10 JANUARY – BAPTISM OF CHRIST

11.00am Fifield BCP Holy Communion Church Service

We will post a recording of a service on Facebook and YouTube each Sunday. It will be available on the website from the Monday.
[youtube.com/wychwoodbenefice](https://www.youtube.com/wychwoodbenefice)

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 Heavenly Father, at the Jordan you revealed Jesus as your Son: may we recognize him as our Lord and know ourselves to be your beloved children; through Jesus Christ our Saviour. **Amen**

Post Communion Lord of all time and eternity, you opened the heavens and revealed yourself as Father in the baptism of Jesus your beloved Son: by the power of your Spirit complete the heavenly work of our rebirth through the waters of the new creation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Baptism of Christ First Reading Acts 19:1-7

Paul teaches that Christian baptism always involves being filled with the Holy Spirit. This is not an optional extra, but a sign that we are part of the new age initiated by Christ's own baptism.

Gospel Mark 1:4-11

Jesus' baptism shows the world that he is indeed more powerful and greater than John the Baptist. It reveals his identity as the Son of God.

Prayer List: Hostage John Cantlie, Marian Clark, Richard Adams, Emma Bradford, Shauni McGregor, Robert Arlott, Joan Howard Drake and Wendy Cherry.

R.I.P.: Meriel Brooke, Ian Carrington, Annette Chapman and Gillian Sleight.

Funerals: Ian Carrington's funeral is on 13 January.

Banns: Will be read at the next 3 Sunday Services for Marianne Burns and Philip Buckingham who are getting married in Milton Church on 30 January.

Intercessions In our prayers we are particularly praying for all in our care homes – especially those at Old Prebendal (staff and residents) following the recent flooding and evacuation. Also we pray for Tall Trees and The Paddocks; and all the elderly in our villages.

We also pray for all those who have been affected by the flooding.

We also pray for our school – for the teachers and staff and all the children ahead of the new school term.

We are also praying for the work of the foodbank.

Update from Geoffrey on Services

This can also be read in full on the website: wychwoodbenefice.org.uk/lockdown-3

Following the announcement of a new lockdown Monday evening I have given some thought to how we will go forward with our Sunday Services.

I am proposing that for the time being there will be only one service of Communion each Sunday for the duration of the lockdown as well as the Wednesday Service in Milton. An online service will continue to be posted for those who wish to stay at home.

These will be simple said services, I do not wish to oblige anyone to attend who does not wish to, this includes sides-men/women or sacristans, readers, intercessors, so please can we suspend any rotas for the duration. I will bring my own Chalice and Pattern to minimise the involvement of others. I urge you to think seriously about attending these services, your safety must come first, and I will not be disappointed if there is no one attending.

The pattern would therefore be:

January

10th Fifield 11am

17th Milton 9:30am

24th Idbury 11am

31st Milton 9:30 am

February

7th Shipton 11am

14th Fifield 11am

17th Ash Wednesday 10.30am Milton

21st Milton 9:30am

28th Idbury 11am

Guidelines on coming to church:

- We ask you please not to come if you (or anyone in your household) are unwell.
- Please wear a mask or covering and use hand sanitizer on entering church.
- Please sign in and use the track and trace system if possible.
- Please adhere to the advice displayed on signs in church with regards to social distancing and where to sit.

Mid Week Communion in Milton

This will continue to be every Wednesday in Milton Church at 10.30am.

Churches are still open for private prayer and there will be copies of the orders of service and Church News available for you to take home in the churches.

Notices

Shipton Monthly Prize Draw



The first draw will be at the end of January so there is still time to sign up and be in with a chance to win £100 each month.

If you would like to sign up to the monthly draw with the chance to win £100 a month (starting from £36 a year - £3 a month) see details on the website

<https://wychwoodbenefice.org.uk/sign-up-to-our-monthly-draw-100-prize-each-month-and-help-raise-funds-for-shipton-church/>

or contact Mary: minifan2@gmail.com

[monthly-draw-shipton-church/](#)

Sunday 17 January 2021 – Epiphany 2

9.30am Milton Holy Communion Church Service

We will post a recording of a service on Facebook and YouTube each Sunday. It will be available on the website from the Monday.

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

Second Sunday of Epiphany

First Reading Revelation 5:1-10

The one being in all of heaven and earth who is worthy of opening the mysterious scroll is both the Lion of Judah and a slaughtered lamb.

Gospel John 1:43-51

Jesus engages in conversation with Nathanael and reveals both his knowledge of Nathanael and something about his own identity.

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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