



Wychwood Benefice

Church News 24 January, 2021

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

SUNDAY 24 JANUARY – EPIPHANY 3

11.00am Idbury BCP Holy Communion Church Service

11.00am NEW Live Zoom Service followed by conversation & coffee from
11.30-12

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/>

Zoom Service Login Details:

Join Zoom Sunday Service: Sunday 24 January, login at 11am

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83839976916?pwd=Uk5DcmRJamYlV0YrMFo0czdUdGZydz09>

Meeting ID: 838 3997 6916

Passcode: Service

PRAYERS AND READINGS

Collect God of all mercy, your Son proclaimed good news to the poor, release to the captives, and freedom to the oppressed: anoint us with your Holy Spirit and set all your people free to praise you in Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Post Communion Almighty Father, whose Son our Saviour Jesus Christ is the light of the world: may your people, illumined by your word and sacraments, shine with the radiance of his glory, that he may be known, worshipped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **Amen**

Third Sunday of Epiphany

First Reading Revelation 19:6-10 A heavenly wedding is described, where the blessing is not reserved for the principal participants but is instead extended to every invited guest.

Gospel John 2:1-11 Jesus, attending a wedding, understands that social ruin is impending and responds with an overwhelming generosity that turns disaster into blessing.

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

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

Banns: Will be read at the next Sunday Service 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 pray for all affected by the flooding. We pray for the work of the foodbank.

We also pray for our school – for the teachers and staff and all the children.

New Sunday Zoom Services 11-11.30am, then conversation 11.30-12

This will be a short, informal service led by Anne which will provide an alternative means of meeting for worship, including a bible reading, prayers and either a short talk or other presentation within a simplified order of service, which can be followed on your screen. People will be encouraged to participate if they wish, or just enjoy being present.

The idea behind this is that, with the current severity of the virus, an increasing number of people are feeling that it is not a good idea for them to meet in church, even with all the safeguards. This suggestion would enable people to be present albeit virtually at a live service with the opportunity to stay on afterwards for conversation, over a cup of coffee – or just come to see everyone for the conversation at 11.30.

If you haven't yet tried zoom and would like some help, get in touch with Liz 01993 684286 or Anne 01993 830160.

Update from Geoffrey

Here in the Wychwood Benefice we are for now continuing with 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, as well as a Zoom Sunday service.

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.

Church services for the next few weeks are as follows:

31 Jan Milton 9.30am

February:

7 Shipton 11am

14 Fifield 11am

17 Ash Wednesday 10.30am Milton

21 Milton 9.30am

28 Idbury 11am

Mid Week Communion in Milton

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

Guidelines on coming to church:

- **Booking:** It will be necessary to book to attend services in Fifield church. Contact Catherine, who will allocate seating 01993 831881 catherine.lordlandry@gmail.com.
- 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.

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.

Messy Church

The next Messy Church takeaway bags will be delivered to families next week. The theme is Candlemas. If you would like to receive a takeaway bag get in touch with Geoffrey.

JPCC on Wednesday 27 January 11.30am on zoom.

This will be an opportunity to discuss amongst other things the views and concerns of those in our parishes at this time. This will include thoughts on:

- Continuing with services in church,
- Starting live online services on Zoom
- Pastoral needs and how these are being met
- Finance – drop in income and how we might address this.

PCC Secretaries will send out the login details by email or contact the office.

Update on Shipton Church Last week large pieces of oak were delivered and are now being cut to the correct shape and size. Also, this week the scaffolders arrived to put up access scaffold outside. This is for the work on the Victorian cast iron ties which hold the upper walls of the nave clearstory as well as the replacement of stone coping on the nave parapet. A visit to Shipton church for your daily exercise will reveal all the above in its full glory.

Take a look at the latest photos of the work on the website and on facebook www.facebook.com/WychwoodBenefice/

Sunday 31 January 2021 – Epiphany 4

9.30am Milton Holy Communion Church Service
11.00am Zoom Service followed by coffee

First Reading Hebrews 2:14-end

Gospel Luke 2:22-40

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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Rest Day Thursday

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