



Wychwood Benefice

Church News 14 February, 2021

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

SUNDAY 14 FEBRUARY – SUNDAY BEFORE LENT

- 11.00am Fifeild BCP Holy Communion Church Service
(Please book via Catherine Hitchens 01993 831881)
- 11.00am 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/>

Live Zoom Service - Sundays at 11am

Join our Zoom Sunday Service:

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

Meeting ID: 838 3997 6916

Passcode: Service

Zoom by phone

It is also possible to join the zoom service by phone if you don't have internet or an alternative option. If you would like some help with zoom, get in touch with Liz 01993 684286 or Anne 01993 830160.

PRAYERS AND READINGS

Collect Holy God, you know the disorder of our sinful lives: set straight our crooked hearts, and bend our wills to love your goodness and your glory in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Post Communion Holy God, we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ: may we who are partakers at his table reflect his life in word and deed, that all the

world may know his power to change and save. This we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

First Reading 2 Corinthians 4:3-6 God's glory is revealed in Christ, but it is only clear to those who believe the Gospel, while the minds of unbelievers are blind to it.

Gospel Mark 9:2-9 Jesus' true nature and identity are revealed on a mountain top to Peter, James and John. In his terror Peter makes a foolish suggestion, but he is interrupted by the appearance of a cloud and God's voice, ordering them to listen to God's Son.

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

Baptism: Florence Berry will be baptized in Fifield church on Sunday.

Deanery: St Simon & St Jude, Milton. Please pray for Geoffrey, Anne, Mike and Liz.

R.I.P.: Phillip Pittaway and Shauni McGregor.

Shauni passed away on Tuesday, very peacefully, at Katherine House Hospice with her sons, Matthew and Dan, by her side.

Funerals: Phillip Pittaway's funeral is on Thursday 18 February.

Services:

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 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. There is now also a rota of services up to the end of April. There are copies in church and it is also on the website <https://wychwoodbenefice.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/02/Services-Feb-April-2021-onecol.pdf>

February: 21st Milton 9.30am
28th Idbury 11am

March: 7th Fifield 11am
14th Milton 9.30am (Mothering Sunday)
N.B. There will also be a special Family Mothering Sunday Service on Zoom at 11am
21st Idbury 11am BCP Holy Communion
28th Shipton 11am Palm Sunday Holy Communion

Mid Week Communion in Milton every Wednesday 10.30am in Milton Church.

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.

Lent Groups and Lent Book *Living is Christ, Dying is Gain*

As we enter Lent we will be looking at our chosen lent book during our home groups for 4 weeks from 22 February.

Living is Christ, Dying is Gain is Bishop Steven's reflections on the book of Philippians. If you'd like to join our home groups on zoom get in touch.

Or, if you would like to order a copy of the book for £2.50, let Geoffrey know.

Meeting Dates

Milton PCC is on Tuesday 16 February 5pm on zoom. NB the APCM is postponed.

Shipton PCC is on Tuesday 16 February 7.30pm on zoom.

School

We are still unable to go into school for assembly and Open the Book, but we are now sending in a weekly short video with a bible reading. Once things are more relaxed, we will continue with a more active Open the Book. We are always looking for more volunteers to join the Open the Book team...

The pastoral team (Geoffrey, Anne and Elaine) are available if you or anyone you know might need pastoral or practical support. Please get in touch.

For those who are missing singing in Church:

Check out quarantine choir- take a look on YouTube, Home Choir, Sacred Sing with Ben England.

Also Morning Prayer with the Dean of Canterbury can be found on YouTube.

Supporting the North Oxfordshire Community Foodbank

There has been a great response by the community to the Food Bank trolley in Milton Co-op. The generosity of the people of Milton and the surrounding villages is heartening. As the winter progresses, I am sure we will all continue to remember those who are struggling.

Donations of long-life and non perishable foods, soap, toothpaste and basic cleaning materials can be left at the village Co-op store or our local churches.

Ash Wednesday 17 February 2021

10.30am Milton Holy Communion Church Service

First Reading 2 Corinthians 5:20b – 6:10

Paul describes his immense commitment to making known God's invitation to reconciliation, and entreats the Corinthians to accept and live out the gift of salvation.

Gospel Matthew 6:1-6. 16-21

A paradox for Ash Wednesday, specifically urging us to avoid an outward show of religion in favour of an inward relationship with God.

Sunday 21 February 2021 Lent 1

9.30am Milton Holy Communion Church Service

11.00am Zoom Service followed by coffee

First Reading 1 Peter 3:18-22 Peter tells us that although our sin separates us from God we are saved from that separation by baptism into new life, made possible by Christ's willing sacrifice of his own life and his resurrection from the dead by the power of God.

Gospel Mark 1:9-15 The Holy Spirit who, at his baptism, descends on Jesus like a dove, now drives him out into a wilderness time of trial and temptation before he can begin his public ministry of proclaiming that the kingdom of God is near.

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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