



Wychwood Benefice

Church News 28 March, 2021

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

SUNDAY 28 MARCH – PALM SUNDAY *clocks go forward*

11.00am Shipton Holy Communion Church Service

11.00am Live Zoom Service followed by coffee

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.

<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

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 True and humble king, hailed by the crowd as Messiah: grant us the faith to know you and love you, that we may be found beside you on the way of the cross, which is the path of glory. **Amen**

Post Communion Lord Jesus Christ, you humbled yourself in taking the form of a servant, and in obedience died on the cross for our salvation: give us the mind to follow you and to proclaim you as Lord and King, to the glory of God the Father.

Amen

First Reading Isaiah 50:4-9a The servant of the Lord faces up to violent opposition with God on his side.

Second Reading Philippians 2:5-11 The reign of Jesus Christ as Lord is based on his willingness to undergo human suffering and death.

Gospel Mark 14:1 – 15:47 The events of Holy Week unfold to their terrible conclusion.

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

RIP David Taylor and Margaret Hebbert.

Funerals: David Taylor's funeral is on Tuesday 30 March in Fifield church.

Plans for Holy Week and Easter:

Palm Sunday 28 March

If you would like a palm cross, these are available in our churches now.

We will be supporting Christian Aid's Lent and Easter campaign on Palm Sunday and anyone who would like to make a donation will be able to do so. Visit their website for further details on the work CA do: <https://www.christianaid.org.uk/>

Passover Service on Zoom: Wednesday 31 March 6.30pm

This will be an interactive service where we learn about the Jewish tradition of the "Passover meal". You will need to book so that we can provide you with a "takeaway bag" with instructions and some of the items needed so that everyone can partake in the rituals.

We suggest that you have your meal prepared to have after the service and if anyone wishes to remain on zoom together you are very welcome to do so. Traditionally the supper would have been roast lamb but you can prepare whatever you like. Please let us know if you would like to join us - email anne@wychwoodbenefice.org.uk by Sunday 28 March.

Maundy Thursday 1 April

Holy Communion Service 10.30am in Milton Church

We will also be live streaming this service on facebook.

Good Friday 2 April

On **Good Friday** we will have our **family service** in Milton church at 9.30am, followed by hot cross buns. After the service there is the opportunity to go on a leisurely walk across the countryside to **Fifield** for a **picnic** at 12noon. We then make our way to **Idbury Church** for our **2pm Hour at the Cross service.**

This year groups of 6 (from multiple households) or two households will be permitted to walk together and have a socially distanced picnic. We are asking people to let us know if they would like to do the walk this year so that we can a) stagger the groups if there are too many people and b) provide groups with a copy of the map and readings. Email office@wychwoodbenefice.org.uk

Easter Eve Saturday 3 April – Easter Trail in Milton

This is a collaborative initiative and we have agreed to be part of an Easter Family Trail running in Milton on Saturday 3 April. The trail will begin in Milton church. Families can collect a booklet for the trail and then take part in the first of 6 stops or “stations” offering a chance to experience parts of the Easter Story. We will be depicting the Last Supper and hope to offer the chance for children/families to partake in an interactive experience.

Helpers needed

If you can spare half an hour or so between 10 and 12 on Easter Saturday to be in Milton church please let us know.

SUNDAY 4 APRIL – EASTER DAY

9.30am **Milton** Easter Communion Church Service*

11.00am Live Zoom Holy Communion Service followed by coffee

**Please book seats for the Easter Day Service – email office@wychwoodbenefice.org.uk*

First Reading Acts 10: 34-43 In Caesarea, Peter preaches his first sermon to Gentiles.

Gospel John 20:1-18 Grieving, Mary Magdalene meets the risen Jesus and is given a message for the other disciples.

Flowers for Easter

Thanks to those who have made donations towards our flowers.

The flowers in Milton Church for Easter are in loving memory of Patricia Burgis and Anthony, Margaret and Ruth Cable.

Cleaning in Shipton Church

If you would be able to help with a one-off clean of Shipton church once the scaffolding is down, please get in touch with Anne. We hope to do this at the end of April or beginning of May.

Coming out of lockdown

We are still awaiting further guidelines from the Church of England but are hoping to go back to our usual rota of services in our churches from May which will be circulated shortly.

For now we are 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.

Services for the next few weeks:

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| 11 April | 11am Fifield BCP Holy Communion |
| 18 April | 11am Shipton Holy Communion (NB moved to Shipton as the Easter Day service was moved to Milton) |
| 25 April | 11am Idbury BCP Holy Communion |
| 2 May | 11am Shipton Holy Communion |

Guidelines on coming to church:

- Please 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 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.

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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