



Wychwood Benefice

Church News 4-11 April 2021

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

**On behalf of the Benefice, I would like to wish you all
a Happy Easter.**

"The Lord is Risen! He is risen indeed!" Geoffrey

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*

N.B. We will also be livestreaming the Easter Day service from Milton church to Facebook so there will be no pre-recorded service but the service will be available to watch afterwards as well <https://www.facebook.com/WychwoodBenefice>

For details of Diocesan services during Holy Week please visit:
[oxford.anglican.org/coronavirus-covid-19-2/livestream/](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 God of glory, by the raising of your Son you have broken the chains of death and hell: fill your Church with faith and hope; for a new day has dawned and the way to life stands open in our Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen**

Post Communion God of Life, who for our redemption gave your only-begotten Son to the death of the cross, and by his glorious resurrection have delivered us from the power of our enemy: grant us so to die daily to sin, that we may evermore live with him in the joy of his risen life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

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.

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.

SUNDAY 11 APRIL – EASTER 2

11.00am **Fifield BCP Holy Communion Church Service***

11.00am **Live Zoom Holy Communion Service followed by coffee**

**Please contact Catherine Hitchens to book seats on 01993 831881.*

First Reading Acts 4:32-35 The believers put their faith in the testimony of the apostles and share their possessions.

Gospel John 20:19-31 The risen Jesus reveals himself among the disciples and banishes Thomas's doubts.

A Reminder of what is taking place during Holy Week:

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.

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.

Easter Holidays

Geoffrey will be on annual leave the week after Easter.

Clare is also not working the week after Easter.

If you need to be in touch during this time, please contact Anne.

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.

Shipton Prize Draw

Congratulations to this month's winner. The lucky number was 101. If you would like to sign up for the drawer please contact Mary: minifan2@gmail.com

Coming out of lockdown

There has been some additional guidance from the Church of England on how restrictions are easing. In particular the guidance relates to weddings and also singing. Congregational singing is now allowed outside (in church grounds).

Full details can be found here:

<https://www.churchofengland.org/resources/coronavirus-covid-19-guidance>

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.

SUNDAY 18 APRIL – EASTER 3

11.00am Shipton Holy Communion Church Service

11.00am Live Zoom Holy Communion Service followed by coffee

First Reading Acts 3:12-19 Peter tells the crowds what they have done in killing Jesus, and offers them a chance to repent.

Gospel Luke 24:36b-48 The risen Jesus comes to his disciples and helps them to understand that his death and resurrection were foretold by scripture. He then calls them to be witnesses to that truth.

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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