



Wychwood Benefice

Church News 18 April 2021

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

SUNDAY 18 APRIL – THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

11.00am Shipton Holy Communion Church Service

11.00am Live Zoom Service followed by coffee

Livestreaming Services: We are now able to livestream services from Milton Church to Facebook (which can also be watched at a later date). This includes Midweek Holy Communion and the Sunday Service. Where there is not a Sunday Church Service in Milton, another Service will be recorded and posted online (to YouTube and Facebook [youtube.com/wychwoodbenefice](https://www.youtube.com/wychwoodbenefice) [facebook.com/WychwoodBenefice](https://www.facebook.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 Risen Christ, you filled your disciples with boldness and fresh hope: strengthen us to proclaim your risen life and fill us with your peace, to the glory of God the Father. **Amen**

Post Communion Living God, your Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread: open the eyes of our faith, that we may see him in all his redeeming work; who is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **Amen**

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.

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

RIP Julie Embra.

H.R.H. Prince Philip 1921-2021

Join us as we join the nation for a minute's silence at 3pm on Saturday ahead of the funeral service.

An online book of condolences is available at:

www.churchofengland.org/remembering-his-royal-highness-prince-philip#prayer

Prayers are available in the churches which continue to be open for private prayer or reflection.

Services from May onwards

As we come out of a period of lockdown, we are pleased to return to a more normal pattern of services. A rota of services is available on the website

wychwoodbenefice.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/04/Rota-of-services-May-Dec-2021-Apr-21.pdf and circulated on the email with this Church News.

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.

Livestreaming/ Online/ Zoom Services:

From May we will move to 2 live services on zoom a month. We will review our zoom services again in June.

We are now able to livestream services from Milton church to Facebook. Where there is no service in Milton, another of the church services will be filmed and posted online.

Sunday 9 May 11am: Thanksgiving Service to mark the completion of Phase 1 work in Shipton with Bishop Gavin

We are pleased to welcome Bishop Gavin to Shipton Church on Sunday 9 May at 11am for a United Benefice Service to celebrate the completion of the work on the nave roof. It is necessary to book seats in advance if you would like to attend this service (email the office).

Baptisms and Confirmations

We are pleased to be able to offer baptisms once more. Please get in touch with Geoffrey or Anne if you would like to discuss having a child baptized.

We are also planning to start preparation for confirmation with a view to a confirmation later this year. If you would like to find out more please get in touch with 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.

Milton Rota

Many thanks to Brian McCutcheon for doing such a great job organizing Milton's rota over many years.

Katherine Gidman will be taking this over as we move forwards. If there is anyone who is not already part of the team and would be willing to help out in some way, please get in touch with Katherine klgidman@gmail.com

Meeting Dates

Milton PCC is on Tuesday 20 April 5pm on zoom. The APCM is now on Sunday 20 June at 11.15am (after the service).

Shipton PCC is on Monday 26 April 5.30pm in Church.

Shipton's APCM has been pushed back to Sunday 23 May 4pm. This will hopefully take place in church.

Fifield with Idbury's APCM is on 15 June, 6.30pm in Fifield Church.

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.

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.

SUNDAY 25 APRIL – FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

11.00am Idbury BCP Holy Communion Church Service

11.00am Live Zoom Service followed by coffee

First Reading Acts 4:5-12 Peter and John had been arrested by the Sadducees for preaching about the resurrection of the dead. They were thrown into prison overnight, awaiting questioning the next day by the court of the Sanhedrin.

Gospel John 10:11-18 Jesus continues his teaching in which he compares himself to a good shepherd and emphasises how much he cares for his flock.

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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