



# Wychwood Benefice

Church News 25 April 2021

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

## **SUNDAY 25 APRIL – FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

11.00am Idbury BCP 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, faithful shepherd of your Father's sheep: teach us to hear your voice and to follow your command, that all your people may be gathered into one flock, to the glory of God the Father. **Amen**

**Post Communion** Merciful Father, you gave your Son Jesus Christ to be the good shepherd, and in his love for us to lay down his life and rise again: keep us always under his protection, and give us grace to follow in his steps; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

**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.

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

**RIP** Julie Embra.

### **Important Update on works in Shipton and change to service on 9 May**

It has been discovered that the damage to one of roof trusses is greater than expected and so the work will take about a couple of weeks longer than anticipated. Therefore the service with Bishop Gavin will be postponed. We will still have a United Benefice Service in Shipton Church at 11am on Sunday 9 May but it will not be necessary to book.

### **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 [wychwoodbenefice.org.uk/rota-of-services-may-december-2021/](http://wychwoodbenefice.org.uk/rota-of-services-may-december-2021/) or email the office

### **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](mailto: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.

## **A Pound for St Mary's**

The programme of events to raise money for St Mary's Church will be announced soon, but here is a simple way you can help right now, from the comfort of your sofa.

There are apparently some £130m old £1 coins still in circulation, that can't be used. We probably all have some at home (check the back of the sofa) and in our cars but can't do anything with them. They are not legal tender in shops etc. but can be paid into a bank account and returned to the Royal Mint.

So the hunt is on! See how many you and your family can find

You can either leave them in the special old £1 coin collection box in Shipton church or post them through the Vicar's letterbox in Shipton.

There's no need to stop at £1 coins - if you have any notes that are out of date please bring them along too! Good luck - and thank you.

**St Mary's Fundraising Group**

## **Baptisms**

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.

## **Confirmation**

A small group will be meeting on Tuesdays to explore faith in Jesus and what it means to be a Christian in the world today. If you would like to join us, whether you have been confirmed or are considering confirmation in the future, please let me know. All are welcome.

The first session will be on Tuesday 27th April at 1.30pm

Contact Revd Anne Hartley: [anne@wychwoodbenefice.org.uk](mailto:anne@wychwoodbenefice.org.uk) Tel: 07770745621

## **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.

## Meeting Dates

**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.

**Milton APCM** is now on Sunday 20 June at 11.15am (after the service).

## 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](mailto:klgidman@gmail.com)

**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 2 MAY – FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

- 9.30am Milton Holy Communion Church Service
- 11.00am Fifield BCP Holy Communion Church Service
- 11.00am Shipton Holy Communion Church Service
- 11.00am Live Zoom Service followed by coffee

**First Reading Acts 8:26-40** The Spirit of Jesus went out with Philip and his understanding drew the Ethiopian towards faith in Jesus.

**Gospel John 15:1-8** Jesus the vine nurtures and sustains us and we can only bear fruit through connection with him.

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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