



Wychwood Benefice

Church News 13 June 2021

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

SUNDAY 13 JUNE – TRINITY 2

- 9.30am Milton Holy Communion *this service will also be livestreamed*
11.00am Fifield BCP Holy Communion (Patronal Festival)*
**Please call Catherine Hitchens to book 01993 831881*
11.00am Shipton Holy Communion

PRAYERS AND READINGS

Collect Faithful Creator, whose mercy never fails: deepen our faithfulness to you and to your living Word, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Post Communion Loving Father, we thank you for feeding us at the supper of your Son: sustain us with your Spirit, that we may serve you here on earth until our joy is complete in heaven, and we share in the eternal banquet with Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

First Reading 2 Corinthians 5:6-10 [11-13] 14-17 Paul reassures us that Christ died for all, and it is through faith in him that we will be judged, not by any human assessment.

Gospel Mark 4:26-34 Taken together, these two parables suggest that the kingdom can grow from small seeds like us, with God's help. Jesus would explain this further to his disciples.

Fifield Reading for John the Baptist: Luke 1:57-66,80.

Prayer List: Hostage John Cantlie, Marian Clark, Emma Bradford, Joan Howard Drake, Paul Ricketts and baby Joseph.

R.I.P.: Susan Ensor, Roger Gillespie, Dorothy Sansom, Barbara Wilson and Dorothy Sowerby.

Funerals: Dorothy Sansom's funeral is on 14 June, 2pm in Shipton Church. Barbara Wilson's funeral is on Thursday 17 June, 2pm in Shipton Church. Dorothy Sowerby's funeral is on Wednesday 16 June at North Oxfordshire Crematorium.

Serving your churches

The Diocese of Oxford has produced a new publication which explores parish roles of Churchwarden, PCC Secretary and Treasurer. This can be downloaded here:

<https://www.oxford.anglican.org/key-parish-officer-roles/>

Can you Help us with filming and livestreaming our church services?

As we continue to offer services online as well as in church, we really need a team of people to assist us with the livestreaming and recording of services. Tasks range from simple things like checking the camera remains on during a service to helping set up the equipment. Training will be provided and all offers of help would be much appreciated. Please get in touch with Geoffrey to find out more.

Father's Day Celebration

On Sunday 20 June we will be celebrating Father's Day in Milton Church at 9.30am. We will start with bacon rolls and croissants from 9.15.

We hope to show a montage of photos of fathers on screen. Do email us your photos to: office@wychwoodbenefice.org.uk before Friday 18 June.

Details of Services

For the most up to date details of services, please visit the Benefice Calendar on the homepage of the website (scroll to the bottom of the home page or select *Main Benefice Calendar* from the Menu at the top) <https://wychwoodbenefice.org.uk/>

We will await confirmation of any further easing of restrictions from 21 June.

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.

Shipton Church update

The first stage of the work is now complete; this has involved replacing a substantial amount of stonework on the outside. The removal and repair of the Victorian cast iron supports to the nave clearstory, replacing damaged roof timbers, replastering, and fitting new lights in the nave and west end.

The church is now undergoing a thorough cleaning from head to toe. A big thank you to everyone who has been and currently is involved with the cleaning. Already with the addition of the new lighting the church is looking fantastic. There is a wedding in Shipton on Saturday 5th June, and we aim to have the church looking at its best by then. However, there is a lot more work to be done!

The next stage is to fix the S Aisle roof and of course carry out the improvements – heating, floor, kitchen area, toilets etc.

As well as the PCC I would like to thank everyone who has helped make this possible by their generous donations of time and money. Thank you! Geoffrey

Shipton Church Rota for Regular Cleaning

In addition to the current clean-up of Shipton following the end of phase one work, we are trying to put together a rota for the regular cleaning that will start in a few weeks. If you would be willing to be part this do get in touch with Jane Graham tel 01993 830244 or email janegraham.suw@gmail.com .

Meeting Dates

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).

Diary Date: The next JPCC is planned for Tuesday 21 September 7pm in the Benefice Centre.

Monthly Discussion Group Continues Tuesday 15 June 10.30 Milton Church

This new discussion group will run on the third Tuesday of each month. Each month we will watch a sermon or talk on a thought-provoking issue which we will then explore and discuss from a Christian perspective. At our next meeting we will continue our discussion from last month's film - a Sermon given by Amy-Jill Levine exploring Jewish- Christian perspectives on the Bible. Amy-Jill Levine is Professor of New Testament Studies at Vanderbilt University Divinity School, Department of Religious Studies, and Graduate Department of Religion.

Supporting the North Oxfordshire Community Foodbank

All your donations are greatly appreciated. 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.

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.

Shipton Prize Draw for May

Congratulations to this month's winner. The lucky number was 71. If you would like to sign up for the draw for the chance to win £100 please contact Mary:

minifan2@gmail.com

SUNDAY 20 JUNE – TRINITY 3

9.30am Milton United Benefice Father's Day Holy Communion
Service (*with breakfast from 9.15*).

This Service will also be livestreamed on Facebook.

First Reading 2 Corinthians 6:1-13 Paul is encouraging the new Christians at Corinth and trying to get them to open their hearts wider to God. Paul is honest and vulnerable with them, demonstrating his faithfulness in good times and bad as a servant of God.

Gospel Mark 4:35-end Jesus is asleep in the boat as a storm rises and the elements threaten to overwhelm him and the disciples as they cross from one side of the lake to another. The disciples wake Jesus and he demonstrates his command over nature itself. The disciples are awestruck and Jesus rebukes them for their timidity of faith.

Clare is working mainly from home and is checking emails & phone messages
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