



Wychwood Benefice

Church News 20 June 2021

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

SUNDAY 20 JUNE – TRINITY 3

9.15am* Milton United Benefice Father's Day Holy Communion Service at 9.30 (with breakfast from 9.15*). This Service will also be livestreamed on Facebook.

Father's Day Celebration

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

We will start with bacon rolls and croissants from 9.15.

PRAYERS AND READINGS

Collect God our saviour, look on this wounded world in pity and in power; hold us fast to your promises of peace won for us by your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ.

Amen

Post Communion O God, whose beauty is beyond our imagining and whose power we cannot comprehend: show us your glory as far as we can grasp it, and shield us from knowing more than we can bear until we may look upon you without fear; through Jesus Christ our Saviour. **Amen**

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.

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

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

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, the equipment is very easy and straightforward to operate! Please get in touch with Geoffrey to find out more.

We now have internet in Shipton church the password is BeneficeConnected2021

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/>

Following the Prime Minister's statement confirming a delay in the next stage of lifting restrictions, we will continue to follow all the guidelines on social distancing etc.

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

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.

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 May'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 27 JUNE – TRINITY 4

- 8.15am Shipton BCP Holy Communion
9.30am Milton Worship for All – livestreamed on Facebook
11.00am Shipton BCP Morning Prayer
11.00am Idbury BCP Holy Communion

First Reading 2 Corinthians 8:7-end

The church in Corinth shows many virtues but they are here encouraged to go further and not just talk of love, faith and other virtues, but to show it in their willingness to share what they have with others who have less.

Gospel Mark 5:21-end

Two women in deep need, one old and one young, find that the touch of Jesus brings wholeness to them but at some cost to him.

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