



Wychwood Benefice

Church News 27 June & 4 July

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

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 - **livestreamed on Facebook**

PRAYERS AND READINGS

Collect Gracious Father, by the obedience of Jesus you brought salvation to our wayward world: draw us into harmony with your will, that we may find all things restored in him, our Saviour Jesus Christ.

Post Communion Eternal God, comfort of the afflicted and healer of the broken, you have fed us at the table of life and hope: teach us the ways of gentleness and peace, that all the world may acknowledge the kingdom of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

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.

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

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

SUNDAY 4 JULY – TRINITY 5

11.00am Shipton United Benefice Holy Communion

livestreamed on Facebook

First Reading 2 Corinthians 12:2-10 Paul speaks of an experience of spiritual rapture that he finds hard to put into words, and of a human weakness through which he learns to depend on God instead of on his own inner resources.

Gospel Mark 6:1-13 Jesus is admired and then rejected by his own people. Then he sends out the disciples, telling them what to do when they too are rejected. Even with all the rejection, miracles still occur.

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/>

Update on filming and livestreaming services:

We are now able to livestream services from both Milton and Shipton churches and are exploring this in Fifield and Idbury too. Our plan is to continue to offer one online (livestreamed) service each Sunday. To be able to offer this we do need some helpers.

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.

As things stand, without some help we will be unable to offer to livestream any services during August.

Internet in Shipton Church

We also 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 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 .

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 11 JULY – TRINITY 6

- 9.30am Milton Holy Communion *livestreamed on Facebook*
11.00am Shipton Holy Communion
11.00am Fifield BCP Holy Communion (Please book tel 01993 831881)

First Reading Ephesians 1:3-14

The letter to the Ephesians begins with a list of the many blessings we have in Christ, including being God's children, chosen, forgiven and loved.

Gospel Mark 6:14-29

Herod Antipas has a guilty conscience after executing John the Baptist, so hearing that another messenger from God has appeared, teaching and performing miracles, makes him uneasy.

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