



Wychwood Benefice

Church News 6 June 2021

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

SUNDAY 6 JUNE – TRINITY I

11.00am Shipton United Benefice Holy Communion Church Service

11.00am Live Zoom Service followed by coffee (*our final zoom service*)

A Service will also be posted online.

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

If you would like some help with zoom, get in touch with
Liz 01993 684286 or Anne 01993 830160.

PRAYERS AND READINGS

Collect God of truth, help us to keep your law of love and to walk in ways of wisdom, that we may find true life in Jesus Christ your Son. **Amen**

Post Communion Eternal Father, we thank you for nourishing us with these heavenly gifts: may our communion strengthen us in faith, build us up in hope, and make us grow in love; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

First Reading 2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1 Paul encourages others to share his focused, faith-filled choice to trust in God's grace and eternal provision beyond this world's visible decay and distress.

Gospel Mark 3:20-end Jesus refutes accusations of madness and devilry, dismissing the charge that he is fighting evil with evil. He calls out the wickedness of declaring God's work as demonic.

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

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

Funerals: Roger Gillespie's funeral is on Tuesday 1 June. Susan Ensor's funeral is on Friday 4 June. Dorothy Sansom's funeral is on 14 June.

Livestreaming/ Online/ Zoom Services:

After Sunday 6 June we are planning to stop the zoom services over the summer and possibly resume them later in the year.

We will continue to livestream Sunday services from Milton church as well as the midweek Holy Communion service on Facebook [facebook.com/WychwoodBenefice](https://www.facebook.com/WychwoodBenefice). Where there is no service in Milton, another of the church services will be filmed or there will be a prerecorded service posted online to [youtube.com/wychwoodbenefice](https://www.youtube.com/wychwoodbenefice)

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 sandwiches 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

JPCC: Tuesday 8 June 10am in Milton 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).

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.

A Pound for St Mary's

We are still collecting your old £1 coins (or any other old notes). 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. Thank you. **St Mary's Fundraising Group**

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 13 JUNE – TRINITY 2

9.30am Milton Holy Communion Church Service

11.00am Fifield BCP Holy Communion (Patronal) Service*

**Please call Catherine Hitchens to book 01993 831881*

11.00am Shipton Holy Communion

A Service will also be posted online.

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.

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

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