



# Wychwood Benefice

Church News 3 and 10 April 2022

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

## **SUNDAY 3 APRIL – LENT 5**

11.00am      Shipton United Benefice Holy Communion ***livestreamed***

### **PRAYERS AND READINGS (YEAR C)**

**Collect** Gracious Father, you gave up your Son out of love for the world: lead us to ponder the mysteries of his passion, that we may know eternal peace through the shedding of our Saviour's blood, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

**Post Communion** Lord Jesus Christ, you have taught us that what we do for the least of our brothers and sisters we do also for you: give us the will to be the servant of others as you were the servant of all, and gave up your life and died for us, but are alive and reign, now and for ever. **Amen**

**First Reading** **Philippians 3:4b-14** Paul's former righteousness has been overturned by Christ. Paul longs to be one with him, and presses on to his goal – fulfilling Christ's call.

**Gospel** **John 12:1-8** Jesus attends a dinner at the home of Lazarus. Mary anoints Jesus with costly perfume and so reveals the path of true discipleship.

**Prayer List:** Hostage John Cantlie, Marian Clark, Emma Bradford and Craig Smith.

**Weddings:** Abbie and Tom who are getting married in Milton Church on Saturday 23 April 2pm.

**R.I.P.:** Marika Benfield.

**Funerals:** The funeral of Marika Benfield is in Shipton Church on Friday 8 April at 2.30pm.

**Deanery:** 3 April St John the Baptist, Fifield. Please pray for Geoffrey, Anne, Catherine Hitchens and Mary Champness. 10 April St Peter's, Wilcote. Please pray for Paul Mansell and Gail Ward.

## SUNDAY 10 APRIL – PALM SUNDAY

10.45am Process from Milton Green to Milton Church

11.00am Milton United Benefice Holy Communion **livestreamed**

*Followed by a simple Lent Lunch in the church (soup, bread and cheese) and children's activities. This year donations will be in aid of Ukraine.*

### **Palm Sunday Lent Lunch**

To help us cater, please RSVP for the lunch by Friday 10 April.

Email [office@wychwoodbenefice.org.uk](mailto:office@wychwoodbenefice.org.uk) or tel 01993 832467.

If you can help with making soup or help on the day  
please call Heather: 01993 830381.

## **PRAYERS AND READINGS (YEAR C)**

**Collect** True and humble king, hailed by the crowd as Messiah: grant us the faith to know you and love you, that we may be found beside you on the way of the cross, which is the path of glory. **Amen**

**Post Communion** Lord Jesus Christ, you humbled yourself in taking the form of a servant, and in obedience died on the cross for our salvation: give us the mind to follow you and to proclaim you as Lord and King, to the glory of God the Father.

**Amen**

### **Liturgy of the Passion**

**First Reading Philippians 2:5-11** Humility is not about thinking less of yourself, but thinking of yourself less. Christ humbled himself for the benefit of all humanity. Can we imitate that humility for the benefit of those with whom we live?

**Gospel Luke 22:14 – end of 23** The themes of service and humility that we have read about in today's readings are personified in Jesus as he institutes the Eucharist on Maundy Thursday.

### **Liturgy of the Palms**

**Gospel Luke 19:28-40** Jesus enters Jerusalem and the crowds hail him as their long-awaited Messiah.

## **Garage Sale in Fifield House Stable Yard Saturday 2 April**

Stalls. Bar. Barbecue. A new venture for Fifield – with some very good items including antique china for sale. Details from Catherine Hitchens 01993 831881.

## **Donating to Milton church is now even easier!**

There is now a card reader at Milton Church (Goodbox). We would encourage people to use this with their bank card in preference to cash. There is less administration and it will also help us work out small donations eligible for Gift Aid at the end of the year.

## **HOLY WEEK AND EASTER**

Tuesday 12 April:

Messy Church 10-12noon Shipton Church

Wednesday 13 April:

The Last Supper 6.30pm Milton Church Room

Maundy Thursday 14 April: Holy Communion 10.30am Milton Church

**First Reading** 1 Corinthians 11:23-26 These words form the tradition passed down through centuries to us. The Lord's Supper has become our passover meal.

**Gospel John 13:1-17. 31b-35** It is at the very moment of self-emptying that God is nevertheless fully glorified in Jesus. The apparent absence of glory reveals an even greater depth of glory.

Good Friday 15 April

Milton Church 9.30am Family Service with hot cross buns

Benefice Walk: Departs 10.30am from Milton Church, walking to Fifield for a picnic (byo) then on to Idbury Church.

Idbury Church Solemn Hour at the Cross 2pm-3pm

### **Easter Day Sunday 17 April**

Milton 9.30am Easter Communion with egg hunt – livestreamed

Shipton 11am Easter Communion with egg hunt

Fifield 11am Easter BCP Communion with egg hunt

### **First Reading Acts 10:34-43**

Peter addresses the Gentile Cornelius, his family and friends, acknowledging that God shows no partiality. He then tells them of the life, death and resurrection of Christ.

**Gospel John 20:1-18** Having summoned Peter and the other disciple to the open tomb, Mary Magdalene remains there, weeping, when the others return home. Jesus appears and she mistakes him for the gardener. He calls her by name and she recognises him. He tells her to return to the disciples with a clear message of the resurrection.

### **Tall Trees, Old Prebendal House and The Paddocks**

We are once again able to offer visits and services to those in elderly Care in our parishes including informal Songs of Praise, Holy Communion and coffee and chat. If you can support an elderly person so that they can engage with a service or join in a conversation, or you can help with music or lead a service, please contact Anne 07770745621 [anne@wychwoodbenefice.org.uk](mailto:anne@wychwoodbenefice.org.uk) .

## Service Details April-December

There is now a rota of services from April to December on the website [wychwoodbenefice.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2022/03/Rota-2022-April-Dec-300322.pdf](http://wychwoodbenefice.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2022/03/Rota-2022-April-Dec-300322.pdf) There are also printed copies in the churches.

## Ways to help Ukraine

**If you are interested in offering accommodation** the Government have set up a scheme to do this. However it may be easier to register your interest with Sanctuary Foundation -an organisation with experience of matching refugees to families which is supported by many churches and is there to help people navigate the steps. Details here: <https://sanctuaryfoundation.org.uk/>

## Donations of Money

If you would like to you can donate via the DEC (Disasters Emergency Committee) Ukraine Humanitarian Appeal. You'll help DEC charities provide food, water, shelter and healthcare to refugees and displaced families.

Details here: [donation.dec.org.uk/ukraine-humanitarian-appeal](http://donation.dec.org.uk/ukraine-humanitarian-appeal)

There is also a more local organisation collecting funds:

<https://www.oursupport4ukraine.com/>

## Guidance on coming to church now restrictions have been removed

We ask that you continue to please stay at home if you are feeling at all unwell.

- **Hand sanitizer** is readily available.
- **Face coverings** are no longer mandatory but are recommended in enclosed or crowded places. We still recommend wearing a mask whilst singing.
- **Space and Seating:** Where possible there are pews in church for those who prefer to keep their distance. We will also provide cards to place next to you asking people to leave the seats next to you free.
- **Communion Services** Clergy will wear a mask whilst preparing the elements and distributing the Communion as at present. Thank You.

Clare is working Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday mornings.

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