

## **The Wykeham Benefice**

### **Pewsheets & newsletter**

Epwell, Broughton with North Newington, Shutford, Sibford, Swalcliffe, Tadmarton

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### **Fourth Sunday of Easter**

**21<sup>st</sup> April 2024**

#### **Collect**

Risen Christ, faithful shepherd of your Father's sheep: teach us to hear your voice and to follow your command, that all your people may be gathered into one flock, to the glory of God the Father.

#### **Acts 4:5-12**

The next day their rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, 'By what power or by what name did you do this?' Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, 'Rulers of the people and elders, if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. This Jesus is

“the stone that was rejected by you, the builders;

it has become the cornerstone.”

There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved.'

#### **1 John 3:16-24**

We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us—and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help?

Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him.

And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

#### **John 10:11-18**

So again Jesus said to them 'I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one

flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father.'

### **Post Communion prayer**

Merciful Father, you gave your Son Jesus Christ to be the good shepherd, and in his love for us to lay down his life and rise again: keep us always under his protection and give us grace to follow in his steps; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

### **For prayer this week:**

Peace in the Middle East, Ukraine and Sudan

### **The week ahead**

Mon 22<sup>nd</sup> 9.00am Morning prayer in Epwell  
Tues 23<sup>rd</sup> **St George, Martyr and Patron of England**  
10.00am BCP Holy Communion in Tadmarton (The Rev'd Hazel Scarr)  
Wed 24<sup>th</sup> 9.00am Morning prayer in Sibford  
Thurs 25<sup>th</sup> 9.00am Morning prayer in Broughton  
Fri 26<sup>th</sup> 9.00am Morning prayer in Swalcliffe  
7.00pm Sibford APCM in the church  
Sat 27<sup>th</sup> 9.00am Morning prayer in Shutford

### **Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> April - Easter 5**

9.30am Holy Communion in Sibford (The Rev'd Canon Glyn Evans)  
9.30am Taizé service in Swalcliffe (Jocelyn Merris LLM)  
9.45am Holy Communion in Epwell (The Rev'd Canon John Tattersall)  
11.00am Holy Communion in Broughton (The Rev'd Canon Glyn Evans)  
11.00am Holy Communion in Tadmarton (The Rev'd Canon John Tattersall))

Streamed on Zoom:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/85130869357?pwd=Y3l0ZExVc3VlQml0Ty8wU0RrY3VQdz09>

Meeting ID: 851 3086 9357 Passcode: 305275

6.00pm BCP Evensong in Shutford (The Rev'd Canon John Tattersall)

### **Thanks**

I have been asked to pass on thanks to all those involved in the collection of gifts and notes for the Ukrainian defenders who are training in the UK by Padre Ben Norton, a chaplain in the British Army who is looking after Ukrainians training here.