



WychwoodBenefice

Church News 1 & 8 April 2018

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

SUNDAY 1 APRIL 2018 - EASTER DAY

9.30am	Milton Family Communion	Anne Hartley
11.00am	Fifield BCP Holy Communion	Peter Silva
11.00am	Shipton Family Communion	Anne Hartley

PRAYERS AND READINGS

Collect God of glory, by the raising of your Son you have broken the chains of death and hell: fill your Church with faith and hope; for a new day has dawned and the way to life stands open in our Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen**

Post Communion God of Life, who for our redemption gave your only-begotten Son to the death of the cross, and by his glorious resurrection have delivered us from the power of our enemy: grant us so to die daily to sin, that we may evermore live with him in the joy of his risen life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Open Doors

There are 9.5 million Christians in Egypt - 10% of the population and half of all Christians in the Middle East. Egypt ranks 17 on the World Watch List and was 21 last year. In 2017, 128 Christians were killed in attacks targeting Christians and churches. They often face discrimination and children are placed at the back of class and ignored. They are also discriminated against when looking for work. The ancient Coptic church was tolerated because of its historic presence and relatively large numbers, but in recent years they have been targeted by both their neighbours and Islamic extremist groups.

Open Doors Prayers Please pray for the ongoing project "Take my hand" in Egypt. This provides extra classes to support Christian children often ignored by teachers.

Readings: Acts 10.34-43, John 20. 1-18 (Year B)

Prayer List: Hostage John Cantlie, Hazel Dunwoody, Alison Chapple, Graham Harris and Arthur Hunt.

R.I.P. Rodney Rose, Doris Field and Lydia Lockett.

Funerals: Rodney Rose's funeral is on Wednesday 4 April, 12 noon in Milton Church. Doris Field's funeral is on Wednesday 11 April, 11.30am in Fifield Church.

SUNDAY 8 APRIL 2018 - EASTER 2

8.15am	Shipton BCP Holy Communion	Peter Silva
9.30am	Milton Holy Communion	Peter Silva
11.00am	Fifield BCP Morning Prayer	Peter Silva
11.00am	Shipton BCP Morning Prayer	Lay Led

PRAYERS AND READINGS

Collect Risen Christ, for whom no door is locked, no entrance barred: open the doors of our hearts, that we may seek the good of others and walk the joyful road of sacrifice and peace, to the praise of God the Father. **Amen**

Post Communion Lord God our Father, through our Saviour Jesus Christ you have assured your children of eternal life and in baptism have made us one with him: deliver us from the death of sin and raise us to new life in your love, in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, by the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Amen

Open Doors Prayers: Please pray for the protection of Christian girls in Egypt.

Readings: Acts 4.32-35, Psalm 133, John 20.19-31

NOTICES

Good Friday: 30 March

On **Good Friday** we will have our **family service** in Milton church at 9.30, followed by hot cross buns. After the service there is the opportunity to join in a leisurely walk across the countryside to **Fifield** for a **picnic** at 12noon. Of course, you could just drive up and bring your picnic!

Good Friday Walk:

A reminder that you can join the walk at any of the points along the way.

The itinerary is as follows:

10.30am Walk from Milton Church to Fifield

12noon “bring-your-own” Picnic at Fifield Church

12.45pm leave for Idbury Church

1.30pm arrive in Idbury

2pm Idbury Hour at the Cross

Congratulations to James Walmsley and Jenny Josland who were married on 17 March. We wish them every blessing in their life together.

Shipton APCM Sunday 22 April 4pm Change of venue

Please note this is now in Shipton Church.

New Vicar Update

Two lay members from each PCC have been elected to act as their parish representative on the interview panel for the selection of the new vicar. Mary Champness & Victoria Orr-Ewing for Fifield & Idbury; Mike Hartley & Iain Russell-Jarvie for Milton; Victoria Martin & Hilary Matthews for Shipton.

Those working on drafting the Benefice Profile are: Mike Hartley and Kathleen Walker for Milton; Victoria Martin and Hilary Matthews for Shipton and John Yaxley and Catherine Hitchens for Fifield and Idbury.

The next meeting as part of this process will take place on **18 April at 7.30pm – please note the change of venue**. This will now take place in the meeting room at the New Beaconsfield Hall in Shipton. This is where the draft benefice profile is agreed.

Shipton church choir

On the weekend of 14-15 April, Shipton choir will be singing the services in Llandaff Cathedral, in Cardiff. If you'd like to come along to any of the services, you'd be extremely welcome – there's plenty of free parking around the cathedral! The service on Saturday 14th is at 5.15pm, and those on Sunday 15th are at 11am and 3.30pm. (This replaces the choir's planned trip to Hereford Cathedral)

Fifield Bric-a-Brac Sale from 10am Saturday 7 April - Fifield Parish Hall

Readings Sunday 15 April Easter 3: Acts 3.12-19, Psalm 4, Luke 24.36b-48
(Year B)

Benefice Office Hours over Easter:

The office will be open as follows:;

Wed. 4 April 9am-4pm,

Thurs. 5 April 9am-4pm,

Wed. 11 April 10am-12pm

Then closed until Monday 16 April



Prayer for the Benefice during the vacancy

Heavenly Father,

During this vacancy,

we pray that you guard and bless our Wychwood Benefice as we serve you together during this time without a vicar.

Lord Jesus,

We know that you have great plans for us.

Help us all to take our part,
growing in faith and love for one another,
and reaching out to others.

Holy Spirit,

Guide those who are seeking the right person for us,
together with those who are seeking the right place for their ministry,
that together we may discover your way
for the future and see your kingdom grow.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

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