



WychwoodBenefice

Church News 4 & 11 March 2018

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

SUNDAY 4 MARCH 2018 - LENT 3

11.00am Shipton United Benefice Holy Communion Elizabeth Koepping

PRAYERS AND READINGS

Collect Eternal God, give us insight to discern your will for us, to give up what harms us, and to seek the perfection we are promised in Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen

Post Communion Merciful Lord, grant your people grace to withstand the temptations of the world, the flesh and the devil, and with pure hearts and minds to follow you, the only God; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Open Doors Prayers: Pray that God will continue to build His church through the courage and faith of His people.

Readings: Psalm 19, 1 Corinthians 1.18-25, John 2.13-22 (Year B)

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

R.I.P. Rachel Grant, Rosemary Hitchcock and Joanna Hole.

Funerals: Rachel Grant's funeral is on Wednesday 7 March, 2pm in Shipton Church. Joanna Hole's funeral is on Tuesday 6 March at 1pm in Milton Church. Rosemary Hitchcock's funeral is on Thursday 8 March 11am at St John Fisher & St Thomas More Church, Burford.

Deanery: 4 March: St Denys Little Compton, please pray for James Kennedy, David Salter, Jackie Jones, Martha Simpson, Ursula Simpson, Roger Simpson and churchwarden Susie Cooper. 11 March: All Saints Shorthampton, please pray for Sally Welch, Jan Fielden, Tish Bird and churchwardens Dine Glasgow and Paddy Gallagher.

SUNDAY 11 MARCH 2018 - MOTHERING SUNDAY

8.15am	Shipton BCP Holy Communion	Anne Hartley
9.30am	Milton Mothering Sunday Holy Communion	Anne Hartley
11.00am	Fifield Mothering Sunday Service	Lay Led
11.00am	Shipton Mothering Sunday Holy Communion	Anne Hartley

PRAYERS AND READINGS

Collect God of compassion, whose Son Jesus Christ, the child of Mary, shared the life of a home in Nazareth, and on the cross, drew the whole human family to himself: strengthen us in our daily living that in joy and in sorrow we may know the power of your presence to bind together and to heal; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Post Communion

Loving God, as a mother feeds her children at the breast you feed us in this sacrament with the food and drink of eternal life: help us who have tasted your goodness to grow in grace within the household of faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Open Doors Prayers: We thank God for all the strong mothers who support their families during times of persecution and war.

Readings: Exodus 2.1-10, John 19.25-27

NOTICES

New Vicar Update

A first official meeting is taking place on **Wednesday 7 March, 11am in the Benefice Office**. This is a procedural meeting where we will agree how to work on the profile & who will be on the selection committee etc. This is for PCCs.

Mila Piano Trio Concert in Milton Church - Saturday 3 March 7.30pm **Tickets can be purchased on the night or from Liz Watts 831759**

The return of the Mila Piano Trio, promoted by Michael Bochmann, so well-received last year. Tickets £12, under 18s free. Playing a programme of Schubert, Tchaikovsky and a specially commissioned piece by Cydonie Banting.

Friends of St John the Baptist's, Fifield: Hot Pot Supper

"The Friends" are holding the Annual Hot Pot Supper on Tuesday 13th March, 7.00 for 7.30 pm in the Parish Hall, Fifield. Tickets £10 (to include two courses plus coffee and mints) from Tina Palmer (830 517) or John Yaxley (831 385) Raffle. Please bring your own bottle. All welcome.

Prayer and Praise at Old Prebendal House

Every third Wednesday at 11am we will meet in the lounge for an informal service of prayer and praise, with coffee, replacing the regular Coffee with the Vicar.

This is open to all residents and people in the community.

We hope it will provide a time for people to get to know each other better and share some of the prayer concerns we each have, for ourselves, our families, the staff of Old Prebendal House and the wider world. We may listen to some music and sing some hymns. Please bring a friend - a warm welcome guaranteed.

Don't Suffer in Silence

We are aware that we do have some sound system/volume issues sometimes in church when it can be hard to hear what is being said. We'd like to encourage people to indicate when they can't hear by raising an arm, or calling out so that whoever is speaking can immediately address this by speaking up. If everyone does this it will become normal.

Lent Groups and Resources

Lent groups are underway. This year we will be using Bishop Steven's new booklet "Abundant Life". The groups will run at 3pm on Wednesdays at Old Prebendal House and during the evening Homegroups at 7.30pm. Anyone who would like to take part will be most welcome and you can drop in for individual sessions or come to all of them. Contact Liz for more information on 831759.

Palm Sunday and Lent Lunch Sunday 25 March

The Palm Sunday United Benefice Service in Milton will start slightly later at **10am** and will be followed by coffee and our Lent Lunch with activities for children, in Milton Village Hall from 11.30am. This year we will hold our Lent lunch in support of our partner Open Doors.

From Open Doors about North Korea

"Imagine a land where it is almost impossible to be a Christian.

Despite all this the church is alive and still active. Thanks to the prayers and gifts of many Open Doors supporters, courageous secret workers are able to bring vital aid to help North Koreans survive, spiritually and physically."

Easter Cards with dates of all the Easter related services starting with Mothering Sunday have arrived and hopefully will make their way through your letterbox shortly.

The Real Easter Egg 2018

“The Real Easter Egg was launched in 2010. To date, we have sold more than one million eggs with 750,000 of these sent through the post directly to churches and schools. Not only has there been an increase in Fairtrade chocolate sales, but nearly £250,000 has been donated to charity as a result.”

meaningfulchocolate.co.uk/collections/real-easter-egg

Pastoral Care Boxes Now in Church

We have now put “post” boxes in each of the churches with confidential forms which can be used to let us know of someone who may appreciate some support. You can also contact Elaine Russell-Jarvie, our Pastoral Care Co-ordinator 01993 831610 / 07939 510788 / erusselljarvie@talktalk.net

Readings Sunday 18 March - Lent 5 Psalm 51.1-13 or Psalm 119.9-16,
Hebrews 5.5-10, John 12.20-33 (Year B)

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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Mon & Thurs 9-2, Tuesday 11.30-2.30, Wednesday 12.30-2.30

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