



WychwoodBenefice

Church News 29 April & 6 May 2018

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

SUNDAY 29 APRIL 2018 - EASTER 5

11am	Fifield United Benefice BCP Holy Communion	Peter Silva
6pm	Shipton Spring Evensong	Lay Led

PRAYERS AND READINGS

Collect Risen Christ, your wounds declare your love for the world and the wonder of your risen life: give us compassion and courage to risk ourselves for those we serve, to the glory of God the Father. **Amen**

Post Communion Eternal God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life: grant us to walk in his way, to rejoice in his truth, and to share his risen life; who is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **Amen**

Open Doors Prayers Pray that God will change the hearts of those who are seeking to harm Christians in Egypt.

Readings: Acts 8.26-40, Psalm 22.25-31, John 15.1-8 (Year B)

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

Weddings and Banns: Verity Greenhalgh and Michael La Bouchard are getting married on Saturday 19 May, at 3pm in Milton Church. Banns will be read for Siobhan Baillie and Kris Triggles on 13, 20 and 27 May in Milton church (they are getting married at St Mary's Swinbrook on 23rd June 2018).

Deanery: 29 April - St Peters Cornwell. Please pray for James Kennedy, David Salter, Jackie Jones, Ursula Simpson and Roger Simpson and the churchwarden Charles Colston. 6 May – St John the Baptist, Fifield. Please pray for Pat Yaxley, Anne Hartley and the team during this time without a vicar.

SUNDAY 6 MAY 2018 - EASTER 6

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Shipton United Benefice Holy Communion

Anne Hartley

PRAYERS AND READINGS

Collect Risen Christ, by the lakeside you renewed your call to your disciples: help your Church to obey your command and draw the nations to the fire of your love, to the glory of God the Father. **Amen**

Post Communion God our Father, whose Son Jesus Christ gives the water of eternal life: may we thirst for you, the spring of life and source of goodness, through him who is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **Amen**

Open Doors Prayers Give thanks for answered prayers. Many children can now go back to school in Iraq. This is thanks to the prayers and generosity of Open Doors supporters.

Readings: Acts 10.44-48, Psalm 98, John 15.9-17 (Year B)

NOTICES

New Vicar Update: What happens now?

The Section 12 meeting on 18 April completed the process of drawing up the profile for a new vicar. The profile will shortly be available on both the Benefice and Diocesan websites. Thanks to all those who completed the questionnaires - the responses were helpful and taken into account when writing the profile.

We will be formally advertising the position in May. Shortlisting will take place at the end of June with interviews on 5 July.

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.

Sunday Sermons on the Benefice Website

We are starting to put copies of Sunday sermons on the website (when available) so do take a look <http://wychwoodbenefice.org.uk/>

Pastoral Care

We have a dedicated Pastoral Team who would be pleased to respond to anyone who feels they might appreciate a visit.

If you know of anyone who might appreciate an initial phone call, or if you would like a visit from one of the team, please call Elaine on 831610 or drop a line to elainerusselljarvie@talktalk.net

If you feel you would like prayer support or pastoral care, there are also prayer boxes in Shipton and Milton for your requests.

Thank you to those who are already involved with the Pastoral Care Group and if anyone else would like to be involved in any way, do get in touch with Elaine.



Pilgrim Path Guided Walks 2018

Adventures on your doorstep for you to share with family and friends.

Journey together today...

Guided circular walks, led by experienced walkers offering reflections and insights.

The first Pilgrim Path guided walk will be on:

Sunday 6th May at 2pm. The walk will be from Milton church to Shipton (3 miles).

Meet at Milton church and do bring your own refreshments.

Christian Aid Week 2018 13-19 May

Just a reminder that Christian Aid week is coming up. There will be house to house collections during the week. If you'd like more information please see:

<https://www.christianaid.org.uk/christian-aid-week>

Quiz Night: Sunday 20 May at the Wychwood Inn

Raising Funds for the Shipton Bells

For more information email Clare <mailto:office@wychwoodbenefice.org.uk>

Tuesday 8 May 2.30pm Fifield Parish Hall A Presentation from Sally Austin - Head of Emergency Services for CARE International.

Save the Date: The Fifield Summer Dinner

This year this will take place on Saturday 16 June. More details will follow.

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

Readings Sunday 13 May Easter 7: Acts 1.15-17,21-26, Psalm 1, John 17.6-19
(Year B)

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