



# WychwoodBenefice

Church News 25 November & 2 December 2018

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

## **SUNDAY 25 NOVEMBER 2018 - CHRIST THE KING**

8.15am	Shipton BCP Holy Communion	Geoffrey Clement
9.30am	Milton Sunday Worship	Lay Led
11.00am	Idbury BCP Holy Communion	Geoffrey Clement
11.00am	Shipton BCP Morning Prayer	Lay Led

## **PRAYERS AND READINGS**

**Collect** God the Father, help us to hear the call of Christ the King and to follow in his service, whose kingdom has no end; for he reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, one glory. **Amen**

**Post Communion** Stir up, O Lord, the wills of your faithful people; that they, plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good works, may by you be plenteously rewarded; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

**Readings:** Psalm 93, Revelation 1.4b-8, John 18.33-37 (Year B).

**Open Doors Prayers:** A month of prayer for India [Transforming lives](#)

Pray for courage and protection for local Rapid Response teams taking great risks to support victims of violence with emergency food and medical care. Pray for discernment for those working to strengthen the church for the long term task of building God's kingdom in India. **Amen**

**Prayer List:** Hostage John Cantlie, Graham Harris, Guthrie Piggot & Margaret Gibbs.

**R.I.P.** John Lyons.

**Funerals:** John Lyons' funeral is on Tuesday 27 November, 1pm in Shipton Church.

**Deanery:** 25 November: St Mary's, Charlbury: Sally Welch, Jan Fielden, Tish Bird and churchwardens Dine Glasgow and Paddy Gallagher. 2 December: St Mary's, Chipping Norton: James Kennedy, David Salter, Jackie Jones, Martha Simpson, Ursula Simpson, Roger Simpson and churchwardens Graham Povey and Timothy Woolcock.

## **SUNDAY 2 DECEMBER 2018 - ADVENT SUNDAY**

8.15am	Shipton BCP Holy Communion	Geoffrey Clement
6.00pm	Shipton United Benefice Advent Carols	Geoffrey Clement

### **PRAYERS AND READINGS**

**Collect** Almighty God, as your kingdom dawns, turn us from the darkness of sin to the light of holiness, that we may be ready to meet you in our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. **Amen**

**Post Communion** O Lord our God, make us watchful and keep us faithful as we await the coming of your Son our Lord; that, when he shall appear, he may not find us sleeping in sin but active in his service and joyful in his praise; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

**Open Doors Prayers:** For the protection of Asia Bibi, her family and all involved in her acquittal. That God will give the Pakistani Government the courage to stand up for what is right. **Amen**

**Readings:** Psalm 25.1-9, 1 Thessalonians 3.9-13, Luke 21.25-36 (Year B).

### **NOTICES**

#### **“Open the Book” Volunteers needed**

Geoffrey is looking for volunteers to help with “Open the Book”. It involves going into the school and presenting “dramatised” Bible readings to the children about 3 times per half term. No acting skills required, just an enthusiasm to share the Bible stories in a lively way, there is also no upper age limit. For more information contact Geoffrey or just google: "Open the Book - Bible Society".

## **Advent Groups**

This year we shall be following the Pilgrim course on “The Bible”. The course starts by simply asking: What is the Bible? and takes us on a pilgrimage of discovery. We will be following this journey at the Home Groups, on Monday’s at the Benefice Centre until 17<sup>th</sup> December at midday and at The Old Prebendal on Tuesdays starting at 3pm in the Library. Books are available for £5.99 in the Benefice centre.

## **Shoebox Sunday Success**

Thank you to everyone who contributed towards this year’s Christmas Shoebox appeal. We sent 75 shoeboxes off with the Teams4U group after Milton’s service last Sunday. These will shortly begin their journey to Romania.

You can take a look at photos taken by Alan Vickers and Rachel Cable of the service on our facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/WychwoodBenefice/>

## **North Oxfordshire Foodbank Christmas Notice**

The last day for Christmas donations is Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> December.

Please no Christmas cakes, puddings or mince pies but tins of biscuits, chocolates, toiletries and tins of ham are particularly welcome.

The below are also items we are particularly in short supply of at the moment:

Tins of Fruit, Custard or Pudding Rice,

Pasta sauce

Tins of Meat (all types including tinned pies) Fish (Tuna)

Tins of Vegetables (i.e. peas, carrots sweetcorn, potatoes & tomatoes)

Rice & pasta (500g packets)

Breakfast Cereals (not oats)

Coffee, Tea & Small packets of Sugar

Long Life semi skimmed Milk, Long Life Fruit Juice

Biscuits, Jams & spreads

Tins of Soup, Baked Beans & spaghetti

We also welcome toilet rolls, washing up liquid, washing machine tablets etc.

## **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 [erusselljarvie@talktalk.net](mailto:erusselljarvie@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.

**Readings** 9 December: Advent 2:

Canticle: Benedictus, Philippians 1.3-11, Luke 3.1-6 (Year B).

If you would like to receive the Church News by email, please let Clare know – [office@wychwoodbenefice.org.uk](mailto:office@wychwoodbenefice.org.uk)

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