



WychwoodBenefice

Church News 23 - 30 December 2018

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

SUNDAY 23 DECEMBER 2018 ADVENT 4

9.30am	Milton United Benefice Holy Communion followed by Christingle Making in the Benefice Centre	Geoffrey Clement
6.00pm	Shipton Nine Lessons & Carols by Candlelight	Geoffrey Clement

PRAYERS AND READINGS

Collect Eternal God, as Mary waited for the birth of your Son, so we wait for his coming in glory; bring us through the birth pangs of this present age to see, with her, our great salvation in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Post Communion Heavenly Father, who chose the Blessed Virgin Mary to be the mother of the promised saviour: fill us your servants with your grace, that in all things we may embrace your holy will and with her rejoice in your salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Readings: Cantic: Magnificat, Hebrews 10.5-10, Luke 1.39-45[46-55] (Year C).

Open Doors Prayers: Please pray

For all Christians in Syria that their homes and businesses will be restored and that they will be able to offer the hope of the gospel to their friends and neighbours this Christmas tide. **Amen**

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

R.I.P. Daphne Nicholson and Irene Collier.

Funerals: Irene Collier's funeral is on Thursday 20 December 2.30pm in Milton Church. Daphne Nicholson's funeral is on Friday 4 January 11am at Fairspear Burial Ground.

MONDAY 24 DECEMBER - CHRISTMAS EVE 2018

4.00pm	Milton Crib and Christingle	Geoffrey Clement
4.00pm	Shipton Crib and Christingle	Anne Hartley
6.00pm	Milton Carols around the tree	Anne Hartley
7.00pm	Shipton Carols around the tree	Geoffrey Clement
11.30pm	Shipton Midnight Communion	Geoffrey Clement

Collect Eternal God, in the stillness of this night you sent your almighty Word to pierce the world's darkness with the light of salvation: give to the earth the peace that we long for and fill our hearts with the joy of heaven through our Saviour, Jesus Christ. **Amen**

Post Communion God our Father, in this night you have made known to us again the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ: confirm our faith and fix our eyes on him until the day dawns and Christ the Morning Star rises in our hearts. To him be glory both now and for ever. **Amen**

Readings: Psalm 96, Titus 2.11-14, Luke 2.1-14[15-20] (Year C).

TUESDAY 25 DECEMBER 2018 - CHRISTMAS DAY

9.30am	Milton Christmas Communion	Geoffrey Clement
11.00am	Fifield Christmas BCP Communion	Anne Hartley
11.00am	Shipton Christmas Communion	Geoffrey Clement

PRAYERS AND READINGS

Collect Lord Jesus Christ, your birth at Bethlehem draws us to kneel in wonder at heaven touching earth: accept our heartfelt praise as we worship you, our Saviour and our eternal God. **Amen**

Post Communion God our Father, whose Word has come among us in the Holy Child of Bethlehem: may the light of faith illumine our hearts and shine in our words and deeds; through him who is Christ the Lord. **Amen**

Open Doors Prayers: Please pray That at the threshold of a new year Syrians can hope for an end to the war and violence in Syria and that God's peace will fill the land. **Amen**

Readings: Psalm 98, Hebrews 1.1-4[5-12], John 1.1-14 (Year C).

SUNDAY 30 DECEMBER 2018 - CHRISTMAS I

11.00am Shipton United Benefice Holy Communion Anne Hartley

Collect God in Trinity, eternal unity of perfect love: gather the nations to be one family, and draw us into your holy life through the birth of Emmanuel, our Lord Jesus Christ. **Amen**

Post Communion Heavenly Father, whose blessed Son shared at Nazareth the life of an earthly home: help your Church to live as one family, united in love and obedience, and bring us all at last to our home in heaven; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Open Doors Prayers: Please pray That at the threshold of a new year Syrians can hope for an end to the war and violence in Syria and that God's peace will fill the land. **Amen**

Readings: Psalm 148*, Colossians 3.12-17, Luke 2.41-52 (Year C).

NOTICES

Holidays and office hours over Christmas

Geoffrey will be on holiday from 26 December to 4 January inclusive.

If you need to speak to a priest in an emergency during this time please contact Anne.

The Benefice Office will be closed from Friday 21 December and will reopen on Thursday 3 January 9am- 4pm, Friday 4 Jan 2pm-6pm. Closed on Monday 7 Jan.

Request for Mince Pies for Shipton's Nine Lessons and Carols by Candlelight Service on Sunday 23 December, 6pm

Please can you either bring mince pies to the service or give to Claire Bell beforehand (tel 831281).

Christingle Making: Sunday 23 December 10.30am-12 in the Benefice Centre after Milton's United Benefice Service

Do come and join us for our annual Christingle making session. Children are very welcome to come and help make Christingles ahead of the Crib and Christingle services (and possibly eat some sweets along the way...).

Calendar of Services 2019

There is a one page sheet of services available in the churches and the office.

Open the Book Video

Thank you to those who have volunteered to join the Open the Book team, there is always room for more volunteers. The following link is for the official Youtube video showing you what Open the Book is all about and it might inspire you to join in. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iztzm0avyjk> -

Pastoral Care at Christmas

The Christmas season is the time of year for great excitement and delight for many, especially those who gather with family to celebrate.

But for many reasons Christmas can also be a painful and difficult time. Maybe it's a first without a much loved member of the family, perhaps relatives are too far away to reach or it is no longer possible to travel.

Can we the pastoral team and the church family as a whole remain extra mindful of those around us who might appreciate a call or even a card to offer a visit.

Call Clare or me if you feel you would like a call or visit, or if you know of anyone who might.

Wishing everyone a Happy Christmas

Elaine

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Readings: 6 January: Epiphany:

Psalm 72.[1-9]10-15, Ephesians 3.1-12, Matthew 2.1-12 (Year C).

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