



Wychwood Benefice

Church News 3 - 10 February 2019

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

SUNDAY 3 FEBRUARY 2019 - 5 BEFORE LENT

11.00am Shipton United Benefice Holy Communion Geoffrey Clement

PRAYERS AND READINGS

Collect God of our salvation, help us to turn away from those habits which harm our bodies and poison our minds and to choose again your gift of life, revealed to us in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Post Communion

God of truth, we have seen with our eyes and touched with our hands the bread of life: strengthen our faith that we may grow in love for you and for each other; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Readings: Psalm 48, 1 Corinthians 13.1-13, Luke 2.22-40 (Year C)

Prayer List: Hostage John Cantlie, Alison Hughes, David Trollope, Roger Williams, Margaret Gibbs, Shauni McGregor and Mark Forsbrey.

R.I.P.: Betty Woodward and Ann Kay.

Deanery: 3 February: St Michael & All Angels, Leafield. Please pray for Paul Mansell, Sarah Jones and churchwarden Simon Salome-Bentley. 10 February: St Mary's, Swerford. Please pray for Wendy Cunningham and churchwardens Jennifer Tustian and Charles Campion.

Open Doors: At the beginning of a new year let us give thanks for the growing awareness of persecution amongst church leaders and M P s in our nation. As we look ahead to the new year pray that more Christians across the UK and Ireland will be moved to pray for support and speak out for the persecuted family.

SUNDAY 10 FEBRUARY 2019 - 4 BEFORE LENT

8.15am	Shipton BCP Holy Communion	Geoffrey Clement
9.30am	Milton Holy Communion	Geoffrey Clement
11.00am	Fifield BCP Holy Communion	Geoffrey Clement
11.00am	Shipton BCP Morning Prayer	Lay Led

PRAYERS AND READINGS

Collect Lord of the hosts of heaven, our salvation and our strength, without you we are lost: guard us from all that harms or hurts and raise us when we fall; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Post Communion Go before us, Lord, in all we do with your most gracious favour, and guide us with your continual help, that in all our works begun, continued and ended in you, we may glorify your holy name, and finally by your mercy receive everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Open Doors Let us give thanks for prayers answered. For Christina, Jahid, for Christians in Bangladesh, Alvaro and all Open Doors partners.

Readings: Psalm 138, 1 Corinthians 15.1-11, Luke 5.1-11 (Year C).

Notices

Surrey Fringe and Eight in a Bar in concert in Milton Church

There will be a concert in Milton church at 7:30pm on Friday 8th March featuring **Surrey Fringe**, a barbershop group from Guildford, and **Eight in a Bar**, a small choir from the Chipping Norton area.

Tickets are £8 (£3 for 18s and under), available from Bernard West (01993 831242 or tickets@8inabar.com) or on the door, in aid of the John Radcliffe Hospital Neurosciences Ward and the Wychwood Benefice. Please come, and do spread the word!

United Benefice Choral Evensong Sunday 17 February 6pm Shipton

Calling all singers:

We would like to invite any singers in the benefice/deanery who are interested, to come and take part in a Choral Evensong.

There will be a rehearsal on the day from 4.15 (with tea and cake) in Shipton church, with the service at 6pm.

To register your interest please email Bernard bernard.west@cantab.net or call 01993 831242 by Friday 8 February (so we have an idea of numbers for refreshments and music). There may be an additional rehearsal.

Renewal of Electoral Roll

Every 6 years the churches are required to renew their electoral roll; this is due to be done this year and before the APCMs which must take place before 30 April.

The roll is effectively a list of church members. We would encourage you to join the roll for your church, which indicates your support for the church and gives you the right to have a say. You will need to apply, whether you have been on the roll before or not. We will be providing forms by email but can supply hard copies where required.

Why Join? Enrolment is a way of saying “I belong”. It is an act of commitment to the Parish Church and the Church as a whole. It opens the way for a greater involvement in church life at parish, deanery, diocesan & national levels.

It is also saying “I belong to this family”. As members of God’s family we believe, amongst other things that God wants us: to explore who He is; be messengers of His love; use our gifts and talents for the benefit of others; share what we have discovered.

Gifts of the Spirit

Our churches are full of talented people who use their gifts to build up the church community. At a recent Benefice Service we listed some of the gifts each person has or would like to see, in our church life and worship.

Everyone has a gift to offer, which, with a little encouragement, can contribute to our Christian experience.

Sometimes we are not aware of our gifts, and need other people to point them out to us. The discernment of gifts is an ongoing process we’re all involved in. If you would like to see the list we have started please go to the website

<https://wychwoodbenefice.org.uk/gifts-of-the-spirit/> or send any contributions of your own to Anne Hartley.

Home Groups Drinks Party Tues 5 Feb, 7.15pm, Milton Church Room

Belonging to a home group is a really good way to get to know people and go deeper in our faith. We look at the Sunday Bible readings through study and discussion, sharing our own stories and pastoral concerns, sometimes over a meal or coffee.

We would love to welcome more people to our home groups and are currently reorganizing our groups looking at both evenings and day time options.

If you are interested, get in touch with Anne Hartley 01993 830160 or email.

Come along to the drinks party to meet everyone and find out more.

List of 2019 Services

Don’t forget we have a sheet with all the services for 2019 on. If you’d like a copy we have plenty in the office.

Easter Card Image calling all artists and photographers

We are almost ready to produce our Easter Card which goes out to all houses in the Benefice. If you have an image you would be happy to put forward, please get in touch. We would need it by Monday 10 February.

North Oxfordshire Foodbank Special Requests

These are the items of which we have very little stock, so any help building up reserves is particularly welcome:

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.

When donating food, please ensure that it has a "best before date" of at least 6 months in advance.

Readings Sunday 17 February: 3 before Lent: Psalm 1, 1 Corinthians 15.12-20, Luke 6.17-26 (Year C)

Vicar: Rev Geoffrey Clement vicar@wychwoodbenefice.org.uk 01993 832514

Rest Day: Wednesday

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Administrator: Clare Harper, Office Hours:

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

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