



Wychwood Benefice

Church News 20 - 27 January 2019

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

SUNDAY 20 JANUARY 2019 - EPIPHANY 3

9.30am Milton United Benefice Holy Communion

Geoffrey Clement
& Anne Hartley

PRAYERS AND READINGS

Collect God of all mercy, your Son proclaimed good news to the poor, release to the captives, and freedom to the oppressed: anoint us with your Holy Spirit and set all your people free to praise you in Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Post Communion

Almighty Father, whose Son our Saviour Jesus Christ is the light of the world: may your people, illumined by your word and sacraments, shine with the radiance of his glory, that he may be known, worshipped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **Amen**

Readings: Psalm 36.5-10, 1 Corinthians 12.1-11, John 2.1-11 (Year C)

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

Weddings: Please pray for all the couples getting married in the Benefice this year, ahead of our marriage preparation session on 26 January.

R.I.P.: Brian Ricketts. Ann Kay.

Deanery: 20 January: St John the Evangelist, Little Tew. Please pray for Ginny Thomas and churchwarden Claire Freeman. 27 January: St Mary's, Shipton. Please pray for Geoffrey Clement and Anne Hartley and churchwardens James Walmsley, Victoria Martin, Peter Wilkinson and Mike Brooks.

SUNDAY 27 JANUARY 2019 - EPIPHANY 4

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 of heaven, you send the gospel to the ends of the earth and your messengers to every nation: send your Holy Spirit to transform us by the good news of everlasting life in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Post Communion Generous Lord, in word and eucharist we have proclaimed the mystery of your love: help us so to live out our days that we may be signs of your wonders in the world; through Jesus Christ our Saviour. **Amen**

Readings: Psalm 19*, 1 Corinthians 12.12-31a, Luke 4.14-21 (Year C).

Notices

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.

Visit to Bell Foundry and Works of John Taylor & Co, Loughborough

Following a very successful visit to the foundry in Loughborough, we are happy to report that things are progressing with the bells of St Mary's. They are currently in the tuning shop. We had a very enjoyable tour – see the website for photos and an overview of the visit. <https://wychwoodbenefice.org.uk/visit-to-loughborough-bell-foundry/>

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?

Why Join? Enrolment is a way of saying...“I belong”. For us 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 the life of the church at parish, deanery, diocesan and 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.

Home Groups

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.

There will be an opportunity to meet everyone at a drinks party soon.

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

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.

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.

Pathways: New Diocesan Magazine

The new diocesan magazine, *Pathways* (replacing *The Door*) is arriving with deanery distributors this week and should start to appear in parishes from this weekend onwards.

Readings Sunday 3 February: 5th Sunday before Lent: 1 Corinthians 13.1-13
Luke 2.22-40 (Year C)

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

Rest Day: Wednesday

Rev'd Anne Hartley anne@wychwoodbenefice.org.uk 01993 830160 (out of contact on Thursdays)

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