



# Wychwood Benefice

Church News 17 - 24 February 2019

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

## **SUNDAY 17 FEBRUARY 2019 - 3 BEFORE LENT**

9.30am Milton United Benefice Holy Communion

6.00pm Shipton United Benefice Choral Evensong  
(rehearsal for singers from 4.15)

## **PRAYERS AND READINGS**

**Collect** Eternal God, whose Son went among the crowds and brought healing with his touch: help us to show his love, in your Church as we gather together, and by our lives as they are transformed into the image of Christ our Lord. **Amen**

### **Post Communion**

Merciful Father, who gave Jesus Christ to be for us the bread of life, that those who come to him should never hunger: draw us to the Lord in faith and love, that we may eat and drink with him at his table in the kingdom, where he is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **Amen**

### **Readings:**

**First Reading I Corinthians 15:12-20** Paul is passionate in his trust that God raised Christ from the dead because without that trust his whole understanding of what God is doing collapses.

**Gospel Luke 6:17-26** Jesus turns everyone's expectations upside down about where blessing is to be found in life.

**Psalm I** (Year C)

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

**R.I.P.:** May Stewart.

**Funerals:** May Stewart's funeral is on Saturday 23 February 11am in Shipton.  
**Deanery:** 17 February: All Saints, Churchill. Please pray for David Salter, James Kennedy, Jackie Jones, Martha Simpson, Ursula Simpson, Roger Simpson and churchwardens John Armstrong and Mary Blackman. 24 February: All Saints, Spelsbury. Please pray for Mark Abrey and churchwarden Ken Wakefield.

**Open Doors:** Give thanks that Open Doors workers and contacts are providing for the thousands of children who are bullied and attacked because their parents are Christians. Please pray that this work is successful.

## **SUNDAY 24 FEBRUARY 2019 - 2 BEFORE LENT**

8.15am Shipton BCP Holy Communion

9.30am Milton Sunday Worship

11.00am Idbury BCP Morning Prayer

11.00am Shipton Holy Communion

## **PRAYERS AND READINGS**

**Collect** Almighty God, give us reverence for all creation and respect for every person, that we may mirror your likeness in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

**Post Communion** God our creator, by your gift the tree of life was set at the heart of the earthly paradise, and the bread of life at the heart of your Church: may we who have been nourished at your table on earth be transformed by the glory of the Saviour's cross and enjoy the delights of eternity; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

**Open Doors:** Pray for a little boy named Simon, the son of a pastor in Algeria. People often threaten them when they are walking in the streets. Simon doesn't understand why. Pray for Simon's protection and for wisdom for his parents as they support him.

### **Readings:**

**First Reading Revelation 4** An incredible vision of heaven, in which John sees God seated on a throne, surrounded by twenty-four elders, worshipping God.

**Gospel Luke 8:22-25** After travelling around teaching vast crowds of people, Jesus wants to sail across the Sea of Galilee to a quieter area. When a storm breaks out he calms the sea and the disciples are amazed.

**Psalm 65** (Year C).

## **Notices**

**Half Term Office Hours:** Mon. 18 Feb. 8am-1pm. Tues. 19 Feb, 9am-3pm.

### **Shipton Church update**

As some of you may know, earlier this week some roof timber (a purlin) came lose inside the church. We are hoping this can be secured quickly but obviously we won't know more until it has been thoroughly checked.

### **Shipton Bells Update**

The bells of St Mary's should be arriving back on Wednesday 20 February. Hopefully they will be ringing out again in early March.

### **Church News: about volunteers:**

As someone once put it: The Harvest is plentiful but the labourers are few! As we start a new chapter in our mission and ministry in the benefice I would like to ask you to consider sharing that challenge. We are planning on running training sessions for any new volunteers (and existing if they wish to come along) in the areas of Administering the chalice, leading worship in care homes and church, leading intercessions, reading a lesson in church and other areas as necessary. Maybe you've been sat in your pew and have felt a burning desire to undertake a particular task. If so I'd be pleased to hear from you. No previous experience required, just enthusiasm. Feel free to contact either Geoffrey or Anne.

### **The Friends of St John the Baptist's Church, Fifield Annual General Meeting with Speaker: Tuesday 26 February 6.30pm in the Parish Hall Followed by a talk at 7pm by Rev. Geoffrey Clement, President of "The Friends"**

He will be speaking about some aspects of his life including the twelve years he spent in Uruguay. Open to all.

### **Request for Items from the Open the Book Group**

Can anyone loan us a children's stair gate. We need it from March 10th to 13th and March 24th to 27<sup>th</sup>.

We also need - old striped or checked tea towels and old 20–40 denier tights. If you are able to help, please contact Geoffrey, Kathleen Walker, Christine de Warren Chinn, or Katherine Gidman. Many thanks.

### **Renewal of Electoral Roll**

A reminder to complete your ER form if you have not already done so. Contact your PCC Secretary or the office for forms.

## Changes to Midday Prayers and Home Groups

From Monday 18 February, Midday Prayers will take place at The Paddocks (in the upper lounge). Those that would like to can then have lunch in the café between 12.30 and 1pm. Home Group will then take place between 1-2pm. Come for prayers, home group, lunch or all 3....

## Other Home Groups

Evening home groups will continue to run on Tuesday evening from 7.15pm and Wednesday evening from 7.30pm. For details on any of the home groups please get in touch with Anne 01993 830160.

## Lent Books and Lent Groups for 2019

Copies of our chosen lent resource *Lent with New Daylight - Rediscovering who we are as God's people*, are now available for £3 in the office. They include Lent group study material and daily Bible readings and are ideal for church groups and individual use. We will be using these during our Lent Groups that start on 11 March. During Lent our Home Groups will become Lent Groups. Everyone is welcome and each session is stand-alone so you can come to any or all of the groups.

## 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](mailto: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!

**Readings Sunday 3 March:** Sunday before Lent: Psalm 99, 2 Corinthians 3.12 - 4.2, Luke 9.28-36[37-43a] (Year C)

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