



Wychwood Benefice

Church News 31 March – 7 April 2019

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

CLOSURE OF SHIPTON CHURCH

Shipton Church remains closed until it can be secured for use again. Please check the notice sheet or website for details of services over coming weeks.

SUNDAY 31 MARCH 2019 – MOTHERING SUNDAY

(don't forget the clocks go forward)

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| 8.15am | Shipton BCP Holy Communion in West End of Church |
| 10.00am | Milton Mothering Sunday Service |
| 11.00am | Shipton Mothering Sunday in New Beaconsfield Hall |
| 11.00am | Fifield Mothering Sunday Service |

PRAYERS AND READINGS

Collect God of love, passionate and strong, tender and careful: watch over us and hold us all the days of our life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Post Communion

Loving God, as a mother feeds her children at the breast you feed us in this sacrament with the food and drink of eternal life: help us who have tasted your goodness to grow in grace within the household of faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Today's Readings: John 19.25-27, Colossians 3.12-17, Psalm 127.1-4 (Year C).

Prayer List: Hostage John Cantlie, David Trollope, Shauni McGregor, Mark Forsbrey, Karin Wiseman and Emma Bradford.

Baptisms: Oscar Watkins is being baptized on 30 March in Milton Church. Darcie Mould is being baptized in Milton Church on 31 March.

Weddings and Banns: Banns will be read in Shipton's service on 7 April (which will be held in Milton church) for Laura Taylor and Joshua Chapman; Louise Ford and Michael Morgan and Elizabeth Pratt and Charlie Roome.

Deanery: 31 March St Peter's, Cornwell. Pray for James Kennedy, David Salter, Jackie Jones, Martha Simpson Ursula Simpson Roger Simpson and churchwarden Charles Colston. 7 April St John the Baptist, Fifield. Please pray for Geoffrey Clement, Anne Hartley & churchwardens Pat Yaxley & Mary Champness.

Open Doors: Give thanks for Answered prayers: Over 30 ex-prisoners for their faith from Iran have received trauma-care training in Turkey thanks to your prayers and support.

SUNDAY 7 APRIL 2019 - LENT 5

11.00am Shipton United Benefice Holy Communion in
Milton Church

PRAYERS AND READINGS

Collect Gracious Father, you gave up your Son out of love for the world: lead us to ponder the mysteries of his passion, that we may know eternal peace through the shedding of our Saviour's blood, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Post Communion Lord Jesus Christ, you have taught us that what we do for the least of our brothers and sisters we do also for you: give us the will to be the servant of others as you were the servant of all, and gave up your life and died for us, but are alive and reign, now and for ever. **Amen**

Today's Readings

First Reading Isaiah 43:16-21 God is "about to do a new thing" and tells the people not to "remember the former things, or consider the things of old".

Second Reading Philippians 3:4b-14 Everything, Paul tells the church at Philippi, pales into insignificance in comparison with knowing Jesus as his Lord. He has lost many things, but regards them as "rubbish".

Gospel John 12:1-8 At Bethany, while Jesus is at dinner with Lazarus and Martha is serving, Mary anoints Jesus' feet with costly perfume. When Judas Iscariot censures her for doing it, which he does for selfish and corrupt reasons, Jesus rebukes him and tells him to leave her alone.

Psalm 126 (Year C).

Open Doors: World Watch News - Pakistan: Joy as Asia Biba's acquittal is upheld. We have been praying for over ten years, an Open Doors partner says, and finally it is 100% certain that she will be free. We thank everyone who has stood with us in prayer for all these years.

Notices

Easter and Holy Week:

Sat. 13 April Easter Egg trail and Mini Messy Church at Milton Church

A morning of activities. Come and join us any time from 10am till 12pm with crafts, refreshments and an Easter egg trail round the churchyard. We look forward to seeing you, it would be helpful to send an email to say you plan to join us and would make organising easier but is not obligatory

vicar@wychwoodbenefice.org.uk

Palm Sunday and Lent Lunch Sunday 14 April

The Palm Sunday United Benefice Service in Milton will start slightly later at **10am** and will be followed by coffee and a simple Lent Lunch with activities for children, in Milton Village Hall from 11.30am.

We currently don't have anyone to organise the Lent Lunch this year. If you are able to help unlock the hall and set up, clear up, or make soup please get in touch with Clare in the office. There are sign-up sheets in the churches this Sunday. If you are able to come please sign up so we have an idea of numbers. There is also a list of suggested items people can bring.

Passover Supper: Wednesday 17 April 7pm, Fifield Parish Hall

On the Wednesday of Holy Week, we would like to invite you to Fifield Parish Hall for our Passover Supper. We welcome people of all ages to this event which is great for families, very interactive, and there are Easter Eggs to find and readings to be read by children and young people. As the evening unfolds we learn about the Jewish tradition of the "Passover meal" and reenact it from Jesus' perspective at his Last Supper, with his disciples. Please R.S.V.P. to the office or call Catherine Hitchens 01993 831881 to book your place by **Tuesday 9 April**.

Maundy Thursday Holy Communion 18 April 7.30pm Milton Church

Good Friday: 19 April

On **Good Friday** we will have our **family service** in Milton church at 9.30, followed by hot cross buns. After the service there is the opportunity to join in a leisurely walk across the countryside to **Fifield** for a **picnic** at 12noon. Of course, you could just drive up and bring your picnic. 12.45pm we leave for Idbury Church. 2pm is Idbury Hour at the Cross.

Tuesday 2 April, 2.30pm Mothers' Union Service in Milton Church

All are welcome.

Confirmation Candidates There will be a Deanery Confirmation on 9th June at 3pm in Great Tew church. If you are thinking about getting confirmed please get in touch with Geoffrey.

Review and training session on the roles within our churches

Still some spaces - email Clare Harper office@wychwoodbenefice.org.uk

Saturday 6 April 10-12noon, Milton Church

For **Vergers, Chalice Bearers, Readers, Intercessors, Sidespeople, Sacristans, Churchwardens** and anyone else who would like to come.

Fifield Friends' Feathered Food Supper

Followed by Mini Quiz Thursday 4 April 7 for 7.30pm Parish Hall, Fifield (bring your own bottle). Book with Tina Palmer 830517 or John Yaxley 831385 by 29 March £11 for members £12 non-members – in aid of The Friends.

Cooking Ahead & Easter Treats Wed 10 April 12.15-2.15pm Fifield House
A Demonstration by Carolyn Coleman (from Country House Cooking). £12.50 to include a bowl of soup and light refreshments. Tickets from Catherine Hitchens 01993 831881. *Proceeds for Fifield with Idbury Parochial Church Council.*

Readings 14 April Palm Sunday

Liturgy of the Palms: Luke 19.28-40 Psalm 118.1-2, 19-29

Liturgy of the Passion: Isaiah 50.4-9a Psalm 31.9-16* Philippians 2.5-11

Luke 22.14 - 23.56 or Luke 23.1-49 (Year C)

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Rest Day: Wednesday

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