



# Wychwood Benefice

Church News 9– 16 June 2019

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

## **SUNDAY 9 JUNE 2019 - PENTECOST**

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| 8.15am  | Shipton BCP Holy Communion                       |
| 9.30am  | Milton Holy Communion                            |
| 11.00am | Shipton BCP Morning Prayer (Said Morning Prayer) |
| 11.00am | Fifield BCP Holy Communion                       |
| 6.00pm  | Shipton Blessing of the Bells                    |

## **PRAYERS AND READINGS**

**Collect** Holy Spirit, sent by the Father, ignite in us your holy fire; strengthen your children with the gift of faith, revive your Church with the breath of love, and renew the face of the earth, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

**Post Communion** Faithful God, who fulfilled the promises of Easter by sending us your Holy Spirit and opening to every race and nation the way of life eternal: open our lips by your Spirit, that every tongue may tell of your glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

**Readings:** (Year C) Psalm 104.26-36,37b.

**First Reading** Acts 2:1-21 The Holy Spirit comes to each and every one of us, regardless of background, and offers to dwell within us.

**Gospel** John 14:8-17 [25-27] Jesus tells his disciples about the Advocate who will come and teach them. It is God's way of being intimately present with us even today.

**Prayer List:** Hostage John Cantlie, David Trollope, Shauni McGregor, Mark Forsbrey, Karin Wiseman, Emma Bradford, Margaret Gibbs, James Newman, Chris Seviour, David Kloos and Nathalie Stewart.

**Baptism:** Reuben Edginton is being baptized in Milton church on 9 June.

**Confirmation:** Jack Sharples in Great Tew at 3pm on 9 June.

**Weddings and Banns:** We pray for all the couples getting married in the benefice this summer. For Elizabeth Pratt and Charlie Roome; Louise Ford and Michael Morgan; Fiona Matthews and Robert Crossland, Tim Yates and Jilly Newman; Nick Willson & Victoria Shreeves; Carmen Hillier & Ashley Swain; Gemma Potter & Matthew Berry.

**Funerals:** There will be a Service of Thanksgiving for Michael Porter on 27 August at 1pm in Shipton church.

**Deanery:** 9 June St Nicholas, Idbury. Please pray for Geoffrey Clement, Anne Hartley and the churchwardens Pat Yaxley and Mary Champness. 16 June St James, Over Norton. Please pray for James Kennedy, David Salter, Jackie Jones, Martha Simpson, Ursula Simpson, Roger Simpson and the churchwardens Graham Povey and Timothy Woolcock.

**Open Doors:** 9 June Morocco: Pray for Amina \*\* whose husband has devided her because of her faith in Jesus. Ask the Lord to comfort her and to help her find a job so she can provide for her children.

16 June Thank God for Pastor Abdalla an Open doors Partner who chose to stay in Aleppo during the war. His church is now a Centre of Hope. Pray that he will continue to be a light shining in the darkness.

## **SUNDAY 16 JUNE 2019 Celebrating Trinity Sunday and Fathers' Day**

9.30am for Milton Church: Bacon rolls and croissants before the  
10am United Benefice Holy Communion Service

### **PRAYERS AND READINGS**

**Collect** Holy God, faithful and unchanging: enlarge our minds with the knowledge of your truth, and draw us more deeply into the mystery of your love, that we may truly worship you, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

**Post Communion** Almighty and eternal God, you have revealed yourself as Father, Son and Holy Spirit, and live and reign in the perfect unity of love: hold us firm in this faith, that we may know you in all your ways and evermore rejoice in your eternal glory, who are three Persons yet one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

**Today's Readings** Trinity Sunday (Year C) Psalm 8

**First Reading** Proverbs 8:1-4; 22-31 The wisdom of God's Spirit is woven into the very act of creation, and continues to offer guidance to those who attend to her voice.

**Gospel** John 16:12-15 On the eve of his death, Jesus comforts his disciples. He foretells how the Holy Spirit will guide them in truth as he returns to God.

## Notices

### **Milton Flower Festival**

Many thanks to all those who gave donations towards the flower festival, part of the village Scarecrow Trail on Saturday 8 June. Do take the opportunity to take a look at the flower arrangements (and guess the T.V. or film character).

### **Dedication of the Bells of St Mary's Sunday 9 June 6pm**

This will be a special service where the Bishop of Dorchester will bless the bells in Shipton. It will be followed by refreshments. It's a celebration of the return of the bells and chance to thank all those who have helped make it possible.

### **Sunday 16 June Celebrating Fathers' Day**

Bacon Rolls and continental breakfast will be served from 9.30am in Milton Church. The Service starts afterwards.

### **Fifield and Idbury Family Summer Lunch Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> June, 2019**

In the Gardens of Fifield House (OX7 6HH) 12.30 for 1.00p.m.

Tickets £20 (includes a festive drink) Under 12s half-price

Pay Bar and Raffle. Tickets from: Rosemary Alexander 01993 830484

[rosemaryscottages@gmail.com](mailto:rosemaryscottages@gmail.com) Last day for tickets 10th June. In aid of:

Fifield with Idbury PCC, Fifield Memorial Recreation Ground & Fifield Parish Hall.

### **Diary Date: Shipton Church Coffee Morning Saturday 29 June 10-12 noon.**

The bell tower will also be open. There will also be information on the church roof and improvements to the church. Spread the word. Donations of cakes would be very welcome.

### **Donations for Shipton Fete's White Elephant Stall**

We are now starting to accept donations. If you have anything to contribute please get in touch with James Walmsley: 01993 830842.

### **Volunteers needed for Shipton Fete's White Elephant Stall**

The church will run the White Elephant at Shipton's fete on Monday 26 August. If you can help please get in touch with the office or speak to James Walmsley.

### **Thank you to all who donated during Christian Aid week.**

A total of over £650 was collected.

## Can you help?

We still need helpers for the following specific events:

**Church Coffee at Old Prebendal House – Every 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday at 11am.**

We hope to send at least 3 people from the church to go along, talk to the residents and say a short prayer.

It would also be helpful to have some volunteers who could support the **Tall Trees Holy Communion – 4<sup>th</sup> Monday at 2.30pm.** We already have a fantastic team who go into Tall Trees we just need to add to the team. If you would like to help please speak to either Anne or Geoffrey. No previous experience needed!

**School RE Day at Wychwood School Friday 28 June 10-2.30.**

We also need people to come and help with the prayer spaces. Children will come in small groups to engage in a quiet activity during the day. If you could spare an hour between 10 and 2.30pm please get in touch.

## Can you help St Simon and St Jude Martha Teams?

Our Church cleaning teams do a splendid job in keeping our Church clean and tidy. However we would appreciate more volunteers. At present there are five teams with two or three members, and so our duties come around every 5 weeks. With just two more members that would be every six weeks, and even less often with 4 more!

Duties are not arduous and take at the most an hour. The main work is pushing the vacuum around, and the other tidying and dusting.

If you feel you could give an hour every six weeks, then please contact me, Marjorie Connolley either in church, on 01993 832851 or email [mmconnolley@googlemail.com](mailto:mmconnolley@googlemail.com).

**Readings 23 June:** St John the Baptist: First Reading Isaiah 40:1-11. Gospel Luke 1:57-66, 80.

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