



# Wychwood Benefice

Church News 26 July, 2 & 9 August '15

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

## **SERVICES SUNDAY 26 JULY 2015 - TRINITY 8**

8.15am	Shipton BCP Holy Communion	Lay Led
9.30am	Milton Sunday Worship with Baptism	AH
11.00am	Fifield BCP Holy Communion	CR*
11.00am	Shipton Holy Communion with Baptism	AH

\*Cedric Reavley

### **To Ponder This Week:**

Seeing Jesus' miracles: adventures in missing the point. What do you think made the disciples, and us today, want Jesus to be something he is not?

## **PRAYERS AND READINGS**

**Collect** Lord God, your Son left the riches of heaven and became poor for our sake: when we prosper save us from pride, when we are needy save us from despair, that we may trust in you alone; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

**Post Communion** Strengthen for service, Lord, the hands that have taken holy things; may the ears which have heard your word be deaf to clamour and dispute; may the tongues which have sung your praise be free from deceit; may the eyes which have seen the tokens of your love shine with the light of hope; and may the bodies which have been fed with your body be refreshed with the fullness of your life; glory to you for ever. **Amen**

**Readings:** Psalm 14, Ephesians 3.14-21, John 6.1-21

**Prayer List:** Helen Parker, John Cantlie, Fran Emery, Gareth Poulson, Christopher Koenig, David Melling, Maurice Bond, Gordon Gillett and Kathleen Walker.

**Rest in Peace:** Judy Gillingham and Peggy Walmsley.

It is with great sadness that we announce that Peggy Walmsley died on Sunday 19 July, at home. Peggy and James have been at the heart of church life at St Mary's for many years. Peggy gave her time and energy so generously and will be greatly missed by all of us. Our prayers and sympathy go to James and all those who loved Peggy, at this sad time.

Funeral details will be announced.

**Weddings & Banns:** Catherine Wells and Martin Stephens (Shipton Wedding). Fran Flatman and Mathew Brooks (Fifield Wedding). Rosalind Baker and Nicholas Frampton (Shipton Wedding), Scott Edwards and Sian Stokes.

**Baptisms:** Lily and Oscar Elliott on Sunday 26 July, 11am Shipton Church. Albie Cappuccini on Sunday 26 July 9.30am in Milton Church. Barney Wilkinson on Sunday 9 August, 11am Shipton Church.

### **SERVICES SUNDAY 2 AUGUST 2015 - TRINITY 9**

8.15am	Shipton BCP Holy Communion	AH
9.30am	Milton Holy Communion with Children's Groups	AH
11.00am	Idbury Sunday Worship	AH
11.00am	Shipton BCP Morning Prayer with Children's Grps	Lay Led

#### **To Ponder This Week:**

Seeing Jesus, the bread of life: adventures in missing the point.  
As physical beings, how can we invest in our spiritual lives as often and urgently as our need.

### **PRAYERS AND READINGS**

**Collect** Gracious Father, revive your Church in our day, and make her holy, strong and faithful, for your glory's sake in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

**Post Communion** Holy Father, who gathered us here around the table of your Son to share this meal with the whole household of God: in that new world where you reveal the fullness of your peace, gather people of every race and language to share in the eternal banquet of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

**Readings:** Psalm 51.1-13, Ephesians 4.1-16, John 6.24-35

## SERVICES SUNDAY 9 AUGUST 2015 - TRINITY 10

8.15am	Shipton BCP Holy Communion	KS
9.30am	Milton Holy Communion	KS
11.00am	Fifield BCP Morning Prayer	AH
11.00am	Shipton Sunday Worship with Baptism	KS

### To Ponder This Week:

Seeing Jesus, the bread of life: as we see the Father in the Son, what surprises us? What reassures us? What unsettles us?

### PRAYERS AND READINGS

**Collect** Lord of heaven and earth, as Jesus taught his disciples to be persistent in prayer, give us patience and courage never to lose hope, but always to bring our prayers before you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

**Post Communion** God of our pilgrimage, you have willed that the gate of mercy should stand open for those who trust in you: look upon us with your favour that we who follow the path of your will may never wander from the way of life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

**Readings:** Ephesians 4.25 - 5.2, John 6.35,41-51

### NOTICES

The **A Taste of Italy** evening in the gardens of Fifield House was a great success, blessed with the perfect setting and perfect weather. There were some very generous donations; the raffle tickets sold well and on the night, the food and wine were superb, and the financial result was a profit of £6,200, which has been distributed: £3,100 to the Fifield with Idbury Parochial Church Council, and £1,550 each to the Fifield Parish Hall and the Queen Elizabeth II Fields in Trust Fifield Memorial Recreation Ground.

**Sat. 8 August 2.30-5pm Fund Raising Tea Party in the garden of "Old Housing", Fifield** Proceeds to the PCC

Tickets: £5 from Shelagh Field 831174 or Pat Yaxley 831385. Raffle/Tombola.

**Mid Month Meditation: 12 August and 16 September** at Ascott Church, 6.15 - 6.50pm. An opportunity to sit quietly in a special place: a mix of Christian contemplation with mindfulness meditation in a form inspired by a Quaker meeting. Open to anyone.

**Sat 15 Aug 10-12 Fifield Churchyard clean-up.** Bacon sandwiches & hot drinks provided. Bring your tools. Please come and help make the churchyard in the centre of our village look even more beautiful - many hands and all that!

## **Oxfordshire Historic Churches Trust Ride & Stride Saturday 12th September**

Sponsor forms are now available from you church organiser. Shipton: Mike Brooks tel. 01993 830014. Idbury: Mary Champness 01993 831074. Fifield: John Yaxley 01993 831385.

## **Summer Holidays and Office Hours**

Kate is on holiday Tues 21 Jul-Tues 4 Aug & away at Greenbelt Fri 28 Aug-Tues 1 Sep (inclusive)

Please note the Benefice Office will be open as follows:

Weds 29 Jul 9-2	Mon 10 Aug 9-2
Mon 17 Aug 11-4pm	Mon 24 Aug 9-3
Mon 31 Aug 9-1.30pm	From Fri 4 Sep as normal

## **Learning For Discipleship and Ministry, Courses Sep – Dec 2015**

A programme of courses that are open to all learners of any denomination, educating for lay discipleship, Licensed Lay Ministry, local ministry ordinands and other authorised ministries.

Venue: Diocesan Church House, Hinksey Lane, Oxford. Cost: £20 (unless specified otherwise). For details and to book: [ldm.eventbrite.co.uk](http://ldm.eventbrite.co.uk)

## **Readings Sunday 16 August - Trinity 11**

Psalm 34.9-14, Ephesians 5.15-20, John 6.51-58

Link to online [Website Diary](#)

**Vicar** Revd Kate Stacey 832514 [kate@wychwoodbenefice.org.uk](mailto:kate@wychwoodbenefice.org.uk) Day Off Saturday

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Monday 9.15am – 1.15pm, Friday 9.15am – 12.45pm

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