



# WychwoodBenefice

Church News 4 & 11 February 2018

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

## **SUNDAY 4 FEBRUARY 2018 - 2 BEFORE LENT**

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Shipton United Benefice Holy Communion

Anne Hartley

### **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 Prayers:** Please pray for the following countries where there are extreme levels of persecution: North Korea, Afghanistan, Somalia, Sudan, Pakistan, Eritrea, Libya, Iraq, Yemen, Iran and India.

**Readings:** Psalm 104.26-37, Colossians 1.15-20, John 1.1-14 (Year B)

**Prayer List:** Hostage John Cantlie, Hazel Dunwoody, Alison Chapple & Katie Witts.

**R.I.P.** Rosemary Baker and Sheila Fletcher

**Deanery:** 4 February: St Michael & All Angels, Leafield, Please pray for Paul Mansell, Sarah Jones and the churchwarden Simon Salome-Bentley. 11 February St Mary's, Sweford. Please pray for John Acreman, Wendy Cunningham and churchwardens Jennifer Tustian and Charles Campion.

## **SUNDAY 11 FEBRUARY 2018 - SUNDAY BEFORE LENT**

8.15am	Shipton BCP Holy Communion	Jan Fielden
9.30am	Milton Holy Communion	Jan Fielden
11am	Fifield BCP Holy Communion	Jan Fielden
11am	Shipton BCP Morning Prayer	Lay Led

### **PRAYERS AND READINGS**

**Collect** Holy God, you know the disorder of our sinful lives: set straight our crooked hearts, and bend our wills to love your goodness and your glory in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

**Post Communion** Holy God, we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ: may we who are partakers at his table reflect his life in word and deed, that all the world may know his power to change and save. This we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

**Open Doors Prayers:** Please pray for the following countries where there are very high levels of persecution: Saudi Arabia, Maldives, Nigeria, Syria, Uzbekistan. Egypt, Vietnam, Turkmenistan, Laos, Jordan, Tajikistan, Malaysia.

**Readings:** Psalm 50.1-6, 2 Corinthians 4.3-6, Mark 9.2-9 (Year B)

## **WEDNESDAY 14 FEBRUARY 2018 - ASH WEDNESDAY**

7.30pm	Fifield Ash Wednesday Holy Communion	Anne Hartley
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### **NOTICES**

#### **Half Term Office Hours**

Monday 12 February 9-3

Tuesday 13 February 9-2

#### **Contact Details for Kate:**

Kate's new email is:

[kate@stroudparishchurches.org.uk](mailto:kate@stroudparishchurches.org.uk)

#### **The address is:**

The Rectory, 58 Cashes Green Road, Stroud, GL5 4RA

#### **Installation, Institution, Induction and Licensing of Kate Stacey as Team Rector at St. Matthew's Church, Stroud. Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> January**

James Burgis recounts Kate's Licensing on 28<sup>th</sup> January in Stroud. Please take a look at the full article here:

<http://wychwoodbenefice.org.uk>

## **Complete the survey “Planning for our next Vicar: Have Your Say”**

We are now circulating copies of a short survey which we are hoping as many people as possible in the local community will complete.

These are available in the churches, the library, on the website [Planning for our next Vicar: Have your say](#) or from the office. Please return in the folders in churches or send to the office by the end of February.

## **Open Doors**

**During February** we are praying for countries from the Open Doors World Watch List. Over 200 million Christians around the world are persecuted because of their faith. If anyone would like a copy of Open Doors World Watch List 2018 please ask Kathleen Walker 01993 830050 [kmwalker109@gmail.com](mailto:kmwalker109@gmail.com)

## **Lent Groups and Resources**

We will once again be running groups on Wednesdays during Lent beginning on 21<sup>st</sup> February. This year we will be using Bishop Steven’s new booklet “Abundant Life”.

These are available at the Benefice Centre and cost £2.75. The groups will run at 3pm on Wednesdays at Old Prebendal House and during the evening Homegroups at 7.30pm. Anyone who would like to take part will be most welcome and you can drop in for individual sessions or come to all of them. Contact Liz for more information on 831759.

## **Mila Piano Trio Concert in Milton Church – Saturday 3 March 7.30pm**

The return of the Mila Piano Trio, promoted by Michael Bochmann, so well-received last year. Tickets £12, under 18s free. Playing a programme of Schubert, Tchaikovsky and a specially commissioned piece by Cydonie Banting. Tickets from the church office or Liz Watts 831759.

## **Pastoral Care Boxes Now in Church**

We have now put “post” boxes in each of the churches with confidential forms which can be used to let us know of someone who may appreciate some support. You can also contact Elaine Russell-Jarvie, our Pastoral Care Co-ordinator 01993 831610 / 07939 510788 / [erusselljarvie@talktalk.net](mailto:erusselljarvie@talktalk.net)

## **Festival of Faith and Literature 16-18 February, Bloxham School**

As the "literary festival with a theological slant", the Church Times Festival of Faith & Literature celebrates the very best new fiction and non-fiction with a faith perspective. It returns to Oxfordshire in February 2018. Full details at:

<http://bloxhamfaithandliterature.hymnsam.co.uk/>

## **Prayer for the Benefice during the vacancy**

Heavenly Father,  
During this vacancy,  
we pray that you guard and bless our Wychwood Benefice  
as we serve you together during this time without a vicar.

Lord Jesus,  
We know that you have great plans for us.  
Help us all to take our part,  
growing in faith and love for one another,  
and reaching out to others.

Holy Spirit,  
Guide those who are seeking the right person for us,  
together with those who are seeking the right place for their ministry,  
that together we may discover your way  
for the future and see your kingdom grow.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen**

## **Readings Sunday 18 February - Lent 1**

Psalm 25.1-9, 1 Peter 3.18-22, Mark 1.9-15 (Year B)



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07974 439630 **vicar@stmaryscharlbury.co.uk**

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