



WychwoodBenefice

Church News 18 & 25 February 2018

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

SUNDAY 18 FEBRUARY 2018 - LENT I

9.30am Milton United Benefice Holy Communion

Peter Silva

5.00pm Fifield Choral Evensong

Lay Led

PRAYERS AND READINGS

Collect Heavenly Father, your Son battled with the powers of darkness, and grew closer to you in the desert: help us to use these days to grow in wisdom and prayer that we may witness to your saving love in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Post Communion Lord God, you have renewed us with the living bread from heaven; by it you nourish our faith, increase our hope, and strengthen our love: teach us always to hunger for him who is the true and living bread, and enable us to live by every word that proceeds from out of your mouth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Open Doors Prayers: Pray for the courage and protection for tens of thousands of North Koreans who follow Jesus despite the risks.

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

Prayer List: Hostage John Cantlie, Hazel Dunwoody, Alison Chapple and Graham Harris.

R.I.P. John Woodward and Rachel Grant.

Funerals: Rachel Grant's funeral is on Wednesday 7 March, 2pm in Shipton Church.

Deanery: 18 February: All Saints, Churchill, please pray for David Salter, James Kennedy, Jackie Jones, Martha Simpson, Ursula Simpson, Roger Simpson and churchwardens John Armstrong and Jonathan Uglow. 25 February: All Saints, Spelsbury, please pray for Mark Abrey and churchwarden Ken Wakefield.

SUNDAY 25 FEBRUARY 2018 - LENT 2

8.15am	Shipton BCP Holy Communion	Anne Hartley
9.30am	Milton Sunday Worship	Lay Led
11.00am	Idbury BCP Morning Prayer	Lay Led
11.00am	Shipton Holy Communion	Anne Hartley

PRAYERS AND READINGS

Collect Almighty God, by the prayer and discipline of Lent may we enter into the mystery of Christ's sufferings, and by following in his Way come to share in his glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Post Communion Almighty God, you see that we have no power of ourselves to help ourselves: keep us both outwardly in our bodies, and inwardly in our souls; that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Open Doors Prayers: Thank God for the work of Open Doors Partner Maran and the work of "Al Hdaf" (The purpose) which brings hope to the lives of Iraqi refugees.

Readings: Psalm 22.23-31, Romans 4.13-25, Mark 8.31-38 (Year B)

NOTICES

Lent Groups and Resources

Lent groups begin on 21st 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.

Church of England - #LiveLent

#LiveLent - Let Your Light Shine takes you on a six week discipleship journey in 2018 through the Gospel of John, exploring what it means to be a witness. Sign up for daily reflections <https://www.churchofengland.org/lent>

In the footsteps of Shackleton: Fri 2 March 6.30pm Fifield Church

Spend a fascinating evening with MARTIN THOMAS retired surgeon with an interest in the history of Antarctic exploration.

MARTIN THOMAS will give an illustrated account of Shackleton's extraordinary polar adventures, the dangers he faced and his brilliant leadership. Our speaker will add a postscript on his own adventure when sailing the Southern Ocean to South Georgia in 2011 in a 50' ketch with a crew of six and then following Shackleton's exact route across the mountains, the Shackleton Traverse.

Drinks and light refreshments from 6.30 pm, Talk at 7.00 pm £15 per person

Please book by 23rd February, for catering purposes.

Tickets are available from:- Lynne Henderson (01993 831 771) and Catherine Hitchens (01993 831 881) at £15 per person or email Pat Yaxley at yaxleypat@gmail.com for more information.

After deduction of modest expenses, all proceeds from the sale of tickets will go to St John the Baptist's Church Fabric Fund to help meet the costs of replastering and repainting much of the west end of the church, and the foot of the tower, at a cost of £7,600 ex VAT. The PCC is grateful to Mr Thomas who is giving his time to support us.

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.

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.

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



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 4 March - Lent 3 Psalm 19, I Corinthians I.18-25, John
2.13-22 (Year B)

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