



WychwoodBenefice

Church News 18 & 25 March 2018

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

SUNDAY 18 MARCH 2018 - LENT 5

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

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**

Open Doors Prayers Pray for the safe return of Christians in Malaysia who have been abducted.

Readings: Psalm 51.1-13 or Psalm 119.9-16, Hebrews 5.5-10, John 12.20-33
(Year B)

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

Deanery: 18 March: Holy Trinity, Ascott under Wychwood, please pray for Mark Abrey. 25 March: St Giles', Wigginton, please pray for John Acreman and churchwardens Nicholas Case and Hugo Brown.

SUNDAY 25 MARCH 2018 - PALM SUNDAY

10.00am Milton United Benefice Holy Communion
11.00am Milton Village Hall - Coffee and Lent Lunch
with children's activities

Anne Hartley

PRAYERS AND READINGS

Collect True and humble king, hailed by the crowd as Messiah: grant us the faith to know you and love you, that we may be found beside you on the way of the cross, which is the path of glory. **Amen**

Post Communion Lord Jesus Christ, you humbled yourself in taking the form of a servant, and in obedience died on the cross for our salvation: give us the mind to follow you and to proclaim you as Lord and King, to the glory of God the Father. **Amen**

Open Doors Prayers: Pray that we can march forward together declaring our Christianity to the world.

Readings: Mark 11: 1-11, Mark 14: 1-50.

NOTICES

New Vicar Update

Two lay members from each PCC have been elected to act as their parish representative on the interview panel for the selection of the new vicar. Mary Champness & Victoria Orr-Ewing for Fifield & Idbury; Mike Hartley & Iain Russell-Jarvie for Milton; Victoria Martin & Hilary Matthews for Shipton.

Those working on drafting the Benefice Profile are: Mike Hartley and Kathleen Walker for Milton; Victoria Martin and Hilary Matthews for Shipton and John Yaxley and Catherine Hitchens for Fifield and Idbury.

The next meeting as part of this process will take place on **18 April at 7.30pm in the Benefice Office**. This is open to PCC members. This is where the draft benefice profile is agreed.

Lent Groups and Resources

Lent groups are underway. We are using Bishop Steven's new booklet "Abundant Life". The groups are 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.

Easter and Holy Week:

Palm Sunday and Lent Lunch Sunday 25 March

The Palm Sunday United Benefice Service in Milton will start slightly later at **10am** and will be followed by coffee and our Lent Lunch with activities for children, in Milton Village Hall from 11.30am. This year we will hold our Lent lunch in support of our partner Open Doors.

From Open Doors about North Korea

“Imagine a land where it is almost impossible to be a Christian. Despite all this the church is alive and still active. Thanks to the prayers and gifts of many Open Doors supporters, courageous secret workers are able to bring vital aid to help North Koreans survive, spiritually and physically.”

Passover Supper: Wednesday 28 March 7pm

On the Wednesday of Holy Week, we would like to invite you to Shipton Village Hall (the meeting room) 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.

Maundy Thursday: 29 March

9.30am School Easter Service - Shipton Church If anyone is able to come and help welcome and/or help with clearing up afterwards (putting chairs away etc) that would be much appreciated.

I I am Christ Eucharist for Maundy Thursday in Christchurch

Cathedral, Oxford. A Eucharist with the blessing of Holy Oils. This service, which is an opportunity for all the clergy of the Diocese to renew their vows, will be led by his Grace Lord Bishop Michael Hafidh and will be attended by all the Diocesan Priests of Zanzibar. Open to all.

7.30pm Maundy Thursday Holy Communion - Shipton Church.

Good Friday: 30 March

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!

Good Friday Walk:

A reminder that you can join the walk at any of the points along the way.

The itinerary is as follows:

10.30am Walk from Milton Church to Fifield

12noon "bring-your-own" Picnic at Fifield Church

12.45pm leave for Idbury Church

1.30pm arrive in Idbury

2pm Idbury Hour at the Cross

Prayer and Praise at Old Prebendal House

Every third Wednesday at 11am we will meet in the lounge for an informal service of prayer and praise, with coffee, replacing the regular Coffee with the Vicar.

This is open to all residents and people in the community.

We hope it will provide a time for people to get to know each other better and share some of the prayer concerns we each have, for ourselves, our families, the staff of Old Prebendal House and the wider world. We may listen to some music and sing some hymns. Please bring a friend - a warm welcome guaranteed.

Benefice Office Hours over Easter:

The office will be open as follows:

Mon. 26 March 9am-2.30pm, Tues. 27 March 9am-2.30pm,

Wed. 28 March 12-2.30pm, Thurs. 29 March 10.30-1pm,

Wed. 4 April 9am-4pm, Thurs. 5 April 9am-4pm,

Fri. 6 April 3-5pm, Wed. 11 April 10am-12pm

Then closed until Tuesday 17 April

Readings Sunday 1 April - Easter Sunday Acts 10.34-43

John 20. 1-18 (Year B)

Administrator: Clare Harper, Office Hours:

Mon & Thurs 9-2, Tuesday 11.30-2.30, Wednesday 12.30-2.30

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