



WychwoodBenefice

Church News 15 & 22 April 2018

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

SUNDAY 15 APRIL 2018 - EASTER 3

9.30am	Milton United Benefice Holy Communion	Elizabeth Koepping
6.00pm	Fifield Evensong	Lay Led

PRAYERS AND READINGS

Collect Risen Christ, you filled your disciples with boldness and fresh hope: strengthen us to proclaim your risen life and fill us with your peace, to the glory of God the Father. **Amen**

Post Communion Living God, your Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread: open the eyes of our faith, that we may see him in all his redeeming work; who is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **Amen**

Open Doors Prayers Pray for comfort for girls who have been kidnapped that they will know Gods love and presence with them, whatever they are facing today.

Readings: Acts 3.12-19, Psalm 4, Luke 24.36b-48 (Year B)

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

Weddings and Banns: Emily Young and James Hosford are getting married in Shipton Church on Saturday 14 April at 4pm. Verity Greenhalgh and Michael La Bouchard are getting married on Saturday 19 May, at 3pm in Milton Church.

SUNDAY 22 APRIL 2018 - EASTER 4

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

PRAYERS AND READINGS

Collect Risen Christ, faithful shepherd of your Father's sheep: teach us to hear your voice and to follow your command, that all your people may be gathered into one flock, to the glory of God the Father. **Amen**

Post Communion Merciful Father, you gave your Son Jesus Christ to be the good shepherd, and in his love for us to lay down his life and rise again: keep us always under his protection, and give us grace to follow in his steps; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Open Doors Prayers: Pray for Open Doors partners and local churches to protect Christian girls.

Readings: Acts 4.5-12, Psalm 23, John 10.11-18

NOTICES

Shipton APCM Sunday 22 April 4pm Change of venue

Please note this is now in Shipton Church.

Pastoral Care

We have a dedicated Pastoral Team who would be pleased to respond to anyone who feels they might appreciate a visit.

If you know of anyone who might appreciate an initial phone call, or if you would like a visit from one of the team, please call Elaine on 831610 or drop a line to elainerusselljarvie@talktalk.net

If you feel you would like prayer support or pastoral care, there are also prayer boxes in Shipton and Milton for your requests.

Thank you to those who are already involved with the Pastoral Care Group and if anyone else would like to be involved in any way, do get in touch with Elaine.

Shipton church choir

On the weekend of 14-15 April, Shipton choir will be singing the services in Llandaff Cathedral, in Cardiff. If you'd like to come along to any of the services, you'd be extremely welcome – there's plenty of free parking around the cathedral! The service on Saturday 14th is at 5.15pm, and those on Sunday 15th are at 11am and 3.30pm. (This replaces the choir's planned trip to Hereford Cathedral)

New Vicar Update- Next Meeting 18 April 7.30pm

New Beaconsfield Hall

The next meeting as part of this process will take place on **18 April at 7.30pm – please note the change of venue**. This will now take place in the meeting room at the New Beaconsfield Hall in Shipton. This is where the draft benefice profile is agreed. This is open to all PCC members.

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.

Shipton Church Fete - Diary Date

The Shipton Church Fete will be held on the village green and in St Mary's church from 1-4pm on Bank Holiday Monday 27th August. It will be a fun family day for grandparents, parents and children to enjoy themselves.

On the village green there will be stalls and games to appeal to all ages. For the hungry there will be burgers and hotdogs from the barbeque and a bar selling beer, Pimms and soft drinks for the thirsty. There will be stalls such as the white elephant, books, jigsaws and cakes. To add to the fun there will be hoopla, Aunt Sally, tombola, other games and the jousting horse. There will also be stalls from external exhibitors.

Inside the church we will provide tea and delicious cakes. On offer will be tours of the fascinating bell tower. There will be a special free musical programme.

Donations of books, bric-a-brac (in good condition) and jigsaws would be welcome. We look forward to welcoming everyone from our local communities to enjoy a traditional village church fete.



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 29 April Easter 5: Acts 8.26-40, Psalm 22.25-31, John
15.1-8 (Year B)

Administrator: Clare Harper, Office Hours:

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

Tel 01993 832467 **office@wychwoodbenefice.org.uk**

If you need to speak to a priest contact: Rev'd Anne Hartley 01993 830160
anne@wychwoodbenefice.org.uk (Out of contact on Mondays)

Or Area Dean, Rev'd Dr Sally Welch 01608 810230 or, in an emergency
07974 439630 **vicar@stmaryscharlbury.co.uk**

Wychwood Benefice Centre, The Church Room,
St Simon & St Jude Church, Church Road,
Milton under Wychwood, Chipping Norton, OX7 6LJ