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Church News 13 & 20 May 2018

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

SUNDAY 13 MAY 2018 - EASTER 7

8.15am	Shipton BCP Holy Communion	Anne Hartley
9.30am	Milton Holy Communion	Anne Hartley
11.00am	Fifield BCP Morning Prayer	Victor Story
11.00am	Shipton Holy Communion	Anne Hartley

PRAYERS AND READINGS

Collect Risen, ascended Lord, as we rejoice at your triumph, fill your Church on earth with power and compassion, that all who are estranged by sin may find forgiveness and know your peace, to the glory of God the Father. **Amen**

Post Communion Eternal God, giver of love and power, your Son Jesus Christ has sent us into all the world to preach the gospel of his kingdom: confirm us in this mission, and help us to live the good news we proclaim; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Open Doors Prayers Please pray for more teachers and funding so that more schools can be rebuilt and opened.

Readings: Acts 1.15-17,21-26, Psalm 1, John 17.6-19 (Year B)

Prayer List: Hostage John Cantlie, Graham Harris and Arthur Hunt.

Rest in Peace: Hazel Dunwoody and Sue Mann.

Kate's Mum died peacefully in her sleep last Thursday evening. Kate and her Dad were there. A great release for Hazel after 14 months of highs and lows. Hazel's thanksgiving service will be held on 21st May, 3pm at Chipping Campden Baptist Church.

Thank you so much for all your support, love and prayers through this journey - Kate, Hazel and all the family have felt and appreciated it hugely.

Weddings and Banns: Verity Greenhalgh and Michael La Bouchard are getting married on Saturday 19 May, at 3pm in Milton Church. Banns will be read for Siobhan Baillie and Kris Triggle on 13, 20 and 27 May in Milton church (they are getting married at St Mary's Swinbrook on 23rd June 2018).

Deanery: 13 May - St Mary's Chastleton. Please pray for James Kennedy, David Salter, Jackie Jones, Ursula Simpson and Roger Simpson and the Church Wardens Tessa and Alistair Jackson. 20 May St James' Ramsden. Please pray for Paul Mansell, Sarah Jones and the churchwardens John Hook and Rosalind Danks.

SUNDAY 20 MAY 2018 - PENTECOST /ROGATION SUNDAY

*10.00am	Fairspear Hill Farm, Leafield: United Benefice Rogation Service with Holy Communion	Anne Hartley
6.00pm	Fifield Evening Prayer	Lay Led

*Please note the change in time and location for this service

PRAYERS AND READINGS

Collect Holy Spirit, sent by the Father, ignite in us your holy fire; strengthen your children with the gift of faith, revive your Church with the breath of love, and renew the face of the earth, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Post Communion Faithful God, who fulfilled the promises of Easter by sending us your Holy Spirit and opening to every race and nation the way of life eternal: open our lips by your Spirit, that every tongue may tell of your glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Open Doors Prayers Give thanks that so many people world wide have prayed, spoken out for, and supported Christians in Iraq and Syria.

Readings: Acts 2.1-21, Psalm 104.26-36,37b, John 15.26-27; 16.4b-15 (Year B)

Rogation Reading: Luke 11.5-13

NOTICES



Christian Aid Week 13-19 May

There will be envelopes in the churches from Sunday 13th May, please use these to make a donation and put in the collection or hand to a churchwarden.

If you'd like more information please see:

<https://www.christianaid.org.uk/christian-aid-week>

Quiz Night Sunday 20th May 7.30pm at the Wychwood Inn

In aid of the Shipton Bell Fund

Teams of 4 to 6; £2.50 per person to enter (pay on the door)

Come as a team or join a team on the night. There will be prizes.

Shipton Bell Fund Update Bells

In 2017, an Appeal was launched to raise the £70,000 required for the project.

We are delighted to let you know that to date we have raised just over £61,000 through a combination of individual donations, event tickets and sponsorship, and grants from charitable trusts.

We are very grateful to everyone who has supported the appeal so far as it means we have been able to confirm a slot for the restoration work to begin in September and we hope the bells will be returned in December in time to celebrate Christmas.

We need your help for this to happen! With a little under £10,000 left to raise to complete the project, we hope you will consider supporting it. For details of how to do this, please see the details on the website:

<http://wychwoodbenefice.org.uk/shipton-bell-fund-update/> or email Mike Brooks mikeandjoy0@talk21.com

New Vicar Update

The post for Vicar of the Wychwood Benefice is currently being advertised.

Shortlisting will take place at the end of June with interviews on 5 July.

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.



Pilgrim Path Guided Walks 2018

The next Pilgrim Path guided walk will be on:

Wednesday 16th May 10am

St Mary's Chipping Norton to Over Norton 6 miles

Meet at St Mary's and do bring your own refreshments.

Adventures on your doorstep for you to share with family and friends.

Journey together today...

Guided circular walks, led by experienced walkers offering reflections and insights.

Request for Photos

We are trying to build up a store of photos to use on the Benefice website and on Facebook. If anyone would be willing to take some informal pictures (by phone is perfect) and then email a couple to the office, please get in touch. We're looking for pictures of the churches (inside or out) and seasonal outside shots, flowers, people etc. Email: office@wychwoodbenefice.org.uk

General Data Protection Regulation (G.D.P.R.)

As many of you will know, the rules on how we hold data are changing. We have a working group researching this on behalf of the Benefice and the PCCs. We are looking at the different data we hold, and how we use it. We will be sending out communications requesting consent or for people to "opt in" to continue to be included on various email lists. It would be very helpful if you can reply promptly to these to ensure that you continue to receive appropriate communications from the Benefice/Parishes. Any questions, please contact Clare.



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 27 May Trinity Sunday: Psalm 29, Romans 8.12-17, John 3.1-17 17.6-19 (Year B)

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