



# WychwoodBenefice

Church News 27 May & 3 June 2018

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

## **SUNDAY 27 MAY 2018 - TRINITY SUNDAY**

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** Holy God, faithful and unchanging: enlarge our minds with the knowledge of your truth, and draw us more deeply into the mystery of your love, that we may truly worship you, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

**Amen**

**Post Communion** Almighty and eternal God, you have revealed yourself as Father, Son and Holy Spirit, and live and reign in the perfect unity of love: hold us firm in this faith, that we may know you in all your ways and evermore rejoice in your eternal glory, who are three Persons yet one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

**Open Doors Prayers** Pray that world leaders will do all they can to ensure that Christians and other minorities are given dignity, equality and a prominent role in rebuilding their societies.

**Readings:** Isaiah 6, 1-8, Psalm 29, Romans 8.12-17, John 3.1-17 (Year B)

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

**Weddings and Banns:** 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 23 June). Banns will be read for Chloe Bennington and Craig Wood on 3, 10 and 24 June. They are getting married in Shipton church on 19 August. Banns will be read in Milton Church on 10, 17 and 24 June for Robert Statham and Victoria Fleck who are getting married on 20 July at All Saints, Churchill.

**Baptism:** Alexander Donigan will be baptised in Milton Church on 3 June.

**Deanery:** 27 May: Heythrop - St Nicholas. Please pray for Ginny Thomas and the Churchwarden John Sword. 3 June: St Philip's - Little Rollright. Please pray for James Kennedy, David Salter, Jackie Jones, Martha Simpson, Ursula Simpson, Roger Simpson and the Churchwardens Joanna Simpson and Richard Simpson.

## **SUNDAY 3 JUNE 2018 - TRINITY I**

11.00am      Shipton United Benefice  
Holy Communion

Elizabeth Koepping

### **PRAYERS AND READINGS**

**Collect** God of truth, help us to keep your law of love and to walk in ways of wisdom, that we may find true life in Jesus Christ your Son. **Amen**

**Post Communion** Eternal Father, we thank you for nourishing us with these heavenly gifts: may our communion strengthen us in faith, build us up in hope, and make us grow in love; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

**Open Doors Prayers** Pakistan: Millions of Christians have no access to sound biblical teaching or fellowship. Through a network of partner churches Open Doors provides 'church on wheels'-mobile church teams who travel to rural Christian communities to share the gospel. Ask God to protect these teams and use them to bring God's truth and hope to isolated Christians.

**Readings:** 1 Samuel 3.1-10 [11-20], Psalm 139.1-5,12-18, 2 Corinthians 4.5-12, Mark 2.23 - 3.6 (Year B)

### **NOTICES**

#### **Half Term Office Opening Hours:**

The Benefice Office will be open on Tuesday 29 May 9am-4pm

#### **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.

## **Rev'd Dr Sally Welch: The Labyrinth - Spiritual Path or Pagan Wandering?** Wychwood Circle June 10, 7pm Milton Village Hall

The June event at Wychwood Circle will take place at the Village Hall (please note - not as initially advertised) to accommodate Sally Welch's travelling labyrinth. Spreading it out on the grass somewhere would be perfect but also rather weather-dependent! Do join us and bring friends who might be intrigued.

Rev Dr Sally Welch is the author of books on mindfulness and on pilgrimage and has helped to devise a number of local 'pilgrim paths', i.e. country walks with a difference, around our immediate area. She will give us a lively introduction to **The Labyrinth** as a particular form of spiritual path, if that is what it is. There will be opportunities both to challenge and question and also to try it in practice.



### **Pilgrim Path Guided Walks 2018**

The next Pilgrim Path guided walk will be on:

**Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> June at 2pm**

Holt Trinity Finstock (OX7 3DE) to St James Ramsden. 4 miles. Please meet at the church and bring 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.

**THE VERY POPULAR FIFIELD WITH IDBURY ANNUAL SUMMER DINNER THIS YEAR JOIN THE SWINGING SIXTIES FOR A AUTHENTIC FLOWER POWER EVENING – DRESS FLOWER POWER IF YOU DARE!**

Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> June, 6.30pm in the gardens and grounds of Fifield House.

Canapes, glass of Prosecco and 2-course dinner at £22.50 per person. Pay bar with wine, beer and soft drinks.

Tickets from Lynne Henderson 01993 831771 or [lynne.henderson@pmb.ox.ac.uk](mailto:lynne.henderson@pmb.ox.ac.uk)

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All proceeds divided between Fifield with Idbury Parochial Church Council, Fifield Parish Hall and Fifield Memorial Recreation Ground.

The Big Raffle will be drawn during the evening.

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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. More information will follow.



### 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 10 June Trinity 2:** 1 Samuel 8.4-11 [12-15], Psalm 138  
2 Corinthians 4.13 - 5.1, Mark 3.20-35 (Year B)

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