



# WychwoodBenefice

Church News 16 & 23 September 2018

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

## **SUNDAY 16 SEPTEMBER 2018 - TRINITY 16**

11.00am Milton United Benefice Holy Communion Anne Hartley  
Followed by Benefice Lunch

*Please note the Milton United Benefice service is at 11am because of the lunch following it. And, there is no Choral Evensong in Fifield on 16<sup>th</sup> September.*

## **PRAYERS AND READINGS**

**Collect** Lord of creation, whose glory is around and within us: open our eyes to your wonders, that we may serve you with reverence and know your peace at our lives' end, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

**Post Communion** Almighty God, you have taught us through your Son that love is the fulfilling of the law: grant that we may love you with our whole heart and our neighbours as ourselves; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

**Readings 16 September:** Psalm 119, James 3.1-12, Mark 8.27-38 (Year B).

**Open Doors Prayers:** China. Praise God that the eldest son of the imprisoned Uyghur pastor has just completed his college exams. The pastor thanks God that his son can start a new chapter in his life.

**Prayer List:** Hostage John Cantlie, Graham Harris, Guthrie Piggot, Margaret Gibbs and Annie Savill.

**Weddings and Banns:** Sarah-Jane Stowe & Andy Wale are getting married in Shipton on 21 September. Banns will be read for Jo McCarthy and Jane Izod on 16 September. They are getting married on Saturday 6 October in Milton church.

**R.I.P.** Oliver Field.

## **SUNDAY 23 SEPTEMBER 2018 - TRINITY 17**

8.15am	Shipton BCP Holy Communion	Peter Silva
11.00am	Idbury Harvest Festival followed by lunch	Peter Silva
11.00am	Shipton BCP Morning Prayer	Peter Silva
5.00pm	Milton Harvest Festival followed by supper	Anne Hartley

### **PRAYERS AND READINGS**

**Collect** Gracious God, you call us to fullness of life: deliver us from unbelief and banish our anxieties with the liberating love of Jesus Christ our Lord.

#### **Harvest Collect**

Creator God, you made the goodness of the land, the riches of the sea and the rhythm of the seasons; as we thank you for the harvest, may we cherish and respect this planet and its peoples, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

**Post Communion** Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us, and make us continually to be given to all good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

**Open Doors Prayers:** China. Pray for 45 church leaders who attended a training retreat to consider new ways to disciple young people. Pray that more pastors will accept the challenge of reaching China's youth.

**Readings:** Psalm 1, James 3.13 - 4.3,7-8a, Mark 9.30-37 (Year B).

**Harvest Readings:** Matthew 6: 25-33, 1 Timothy 6-10, Psalm 126.

### **NOTICES**

#### **CHANGE OF TIME: Pilgrimage Questions Meeting Monday 17 Sep. 4pm, Benefice Centre**

From 13 - 22 May 2019, Rev Sally Welch will be leading a pilgrimage to the Holy Land, visiting Jerusalem, Bethlehem, Nazareth and the Sea of Galilee. This is another chance for an introduction to the tour for those interested in coming. All are welcome to come and find out more. Please note the change of time.

#### **All That Jazz concert Friday 12 October, 7pm Milton Church**

Burford School's Jazz Band *All That Jazz* present a selection from their varied repertoire. Tickets: Adults £15 (parents of musicians £10) includes a glass of wine. 11-18years £5. Available from Benefice Office 832467 or Liz Watts 831759.

## **Licensing of Rev Geoffrey Clement: Wednesday 17 October, 7.30pm Shipton Church**

The Institution and Licensing by The Bishop of Dorchester and the Induction and Installation by the Archdeacon of Dorchester of Rev Geoffrey Clement as Vicar of Wychwood Benefice is on Wednesday 17 October at 7.30pm. Refreshments will follow the service.

### **Can you help?**

We will be providing nibbles (crisps, savoury finger foods etc) after the service on 17 October. If you are able to bring a plate of something, please can you let us know [office@wychwoodbenefice.org.uk](mailto:office@wychwoodbenefice.org.uk)

### **Shipton Bells Update:**

The bells are due to be removed from the tower on 1 October, a process which will take approximately 4 days. To reduce costs, between the last Sunday where the bells will be rung (23 Sunday) and 1 October, bell ringers along with other volunteers will remove as many of the fittings as possible. Also, volunteers will be required to assist the bell hanger in removing the bells. And, at the later date, to paint the bell frame. Anyone who could spare a bit of time during this period to help with this please get in touch with Mike Brooks 01993 830014.

### **Harvest Festivals 2018**

Sunday 23 September, 11am Idbury Harvest Festival followed by lunch. R.S.V.P. for lunch 01993 831074 by Monday 17 September.

Sunday 23 September 5pm Milton Harvest Festival, followed by supper (all are welcome) Donations of apple crumble welcome.

Sunday 14 October 11am Shipton Harvest Festival, followed by bring & share lunch.

Saturday 13 October Fifield Harvest Supper at the Parish Hall 7 for 7.30pm Tickets £12.50 from Catherine Hitchens 01993 831881.

Sunday 14 October 11am, Fifield Harvest Festival.

### **Harvest Donations:**

All fresh produce you bring will go to Helen & Douglas House

All other produce will go to The Porch Steppin' Stone Centre

All donations are extremely welcome.

### **Christmas Card Image for 2018**

We thought this year, given we are in an area rich with artists and photographers, we'd give you the chance to see your work in print. If you have any images that you think could make a good card for the Wychwood Benefice Christmas Card 2018, please get in touch. We'd need artwork by the end of September.

## **MU Holy Communion in Fifield Church, Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2.30pm**

The Mothers' Union meeting in October is Communion at Fifield Church. Rev Anne Hartley will be the celebrant. Everyone is welcome to join us.

## **Coffee Morning for Lawrence Home Nursing Saturday 29 September 10-12noon, Fifield Parish Hall.**

Entry £3.50. Cakes for sale. Raffle. For more information, please contact Catherine Hitchens [catherine.lordlandry@gmail.com](mailto:catherine.lordlandry@gmail.com) or 01993 831881.

### **Benefice Prayer**

Heavenly Father,

As we prepare for the arrival of our new vicar, we give thanks for the appointment of Revd Geoffrey Clement as Incumbent for this benefice.

Lord Jesus, we pray for Geoffrey and his family as they prepare to join us. Help us all to take our part, growing in faith and love for one another, and reaching out to others. May we all be ready to serve together with joy, to build our faith, and live in loving obedience to your example.

Holy Spirit, guide us at this time of uncertainty and change: fill us with vision and energy; make us faithful in prayer and worship, that we may discover your way for the future and see your kingdom grow. Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen**

**Readings 30 September:** Psalm 124, James 5.13-20, Mark 9.38-50 (Year B).

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