



WychwoodBenefice

Church News 28 October & 4 November 2018

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

SUNDAY 28 OCTOBER 2018 - ST SIMON & ST JUDE PATRONAL

8.15am	Shipton BCP Holy Communion	Geoffrey Clement
9.30am	Milton Sunday Worship	Lay Led
11.00am	Shipton Holy Communion	Mike Williams
11.00am	Idbury BCP Holy Communion	Geoffrey Clement

Followed by bring and share lunch

PRAYERS AND READINGS

Collect Almighty God, who built your Church upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Jesus Christ himself as the chief cornerstone: so join us together in unity of spirit by their doctrine, that we may be made a holy temple acceptable to you; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

Post Communion Lord God, the source of truth and love, keep us faithful to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, united in prayer and the breaking of bread, and one in joy and simplicity of heart, in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Readings: Psalm 119.89-96, Ephesians 2.19-22, John 15.17-27 (Year B).

Open Doors Prayers: Prayer for all Christians especially the persecuted throughout the world. O God give me strength to look up and not down, to look forward and not back, to look out and not in, and to lend a hand. **Amen**

Prayer List: Hostage John Cantlie, Graham Harris, Guthrie Piggot & Margaret Gibbs.

R.I.P. Douglas Cunningham.

Deanery: 28 October: St Andrew's, Kingham: David Salter, James Kennedy, Jackie Jones, Martha Simpson, Ursula Simpson, Roger Simpson and churchwarden Charlie Care. 4 November: Milton under Wychwood: Geoffrey Clement Anne Hartley and churchwardens Mike Hartley and Liz Watts.

SUNDAY 4 NOVEMBER 2018 - ALL SAINTS' AND ALL SOULS'

11.00am Shipton All Saints' and All Souls' United Elizabeth Koepping
Benefice Holy Communion

PRAYERS AND READINGS

Collect God of holiness, your glory is proclaimed in every age: as we rejoice in the faith of your saints, inspire us to follow their example with boldness and joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Post Communion God, the source of all holiness and giver of all good things: may we who have shared at this table as strangers and pilgrims here on earth be welcomed with all your saints to the heavenly feast on the day of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Open Doors Prayers A month of prayer for India

The Nation: Ask God to change the hearts of India's leaders to stand up for and protect the rights of Christians and other minorities.

Pray for Prime Minister Narendra Modi and his government. Pray that they will come to a knowledge of the truth about Jesus our Saviour.

Readings: Psalm 24.1-6, Revelation 21.1-6a, John 11.32-44 (Year B).

NOTICES

Coffee, Cake & Company then Home Made Soup with Home Made Bread £3 a Head

Thursday 1 November 11am-1pm in Fifield Parish Hall

Please let Catherine Hitchens - (01993) 821881 - know by 30th October if you are coming for planning catering quantities. Everyone Welcome.

All Saints' and All Souls' United Benefice Service 4 November, 11am Shipton Church

We will once again be reading out the names of those who have died recently and remembering other departed loved ones we hold dear at this special service.

During the service, there will also be an opportunity to light a candle in memory of your own loved ones. If you would like to add someone to the list of those to be remembered please email office@wychwoodbenefice.org.uk or leave a message in the Benefice Centre by 29 October or write it on the sheets which will be in each of the churches until 28 October.

Quiz Night Sun. 4th Nov. 7.30pm for 8pm, Wychwood Inn

Back by popular demand we are hosting another quiz 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!

Remembrance: 1918-2018

In addition to the services taking place on Remembrance Sunday there will be some extra events happening in the churches of the Benefice:

Shipton:

The I I am service will begin at 10.50 on the Village Green next to the War Memorial and will move into the church following the reading of names.

Milton:

From Thursday 1 November there will be a display in Milton church to commemorate the 100 years since the end of WWI with details of all the men, mentioned on the village war memorial (which is in the church) who perished in the war. There will also be the opportunity for anyone to place a named poppy on a display in remembrance of any relative or special person who was a victim of war.

Also, the Wychwoods Local History Society will be making a special visit to Milton church at 3pm on Sunday 11 November to view the exhibition and commemorate the fallen.

Fifield

There will be an exhibition of Photographs of Fifield in former times continuing into the afternoon.

Royal British Legion Poppy Collection organised by Rosie White for Fifield from 28th October.

Christmas Shoeboxes

We are once again collecting shoeboxes on behalf of the charity **Teams4U**. In addition to filling shoeboxes for children there is also an option of putting together a shoebox for the home. For details of what to include and to download labels or the leaflet, please have a look at the website: <http://teams4u.com/>
There are some empty shoeboxes in Milton church and there will also be some covered shoeboxes available.

This year our **Shoebox Sunday Service** will take place on **Sunday 18 November** in Milton church at 9.30am.

Open Event on Saturday 17th November in Fifield Parish Hall from 10 to 12noon, with Coffee and Biscuits, when we will look at Community planning to ensure Fifield is self-reliant in times of bad weather and other difficulties.

Home Groups in the Wychwood Benefice

"Seeking to grow in the knowledge and love of God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit"
In our Home Groups we wrestle with the bible readings for the coming Sunday, often quietly as we struggle to understand, sometimes loudly as we argue and try to get our points across.

Sitting round the table where we have shared a simple meal, sometimes soup and cheese or coffee and biscuits, we read the bible readings and pray for people and situations as they occur to us. In our groups we value the time we spend together, getting to know each other, respecting each others' privacy and being sensitive to each others' circumstances.

Everyone is welcome to join one of the three existing groups - we meet on Tuesdays and Wednesdays, every week, at 7.15 for 7.30pm, hosted by group members. Day time groups are also possible and one will meet at Old Prebendal House during Advent.

If you would like to know more please contact Clare in the office, or the Vicar, Revd Geoffrey Clement. office@wychwoodbenefice.org.uk ,
vicar@wychwoodbenefice.org.uk

Revd Anne Hartley

Advent Groups

We are in the process of organising these. If you might be interested in taking part in a day time or evening advent group, please could you let us know so we have an idea of how many groups to organize office@wychwoodbenefice.org.uk

Readings 11 November - Remembrance Sunday

Psalm 62.5-12 Hebrews 9.24-28 Mark 1.14-20 (Year B).

If you would like to receive the Church News by email, please let Clare know – office@wychwoodbenefice.org.uk

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