



Wychwood Benefice

Church News 3 - 10 March 2019

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

SUNDAY 3 MARCH 2019 - SUNDAY BEFORE LENT

11.00am Shipton United Benefice Holy Communion

PRAYERS AND READINGS

Collect Holy God, you know the disorder of our sinful lives: set straight our crooked hearts, and bend our wills to love your goodness and your glory in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Post Communion

Holy God, we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ: may we who are partakers at his table reflect his life in word and deed, that all the world may know his power to change and save. This we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Today's Readings:

First Reading Exodus 34:29-35 Moses has spent forty days and nights with God on Mount Sinai receiving the Law. Now he returns to his people with God's commandments.

Second Reading 2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2 Paul has been arguing that the new covenant brought in by Christ supersedes the old Mosaic one and that the ministry of the Spirit has greater glory than that of the Law.

Gospel Reading Luke 9:28-36 [37-43a] Jesus has been teaching his disciples that he must suffer, die and rise again. Now some of them get a taste of the glory that will be Christ's once his suffering is complete.

Psalm 99 (Year C)

Prayer List: Hostage John Cantlie, Alison Hughes, David Trollope, Roger Williams, Margaret Gibbs, Shauni McGregor, Mark Forsbrey, Karin Wiseman and Emma Bradford.

Weddings and Banns: Laura Taylor and Joshua Chapman are getting married in Shipton Church on 11 May. Banns will be read in Shipton on 10 March, 7 and 21 April.

R.I.P.: Peter Bursnell.

Funerals: Peter Bursnell's funeral is on Tuesday 5 March, 11.30 in Milton church.

Deanery: 3 March: St Denys, Little Compton. Please pray for James Kennedy, David Salter, Jackie Jones, Martha Simpson, Ursula Simpson, Roger Simpson & churchwarden Susie Cooper. 10 March All Saints, Shorthampton. Please pray for Sally Welch, Jan Fielden, Tish Bird & churchwardens Dine Glasgow & Paddy Gallagher.

Open Doors: Please pray for all the staff and voluntary workers at the headquarters in Witney, that they may receive prayers and support from around the world.

WEDNESDAY 6 MARCH 2019 - ASH WEDNESDAY

7.30pm Fifeild Ash Wednesday Holy Communion

Readings: 2 Corinthians 5.20b - 6.10, Matthew 6.1-6,16-21.

SUNDAY 10 MARCH 2019 - LENT I

8.15am Shipton BCP Holy Communion

9.30am Milton Holy Communion

11.00am Fifeild BCP Morning Prayer

11.00am Shipton Holy Communion

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Collect Heavenly Father, your Son battled with the powers of darkness, and grew closer to you in the desert: help us to use these days to grow in wisdom and prayer that we may witness to your saving love in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Post Communion Lord God, you have renewed us with the living bread from heaven; by it you nourish our faith, increase our hope, and strengthen our love: teach us always to hunger for him who is the true and living bread, and enable us to live by every word that proceeds from out of your mouth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Today's Readings:

First Reading Deuteronomy 26:1-11 As the Israelites offer their first fruits, so the ceremony recalls all that God has done for them, bringing them from slavery to a homeland.

Second Reading Romans 10:8b-13 Confessing belief in the risen Lord is central to faith, giving strength to believers and opening their hearts to salvation.

Gospel Luke 4:1-13 Tempted as we are, Jesus stands steadfast, rejecting the devil and relying on the Spirit to lead him through his desert retreat and bring focus to his ministry.

Psalm 91.1-2,9-16 (Year C)

Open Doors: Pastor Jibon and his family need our prayers for their safety and that God's presence will strengthen and protect them.

Notices

Shipton Church update

At the moment there is uncertainty about how long the investigation/work will take and there is scaffolding in the church. For service information please keep checking the website or facebook or ring the office or vicarage.

Alternative venues for all future events will be in place if necessary.

Tales of a Photo-Journalist Friday 22nd March, 7.30p.m. at St John the Baptist, Fifield

A talk by Stephen Markeson FRPS, Fifield resident, on his journey around the world, covering major news events for over 30 years from trouble spots to portraits of world leaders, as a senior staffer in Fleet Street first at The Sun and then The Times. Proceeds for Fifield-with-Idbury PCC, Tickets £18 from Catherine Hitchens, catherine.lordlandry@gmail.com

Shipton APCM

The APCM will be on 7th April 2019 in the church at 4pm. The PCC would be interested in hearing from anyone that would like to join the committee - anyone interested should contact the secretary Martin Davies on m.ndavies1@ticali.co.uk or call 01608 643230 to find out more.

Milton APCM

The APCM will take place on Sunday 17 March 10.45am in Milton church, following the United Benefice service.

Surrey Fringe and Eight in a Bar in concert in Milton Church

There will be a concert in Milton church at 7:30pm on Friday 8th March featuring **Surrey Fringe**, a barbershop group from Guildford, and **Eight in a Bar**, a small choir from the Chipping Norton area.

Tickets are £8 (£3 for 18s and under), available from Bernard West (01993 831242 or tickets@8inabar.com) or on the door, in aid of the John Radcliffe Hospital Neurosciences Ward and the Wychwood Benefice. Please come, and do spread the word!

Call for volunteers

As someone once put it: The Harvest is plentiful but the labourers are few! As we start a new chapter in our mission and ministry in the benefice I would like to ask you to consider sharing that challenge. We are planning on running training sessions for any new volunteers (and existing if they wish to come along) in the areas of Administering the chalice, leading worship in care homes and church, leading intercessions, reading a lesson in church and other areas as necessary. Maybe you've been sat in your pew and have felt a burning desire to undertake a particular task. If so I'd be pleased to hear from you. No previous experience required, just enthusiasm. Feel free to contact either Geoffrey or Anne.

Lent Books and Lent Groups for 2019

Copies of our chosen lent resource *Lent with New Daylight - Rediscovering who we are as God's people*, are now available for £3 in the office. During Lent our Home Groups will become Lent Groups. Everyone is welcome and each session is stand-alone so you can come to any or all of the groups.

The first Lent Groups will run as follows:

Mon 11 March 1-2pm, The Paddocks (upper lounge)

Tues 12 March 7.15pm, Wednesday 13 March 7.30pm

For more details please get in touch with Anne 01993 830160.

Midday Prayers:

A reminder that Midday Prayers now takes place every Monday at The Paddocks (in the upper lounge). Those that would like to can stay for lunch in the café between 12.30 and 1pm. Home Group (Lent Group during Lent) will then take place between 1-2pm.

Readings Sunday 17 March: Lent 2: Genesis 15.1-12,17-18, Psalm 27
Philippians 3.17 - 4.1, Luke 13.31-35 (Year C)

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