



Wychwood Benefice

Church News 28 April – 5 May 2019

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

CLOSURE OF SHIPTON CHURCH

We are hoping to have the church back in use by mid-May, please check the notice sheet or website for details of services over coming weeks.

SUNDAY 28 APRIL 2019 - EASTER 2

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| 8.15am | Shipton BCP Holy Communion (in West End of Church) |
| 9.30am | Milton Holy Communion (A People's Service)* |
| 11.00am | Idbury BCP Morning Prayer |

***Sunday 28th April "A People's Service" in Milton 9.30am**

A "People's Service", something slightly different, a communion service at which you will have an opportunity to be involved in the creation of the content of the service. There will be special drinks and cakes at the end of the service in memory of Alison Chapple whose anniversary of death falls on that weekend.

PRAYERS AND READINGS

Collect Risen Christ, for whom no door is locked, no entrance barred: open the doors of our hearts, that we may seek the good of others and walk the joyful road of sacrifice and peace, to the praise of God the Father. **Amen**

Post Communion Lord God our Father, through our Saviour Jesus Christ you have assured your children of eternal life and in baptism have made us one with him: deliver us from the death of sin and raise us to new life in your love, in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, by the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ. **Amen**

Readings:

Acts 5:27-32 The apostles declare their obedience to God before the high priest.

Gospel John 20:19-end Thomas refuses to be convinced of the resurrection until he is certain that the Jesus who appeared to his friends is the same Jesus he saw suffer and die on the cross.

Prayer List: Hostage John Cantlie, David Trollope, Shauni McGregor, Mark Forsbrey, Karin Wiseman, Emma Bradford, Margaret Gibbs, James Newman, Chris Seviour, David Kloos and Christine de Warren Chinn.

RIP: Margaret Miles.

Baptisms: Rory and Quinn Benfield who were baptized in Milton church on 7 April. Jack Marsh and Jack Duester who will be baptized on 28 April in Milton.

Weddings and Banns: We pray for all the couples getting married in the benefice this summer: Elizabeth Pratt and Charlie Roome; Laura Taylor and Joshua Chapman; Louise Ford and Michael Morgan; Fiona Matthews and Robert Crossland, Tim Yates and Jilly Newman; Nick Willson and Victoria Shreeves; Carmen Hillier and Ashley Swain; Gemma Potter and Matthew Berry.

Funerals: There will be a service of thanksgiving for Margaret Miles in Milton church on Wednesday 8 May 12.30pm.

Open Doors: April 28 Iran Christians continue to be imprisoned without warning, trial, or knowledge of their whereabouts. Often the people arrested are treated violently and undergo brain washing treatment in a bid to weaken their faith.

May 5 Iraq Christians displaced by the so-called Islamic State have begun to return and rebuild their communities. With your help Open Doors partners have repaired damaged houses so that over 1,000 families have been able to return.

SUNDAY 5 MAY 2019 - EASTER 3

11.00am Shipton United Benefice Holy Communion Service
taking place in Milton Church.

PRAYERS AND READINGS

Collect Risen Christ, you filled your disciples with boldness and fresh hope: strengthen us to proclaim your risen life and fill us with your peace, to the glory of God the Father. **Amen**

Post Communion Living God, your Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread: open the eyes of our faith, that we may see him in all his redeeming work; who is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **Amen**

Today's Readings Acts 9.1-6 [7-20], Psalm 30, John 21.1-19.

Notices

The JPCC is on **Thursday 2 May, 7.30pm** in the Benefice Centre.

Confirmation Candidates There will be a Deanery Confirmation on 9th June at 3pm in Great Tew church. If you are thinking about getting confirmed please get in touch with Geoffrey.

Christian Aid week 12 -18 May

We will be making a house-to-house collection as usual in Milton this year and a special collection at the United Benefice service in Milton on 19th May. The focus this year is on providing health clinics and support, especially for mothers and children in Sierra Leone.

A big thank you in advance for those that help with the collection, and who give. As a Benefice we continue to support the work of Christian Aid, having raised £100 for their emergency appeal in connection with the cyclone in Mozambique and £184 at our Lent lunch on Palm Sunday.

NEW Death Cafe Friday 17 May 10.30-12 Benefice Centre

What is Death Cafe?

At a Death Cafe people meet to discuss death, over some refreshments, most people who attend a Death Café are surprised that the discussion is not morbid or depressing but often lively, and informative.

As one person put it: Death is inevitable so why not talk about it.

A Death Cafe is a group directed discussion of death with no agenda, objectives or themes. It is a discussion group rather than a grief support or counselling session.

Death Café is offered:

- In an accessible, respectful and confidential space
- With no intention of leading people to any conclusion, product or course of action
- Alongside refreshing drinks and cake!

NEW Breathing Space Saturday 25 May 10-12 Milton Church

Offering rest and quiet in a church setting,
encouraging us to seek God in silence.

The invitation is to drop in any time during the morning.

Nothing will be asked of you or required of you,
stay as little or long as you like.

Some resources will be available, but the idea is
that you find what helps you to seek God in silence.

Donations for Flower Festival

We are making a special appeal for donations towards the Flower Festival on 8 June. See below for the information on this and the Scarecrow Trail. Please help to make this a wonderful celebration of our vibrant church and community. Contributions can be made to Clare in the office, or the church wardens: cheques should be made payable to Milton under Wychwood PCC.

Scarecrow Trail and Flower Festival in Milton, Saturday 8 June

On the 8th June there will be a trail to follow around the village and people will be asked to identify the characters depicted by the scarecrows and flower arrangements. The two correctly completed answer sheets that are drawn out will win a family ticket to Mead Open Farm. As part of the trail there will also be a flower festival in Milton church. The theme for the whole event is TV and film characters and the scarecrows and flower arrangements will depict various characters. All profits raised from the event will be given to the Wychwood Beavers, Cubs, Scouts, Rainbows, Brownies and Guides.

The scarecrow voted the favourite will win a family day pass to The Big Feastival, with the second favourite winning a family day pass to The Cotswolds Farm Park. The flower arrangement that is voted the favourite will win a hamper of garden accessories.

There will also be refreshments at the Milton village hall, along with cakes and other items for sale, plus activities for children.

All scarecrows will need to be registered (£3 per scarecrow) so that they can be put on the trail map. Registration boxes are at Groves DIY and at the library as well as registration forms.

If you would like to enter a flower arrangement, please contact Sheilah Peregrine or email Sue Mellerick at: stan.mell@btinternet.com. Sue can also be contacted if you would like any further information about the event.

Readings 12 May Easter 4 Acts 9.36-43, Psalm 23, John 10.22-30 (Year C)

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