



# Wychwood Benefice

Church News 26 May – 2 June 2019

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

## **SUNDAY 26 MAY 2019 - EASTER 6**

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| 8.15am  | Shipton BCP Holy Communion |
| 9.30am  | Milton Holy Communion      |
| 11.00am | Shipton BCP Morning Prayer |
| 11.00am | Idbury BCP Morning Prayer  |

## **PRAYERS AND READINGS**

**Collect** Risen Christ, by the lakeside you renewed your call to your disciples: help your Church to obey your command and draw the nations to the fire of your love, to the glory of God the Father. **Amen**

**Post Communion** God our Father, whose Son Jesus Christ gives the water of eternal life: may we thirst for you, the spring of life and source of goodness, through him who is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **Amen**

**Readings:** (Year C) **Acts 16.9-15, Gospel John 14.23-29, Psalm 67.**

**Prayer List:** Hostage John Cantlie, David Trollope, Shauni McGregor, Mark Forsbrey, Karin Wiseman, Emma Bradford, Margaret Gibbs, James Newman, Chris Seviour, David Kloos and Nathalie Stewart.

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

**RIP:** Michael Porter.

**Funerals:** There will be a Service of Thanksgiving for Michael Porter over the summer.

**Deanery:** 26 May Heythrop – St Nicholas. Please pray for Ginny Thomas and the churchwarden John Sword. 2 June Little Rollright – St Philip's. Please pray for James Kennedy, David Salter, Jackie Jones, Martha Simpson, Ursula Simpson, Roger Simpson and churchwardens Joanna Simpson and Richard Simpson.

**Open Doors: May 26 Somalia** Please pray for the Somali believers who are able to meet together secretly. Pray for protection over these secret meetings and that God will work in the hearts of the members of al-Shabaab.

**2 June** Give thanks that young women in Egypt are discovering just how valuable they are to God, thanks to your prayers and support.

## **SUNDAY 2 JUNE 2019 - EASTER 7 / ROGATION**

11.00am United Benefice Holy Communion Rogation Service,  
Manor Farm, Upper Milton

There will be a service in a barn followed by coffee and cake, a walk round the farm to see the pigs, a walk along New Road to view the crops and village from a distance.

### **PRAYERS AND READINGS**

**Collect** God our Father, you never cease the work you have begun and prosper with your blessing all human labour: make us wise and faithful stewards of your gifts that we may serve the common good, maintain the fabric of our world and seek that justice where all may share the good things you pour upon us; 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** God our creator, you give seed for us to sow and bread for us to eat: as you have blessed the fruit of our labour in this eucharist, so we ask you to give all your children their daily bread, that the world may praise you for your goodness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

### **Today's Readings (Year C)**

**2 Corinthians 9:6-15** Paul encourages generosity by reminding us that just as God is generous with us so we must be with others

**Luke 8: 1-9** Jesus tells a (familiar) parable about an everyday rural activity.

## Notices

### **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.

### **Milton Church Flower Festival and Scarecrow Trail Saturday 8 June**

Don't forget to support this event and come and have a look at the flowers in church on Saturday 8 June.

### **Dedication of the Bells of St Mary's Sunday 9 June 6pm**

This will be a special service where the Bishop of Dorchester will bless the bells in Shipton. This will be followed by refreshments. This is a chance to celebrate the return of the bells and to thank all those who have helped make it possible.

### **Sunday 16 June Celebrating Fathers Day**

Bacon Rolls and continental breakfast will be served from 9.30am in Milton Church. The Service starts afterwards.

### **Fifield and Idbury Family Summer Lunch Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> June, 2019**

In the Gardens of Fifield House (OX7 6HH) 12.30 for 1.00p.m.

Tickets £20 (includes a festive drink) Under 12s half-price

Pay Bar and Raffle. Tickets from: Rosemary Alexander 01993 830484

[rosemaryscottages@gmail.com](mailto:rosemaryscottages@gmail.com) Last day for tickets 10th June. In aid of:

Fifield with Idbury PCC, Fifield Memorial Recreation Ground & Fifield Parish Hall.

### **Can you help?**

We still need helpers for the following specific events:

#### **Church Coffee at Old Prebendal House – Every 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday at 11am.**

We hope to send at least 3 people from the church to go along, talk to the residents and say a short prayer.

It would also be helpful to have some volunteers who could support the **Tall Trees Holy Communion – 4<sup>th</sup> Monday at 2.30pm**. We already have a fantastic team who go into Tall Trees we just need to add to the team. If you would like to help please speak to either Anne or Geoffrey. No previous experience needed!

#### **School RE Day at Wychwood School Friday 28 June 10-2.30.**

We also need people to come and help with the prayer spaces. Children will come in small groups to engage in a quiet activity during the day. If you could spare an hour between 10 and 2.30pm please get in touch.

## **New edition of Pathways**

Copies of the latest issue of the Diocesan magazine Pathways are now available in the churches.

**Confirmation Candidates** There will be a Deanery Confirmation on 9<sup>th</sup> June at 3pm in Great Tew church. If you are considering this, please contact Geoffrey or Anne.

## **Can you help St Simon and St Jude Martha Teams?**

Our Church cleaning teams do a splendid job in keeping our Church clean and tidy. However we would appreciate more volunteers. At present there are five teams with two or three members, and so our duties come around every 5 weeks. With just two more members that would be every six weeks, and even less often with 4 more!

Duties are not arduous and take at the most an hour. The main work is pushing the vacuum around, and the other tidying and dusting.

If you feel you could give an hour every six weeks, then please contact me, Marjorie Connolley either in church, on 01993 832851 or email [mmconnolley@googlemail.com](mailto:mmconnolley@googlemail.com) .

## **Volunteers needed for Shipton Fete's White Elephant Stall**

The church will run the White Elephant at Shipton's fete on Monday 26 August. If you can help please get in touch with the office or speak to James Walmsley.

**Readings 9 June Pentecost:** Acts 2.1-21 John 14:8-17 [25-27], Psalm 104.26-36,37b\* (Year C)

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