



# Wychwood Benefice

Church News 23 – 30 June 2019

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

## **SUNDAY 23 JUNE 2019 - FIFIELD PATRONAL**

8.15am	Shipton BCP Holy Communion
9.30am	Milton Worship for All
11.00am	Shipton Holy Communion
11.00am	Fifield BCP Morning Prayer

## **PRAYERS AND READINGS**

### **Collect**

Almighty God, by whose providence your servant John the Baptist was wonderfully born, and sent to prepare the way of your Son our Saviour by the preaching of repentance: lead us to repent according to his preaching and, after his example, constantly to speak the truth, boldly to rebuke vice, and patiently to suffer for the truth's sake; 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**

Eternal Father, we thank you for nourishing us with these heavenly gifts: may our communion strengthen us in faith, build us up in hope, and make us grow in love; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

**Readings:** (Year C) St John the Baptist

**First Reading Isaiah 40:1-11** The prophet tells of the coming of a "voice" who will cry out in the wilderness: prepare the way of the Lord.

**Gospel Luke 1:57-66, 80** The gospel narrates the events surrounding the birth of John the Baptist.

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

**Baptism:** Finlay Sharples is being baptized in Milton church on 29 June.

**Weddings and Banns:** We pray for all the couples getting married in the benefice this summer. For 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.

**R.I.P.:** Reuben Thomas-Wilsker and Valerie Beale.

**Funerals:** There will be a Service of Thanksgiving for Michael Porter on 27 August at 1pm in Shipton church.

**Deanery:** 23 June: Please pray for The Deanery Lay Chair Catherine Hitchens.

30 June: Please pray for the Area Dean Sally Welch.

**Open Doors: 23rd June:** Praise God that Open Doors partners are able to help victims of violence. Pastor Kuldeep\*\* was attacked by a man with an axe. He says “Just after the attack people didn’t think I would survive. But thanks to your support I was able to go to a better hospital and I didn’t die. Instead I can continue to testify what God did for me.” \*\* Name changed for security reasons.

**30<sup>th</sup> June: Children educated in Pakistan**

Every £35 donated provided six months of education for a Christian child in Pakistan, equipping them with the knowledge and skills they need for the future. Thousands of children were helped through projects run by Open Door partners.

## **SUNDAY 30 JUNE 2019 TRINITY 2**

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### **PRAYERS AND READINGS**

#### **Collect**

Faithful Creator, whose mercy never fails: deepen our faithfulness to you and to your living Word, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

#### **Post Communion**

Loving Father, we thank you for feeding us at the supper of your Son: sustain us with your Spirit, that we may serve you here on earth until our joy is complete in heaven, and we share in the eternal banquet with Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

#### **Today’s Readings (Year C)**

**First Reading 2 Kings 2:1-2. 6-14** Knowing his time on earth is nearly at an end, Elijah tells Elisha to stay behind, but he insists on following. When God takes Elijah up in a whirlwind, Elisha picks up his mantle.

**Gospel Luke 9:51-end** A village refuses to accept Jesus, but he rebukes the disciples for suggesting they should call down fire upon it. One would-be follower wants to return home to bury his father, while another wants to say farewell to those at home. Jesus says that no one who looks back is fit for the kingdom of God.

## Notices

### **Update on St Mary's Shipton-u-Wychwood**

The scaffolding is now in place to enable a full investigation of the roof issues to address. Ceiling braces are also now in place to support known weak points and the bells were able to be rung again formally when Bishop Colin visited on 9th June to rededicate the peal of bells following their refurbishment. A display about the roof problems and current intentions for enhancing the church are now in the church. At this stage we do not know what kind of sum will need to be raised, but do take a few moments to look at the display and give us your comments and consider making a donation (there are Gift Aid forms in the church). We are actively progressing the "Friends of St Mary's" as a Charitable body - more on this in coming weeks.

The full details can also be found on the website: [Shipton Church Update](#)

### **Shipton Church Coffee Morning Saturday 29 June 10-12 noon.**

Come and support this coffee morning in Shipton church. The bell tower will also be open. There will be information available on the church roof and improvements to the church. Spread the word. Donations of cakes would be very welcome. Please contact Mike and Joy Brooks 01993 830014.

### **Church Flowers in Shipton and Milton**

We have some dedicated florists in our churches who share the task of creating wonderful displays in our churches from flowers sourced from a variety of places including hedgerows, gardens and shops. To try and cover some of our flowers costs we would like to offer the option of sponsoring flowers on a particular Sunday in memory of someone or in celebration of someone or something. A dedication can be read out in church and printed in the Church News. To pick a Sunday take a look on the website to find out where the services are being held:

Then contact one of the flower arrangers – details below

Shipton: Anne Hilling [annehilling@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:annehilling@yahoo.co.uk) 01993 830656

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There is no specified amount – all donations are gratefully received whether you would like to sponsor a particular Sunday or just contribute towards the general costs.

## **Benefice Summer Lunch Sunday 21 July**

We will be having a BBQ Lunch after the United Benefice Service in Milton on Sunday 21 July from 12 noon. N.B. The Sunday service will start at 11am.

It is a chance for everyone in the Benefice to come together – baptism families, wedding couples and all who are part of this Benefice are invited to share in a lunch.

We hope to be outside (weather permitting). Bring something to sit on (a rug or a chair) your own drinks and something to share – a salad or a pudding.

RSVP by Friday 12 July to help us with numbers and let us know what you are bringing.

## **Donations for Shipton Fete's White Elephant Stall**

We are now starting to accept donations. If you have anything to contribute please get in touch with James Walmsley: 01993 830842.

## **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.

## **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) .

**Readings 30 June: Trinity 2:** First Reading 2 Kings 2:1-2. 6-14, Gospel Luke 9:51-end.

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