



Wychwood Benefice

Church News 4 – 11 August 2019

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

SUNDAY 4 AUGUST 2019 TRINITY 7

11.00am Shipton United Benefice Holy Communion

PRAYERS AND READINGS

Collect Generous God, you give us gifts and make them grow: though our faith is small as mustard seed, make it grow to your glory and the flourishing of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Post Communion Lord God, whose Son is the true vine and the source of life, ever giving himself that the world may live: may we so receive within ourselves the power of his death and passion that, in his saving cup, we may share his glory and be made perfect in his love; for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **Amen**

Readings: (Year C) Seventh Sunday after Trinity

First Reading Ecclesiastes 1:2. 12-14; 2:18-23 According to the disillusioned teacher, human life is repetitious and without purpose and all human endeavour is empty. Why leave the rewards of human toil to those who may be foolish and lazy?

Gospel Luke 12:13-21 The rich man lived only for himself and resolved to build more storage for his expanding worldly goods. Others may have considered him wise and prudent, but God considered him a fool. In his preoccupation with wealth the man had lost the sense of what really matters. True riches, Jesus teaches, are of another kind.

Prayer List: Hostage John Cantlie, David Trollope, Shauni McGregor, Mark Forsbrey, Karin Wiseman, Emma Bradford, Margaret Gibbs, James Newman, Paul Ricketts and Wendy Hiscock.

Weddings and Banns: We pray for all the couples getting married in the benefice this summer. For Fiona Matthews & Robert Crossland; Nick Willson & Victoria Shreeves; Carmen Hillier & Ashley Swain.

R.I.P.: Nathalie Stewart, Robert Brindle and Simonne Montaillé.

Funerals: The funeral of Simonne Montailé is on Monday 5 August 1pm at Banbury Crematorium. There will be a Service of Thanksgiving for Michael Porter on 27 August at 1pm in Shipton church.

Open Doors: 4 August: Please pray for the Indian local Rapid Response teams, who bring emergency aid, medical care and spiritual support to victims of violence. Pray that they will be the loving hands of Jesus to those who are hurting.

11 August: Please pray that the church in Iraq will stand strong in the midst of persecution. Pray that they will play a positive role in their communities and will be a light in the darkness that has spread across the country.

SUNDAY 11 AUGUST 2019 TRINITY 8

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

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Collect Lord God, your Son left the riches of heaven and became poor for our sake: when we prosper save us from pride, when we are needy save us from despair, that we may trust in you alone; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Post Communion Strengthen for service, Lord, the hands that have taken holy things; may the ears which have heard your word be deaf to clamour and dispute; may the tongues which have sung your praise be free from deceit; may the eyes which have seen the tokens of your love shine with the light of hope; and may the bodies which have been fed with your body be refreshed with the fullness of your life; glory to you for ever. **Amen**

Today's Readings (Year C) Eighth Sunday after Trinity

First Reading Hebrews 11:1-3. 8-16 In faith Abraham obeyed God, even though he and Sarah would not live to see God's promises fulfilled. The reference to "all of these" who "died in faith" is about Abel, Enoch and Noah. They were, as we are, "strangers and foreigners on the earth". Our true home is our heavenly home.

Gospel Luke 12:32-40 Words of comfort and assurance, that God wants to give us the kingdom, are followed by an exhortation to live simply and charitably, relying on heavenly rather than earthly treasure. Jesus likens faithful people to slaves waiting for their master to return from a wedding. Those who wait in a state of watchful preparedness will be rewarded.

Notices

Summer Holiday Hours

Rev'd Geoffrey Clement Annual Leave: Sat 3 Aug – Mon 2 Sept *During this period, if you need to speak to a priest in an emergency please contact Rev'd Anne Hartley: Tel 01993 830160 Email: anne@wychwoodbenefice.org.uk (Out of contact on Thursdays).*

Benefice Office Summer Hours

5-9 Aug	Fri 9-3
12-16 Aug	Fri 9-3
19-23 Aug	Mon 9-5, Fri 9-5
26-30 Aug	Tues 9-5
2-6 Sept	Wed 9-2.30, Fri 9-2.30

Church Flowers in Shipton and Milton



On Sunday August 11th, the Altar flowers in Milton Church are donated in memory of Anthony and Margaret Cable.

Please get in touch if you would like to sponsor the church 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: wychwoodbenefice.org.uk

Then contact one of the flower arrangers – details below

Shipton: Anne Hilling annehilling@yahoo.co.uk 01993 830656

Milton: Sheilah Peregrine m.peregrine197@btinternet.com 01993 831984

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

New Confirmation Class In September there will be a new all-age confirmation class starting. If you are interested in exploring this further, please get in touch with Geoffrey.

Saturday 24th August Fifield and Idbury PCC Garden Party 2.30- 4.30pm
Old Housing, Church Street, Fifield. £5 entry (on the day) raffle, cakes & sales tables.

Update on St Mary's Shipton-u-Wychwood Church Repairs

The full details on the plans and fundraising possibilities can be found on the website: [Shipton Church Update](#).

Donations for Shipton Fete's White Elephant Stall

Final call for donations for the fete on Monday 26 August. If you have anything to contribute please get in touch with James Walmsley: [01993 830842](tel:01993830842).

Ride and Stride Sat 14 September

If you are new to Ride and Stride – find out all about it here:

<https://www.rideandstrideuk.org/>

For Shipton – we need people to welcome the riders and striders in church and also need people to take part to help raise much-needed funds this year. The church will get half of the money raised so please consider taking part!

For sponsorship forms, offers of help or to find out more please get in touch with the church contacts as follows:

Shipton: Mike Brooks tel 01993 830014

Idbury: Mary Champness tel 01993 831074

Fifield: John Yaxley tel 01993 831385

Milton: Liz Watts tel 01993 831759.

New Milton Church Prayer Candles and Cards

We now have prayer candles in church, and we have had some beautiful cards hand-printed by the Whittington Press. You might like to take one and send it to someone special to let them know you have remembered them in your prayers by lighting a candle.

Readings 18 August Trinity 9 Hebrews 11:29 – 12:2, Gospel Luke 12:49-56 (Year C).

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