



# Wychwood Benefice

Church News I - 8 September 2019

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

## **SUNDAY | SEPTEMBER 2019 TRINITY II**

11.00am Shipton United Benefice Holy Communion

### **PRAYERS AND READINGS**

**Collect** God of glory, the end of our searching, help us to lay aside all that prevents us from seeking your kingdom, and to give all that we have to gain the pearl beyond all price, through our Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen**

**Post Communion** Lord of all mercy, we your faithful people have celebrated that one true sacrifice which takes away our sins and brings pardon and peace: by our communion keep us firm on the foundation of the gospel and preserve us from all sin; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

**Readings:** (Year C) Eleventh Sunday after Trinity

**First Reading Hebrews 13:1-8. 15-16** Far better to be respected for speaking, acting and living God's life than desiring power and position.

**Gospel Luke 14:1. 7-14** Far better to know who you are before God than think yourself higher than others.

**Prayer List:** Hostage John Cantlie, David Trollope, Shauni McGregor, Mark Forsbrey, Emma Bradford, James Newman, Pat Edgington and Wendy Cherry.

**Weddings and Banns:** We pray for all the couples recently married and getting married in the benefice this summer. For Carmen Hillier & Ashley Swain who are getting married in Milton church on 14 September.

**R.I.P.:** Karin Wiseman and Marie Moss.

## SUNDAY 8 SEPTEMBER 2019 TRINITY 12 / ST MARY PATRONAL

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

### PRAYERS AND READINGS

**Collect** Almighty God, who looked upon the lowliness of the Blessed Virgin Mary and chose her to be the mother of your only Son: grant that we who are redeemed by his blood may share with her in the glory of your eternal kingdom; 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 most high, whose handmaid bore the Word made flesh: we thank you that in this sacrament of our redemption you visit us with your Holy Spirit and overshadow us by your power; strengthen us to walk with Mary the joyful path of obedience and so to bring forth the fruits of holiness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

**Today's Readings** (Year C) Twelfth Sunday after Trinity

**First Reading Philemon 1-21** God's call changes lives, relationships, purposes and futures.

**Gospel Luke 14:25-33** Our transformation is seen in becoming a disciple of Jesus, with a call, in Luke's words, to give up everything.

### 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](mailto:anne@wychwoodbenefice.org.uk) (Out of contact on Thursdays).*

#### Benefice Office Summer Hours

**2-6 Sept** Wed 9-2.30, Fri 9-2.30

## **Petty Vandalism in our churches**

Sadly there have been some problems in Shipton church recently.

As a community I am sure we are keen to keep our churches open but perhaps we can ask everyone to be vigilant and to think of how best to manage such a situation as we seem to be experiencing an increase in the number of incidents.

## **Harvest Festivals**

This year we are supporting our local food bank – North Oxfordshire Community Foodbank.

We collect items for the foodbank throughout the year but have decided to support them with our Harvest Donations too this year.

They provide food parcels to people within the Kidlington, Woodstock, Chipping Norton and Charlbury area. All donations are gratefully received but to find out exactly what they are collecting at the moment visit their website:

<http://www.northoxfordshirecommunityfoodbank.org.uk/home/4540547179>

We may also support another local organization with our fresh harvest produce. Details to follow.

## **Harvest Festival Dates:**

**Idbury Harvest Festival Sunday 22 September 11am** followed by lunch (tickets on 831074)

**Milton Harvest Festival Sunday 22 September 5pm** followed by supper (tickets 830160)

**Shipton Harvest Festival Sunday 13 October 11am** followed by a bring and share lunch

**Fifield Harvest Festival Sunday 13 October 11am** (supper Saturday 12 October, tickets 831881)

## **Benefice Appeal for Open Doors**

Kathleen Walker is moving away from the area and so is no longer able to be the Open Doors liaison. Is anyone able to take on this task? Contact Kathleen for further details. 07949063322 or [Kmwalker109@gmail.com](mailto:Kmwalker109@gmail.com)

**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.

## **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](#).

## **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

Ibbury: Mary Champness tel 01993 831074

Fifield: John Yaxley tel 01993 831385

Milton: Liz Watts tel 01993 831759.

## **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 15 September** Trinity 13 | Timothy 1:12-17, Gospel Luke 15:1-10 (Year C).

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