

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

SUNDAY 15 SEPTEMBER 2019 TRINITY 13

9.30am Milton United Benefice Holy Communion

6.00pm Fifield BCP Evening Prayer

PRAYERS AND READINGS

Collect Almighty God, you search us and know us: may we rely on you in strength and rest on you in weakness, now and in all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Post Communion God our creator, you feed your children with the true manna, the living bread from heaven: let this holy food sustain us through our earthly pilgrimage until we come to that place where hunger and thirst are no more; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Readings: (Year C) Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity

First Reading I Timothy 1:12-17 There is no one beyond the reach of the grace of Christ or the call to the service of God.

Gospel Luke 15:1-10 There is nowhere we can lose ourselves that is beyond the reach of the saviour who searches us out to lead us home.

Prayer List: Hostage John Cantlie, David Trollope, Shauni McGregor, Mark Forsbrey, Emma Bradford and Wendy Cherry.

Baptisms: Jemima Jameson will be baptized on Saturday 21 September in Shipton Church.

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

R.I.P.: Pat Edginton and Marjorie Kingdon.

Funerals: There will be a Service of Thanksgiving for Pat Edginton on Tuesday I October, 2.30pm in Milton church. Marjorie Kingdon's funeral is on Monday 23 September II.30am in Milton church.

SUNDAY 22 SEPTEMBER 2019 TRINITY 14

8.15am	Shipton BCP Holy Communion
11.00am	Shipton BCP Morning Prayer

I I.00am Idbury Harvest Festival followed by a lunch5.00pm Milton Harvest Festival followed by supper

PRAYERS AND READINGS

Collect Merciful God, your Son came to save us and bore our sins on the cross: may we trust in your mercy and know your love, rejoicing in the righteousness that is ours through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Post Communion Lord God, the source of truth and love, keep us faithful to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, united in prayer and the breaking of bread, and one in joy and simplicity of heart, in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

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

First Reading I Timothy 2:1-7 On the basis of Jesus' self-offered life and ministry, we must pray for everyone.

Gospel Luke 16:1-13 On closer reading, the actions of the wrongly named "dishonest" manager have much to teach about godly use of money.

Readings for Harvest Festivals

Deuteronomy 26:1-11 Moses instructs the children of Israel that when they enter the Promised Land they must offer to God the first fruits of the land and ask for God's blessing upon the harvest.

John 6:25-35 Jesus declares that he is the "Living Bread" that comes down from heaven.

Notices

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 will once again be supporting Helen and Douglas House with our fresh harvest produce.

Harvest Festival Dates:

Idbury Harvest Festival Sunday 22 September I I am followed by lunch (tickets on 831074).

Milton Harvest Festival Sunday 22 September 5pm followed by supper (tickets 830160). If you are able to contribute something towards the supper, please sign up in church or let Mike know.

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

Speaker at JPCC Thursday 26 September 7.30 in the Benefice Centre At the next JPCC we will be welcoming Michael Waring (our Deanery member on the Diocesan Synod). He will be speaking on the Oxford Diocese Common Vision and the 7 Areas of Focus.

More details on this can be found on the Oxford Diocese website under the section on: Common Vision

Dorchester Archdeaconry Common Vision Conference Saturday 9 November at Marlborough School, Woodstock 8.45am-Ipm This event is an important occasion in the life of the Dorchester

Archdeaconry.

Across our time together we shall be led by Bishop Steven Croft in a bible study on Acts 20, and hear from the Chief Executive of Oxfordshire County Council of the county's vision for Oxfordshire and the important role that Partnership Working has to play.

There will be examples of how mission is occurring in fresh ways around the Archdeaconry, and more information will be available on the Parish Planning Tool and the Development Fund and how they can support the development of mission in our context.

It is hoped that by the end of the morning we shall be further encouraged and inspired by the potential of our common vision of being a more Christ-like Church for the sake of God's world.

The event is free but places are limited. Book online now at:

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Readings 29 September Trinity 15 | Timothy 6:6-19, Luke 16:19-31 (Year C).

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