



Wychwood Benefice

Church News 13-20 October 2019

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

SUNDAY 13 OCTOBER 2019 TRINITY 17

- 8.15am Shipton BCP Holy Communion
9.30am Milton Holy Communion
11.00am Fifield Harvest Festival
11.00am Shipton Harvest Festival
 followed by bring-and-share lunch

PRAYERS AND READINGS

Collect Gracious God, you call us to fullness of life: deliver us from unbelief and banish our anxieties with the liberating love of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Post Communion Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us, and make us continually to be given to all good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Readings: (Year C) Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity

First Reading 2 Timothy 2:8-15 Despite hardship and suffering Paul remains committed to the good news of the risen Lord Jesus. He exhorts his readers, and us, to follow his example.

Gospel Luke 17:11-19 Ten lepers are cured by Jesus but only one – a foreigner – returns to thank him. His faith has made healing possible.

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.

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

Baptisms: William Mason will be baptized on Sunday 13 October in Milton church.

Weddings and Banns: We pray for all the couples married in the benefice this year.

SUNDAY 20 OCTOBER 2019 TRINITY 18

9.30am Milton United Benefice Holy Communion

6.00pm Fifield Choral Evensong

PRAYERS AND READINGS

Collect God, our judge and saviour, teach us to be open to your truth and to trust in your love, that we may live each day with confidence in the salvation which is given through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Post Communion We praise and thank you, O Christ, for this sacred feast: for here we receive you, here the memory of your passion is renewed, here our minds are filled with grace, and here a pledge of future glory is given, when we shall feast at that table where you reign with all your saints for ever. **Amen**

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

First Reading 2 Timothy 3:14 – 4:5 Paul encourages Timothy to continue in what he has learned. He explains that all scripture is inspired by God and urges him to continue to proclaim the message.

Gospel Luke 18:1-8 The story of the unjust judge, who grants a woman justice because she goes to ask him again and again. He explains that God will grant justice to those who continue to ask.

Notices

Harvest Festival Donations

Thank you for all your donations. This year we are supporting our local food bank – North Oxfordshire Community Foodbank. We will once also be supporting Helen and Douglas House with our fresh harvest produce.

Shipton Church Coffee Morning Saturday 26 October 10am-12noon.

Please come and support the coffee morning in St Mary's.

We would also like to make a request for cakes and help. If you are able to bake something or help on the day, please contact Claire Bell on 01993 831281.

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

Update on Shipton Church from Geoffrey following the recent roof inspection of the rest of the church:

“The good news is that the North aisle roof is fine. He looked at the Chancel roof and saw no indications of rot or beetle infestation, and the same with the west end. However, the Lady Chapel roof had some significant rot in places. The problems were all centred around areas where the guttering is prone to flood due to blockages. So at the west end of the lady chapel there were no significant issues. The timber specialist seemed to be of the opinion that the main trusses are generally sound and held up by the upright posts and corbels but that the ends set in the wall on some of the trusses would need repair/replacing. We need to await his report and of course the report from architect and structural engineer. The trusses that show signs of falling dust were apparently solid on the inside and only the outside had been eaten - something to do with the beetles eating the “sap-wood” and not the core.””

Christmas Tree Festival in Shipton Church

The WI are organising a Christmas Tree Festival in Shipton Church on Saturday 14 December 6-8pm. More details to follow but they are inviting all local businesses and organizations to decorate a tree to be displayed in the church and to raise much needed funds towards Shipton's roof and refurbishment project. If you are interested in decorating a tree, get in touch. Tickets are now available £10 from the vicar or Kay Shortland.

Christmas Shoebox Countdown

We are once again collecting shoeboxes on behalf of the charity **Teams4U**. Leaflets are not available in the churches and the benefice office.

In addition to filling shoeboxes for children there is also an option of putting together a shoebox for the home. For details of what to include and to download labels or the leaflet, please have a look at the website: <http://teams4u.com/>

Please bring your shoeboxes to the 9.30am service on 17 November in Milton church.

**All Saints' and All Souls' United Benefice Service
Sunday 3 November, I Iam Shipton Church**

We will once again be reading out the names of those who have died recently and remembering other departed loved ones we hold dear at this special service. During the service, there will also be an opportunity to light a candle in memory of your own loved ones. If you would like to add someone to the list of those to be remembered please email office@wychwoodbenefice.org.uk or leave a message in the Benefice Centre by 29 October or write it on the sheets which will be in each of the churches until 28 October.

The Autumn issue of *Pathways the Oxford Diocesan quarterly magazine* is now available. The focus of this issue is children and young people, with challenging, thought provoking and useful articles.

**Dorchester Archdeaconry Common Vision Conference
Saturday 9 November at Marlborough School, Woodstock 8.45am-1pm**

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

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/dorchester-archdeaconry-common-vision-conference-tickets-67467941429>

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Readings 27 October St Simon and St Jude Patronal:

Ephesians 2:19-22, John 15:17- 27

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