



Wychwood Benefice

Church News 27 October - 3 November 2019

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

SUNDAY 27 OCTOBER 2019 - ST SIMON & ST JUDE PATRONAL

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

PRAYERS AND READINGS

Collect on the Eve of Simon and Jude

Almighty God, who built your Church upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Jesus Christ himself as the chief cornerstone: so join us together in unity of spirit by their doctrine, that we may be made a holy temple acceptable to you; 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 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**

Readings: (Year C) St Simon and St Jude

First Reading Ephesians 2:19-22 We are citizens with the saints in the household of God, with the apostles as the foundation and Christ the cornerstone who joins us together.

Gospel John 15:17- 27 Jesus tells his followers that being his disciple will not be easy and we will face difficulties, even so he tells his followers to await the coming of the Advocate, the Holy Spirit.

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

Deanery: 27 October: St Andrew's, Kingham. Please pray for David Salter, James Kennedy, Jackie Jones, Martha Simpson, Ursula Simpson, Roger Simpson, Judith Marshall and churchwarden Charlie Care. 3 November: St Simon and St Jude, Milton under Wychwood. Please pray for Geoffrey Clement and Anne Hartley and churchwardens Liz Watts and Mike Hartley.

Funerals: The funeral of Lady Jane Stanley of Alderley (nee Hartley) will be on Thursday 31 October at 3pm in Stanton St John Church.

SUNDAY 3 NOVEMBER 2019 ALL SAINTS & ALL SOULS

11.00am Shipton United Benefice All Saints & All Souls

PRAYERS AND READINGS

Collect God of holiness, your glory is proclaimed in every age: as we rejoice in the faith of your saints, inspire us to follow their example with boldness and joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Post Communion God, the source of all holiness and giver of all good things: may we who have shared at this table as strangers and pilgrims here on earth be welcomed with all your saints to the heavenly feast on the day of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Today's Readings (Year C) All Saints' Day

First Reading Ephesians 1:1-11-end As God's own people through Christ, we have a glorious and eternal inheritance.

Gospel Luke 6:20-31 Jesus sets out the values that characterise God's kingdom. Those who are poor, hungry, weeping and hated will experience a reversal of fortune, as will those who are rich, well fed and spoken well of. He finishes with an exhortation to "Do to others as you would have them do to you."

Notices

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.

Church Flowers

For the weekend of 27th and 28th October 2019 the flowers in Shipton church have been donated in joyful thanksgiving of Mrs Gwen Elliott's 90th Birthday.

Please get in touch if you would like to sponsor the church flowers in Shipton or Milton 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

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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.

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.

New! Messy Church

We are planning on starting Messy Church on Sunday 8 December which will be held in the School. There is a planning meeting on Monday 4 November at 5pm in the church room in Milton. Please come along if you would like to be involved in the planning and or running of Messy Church.

Advent Groups

The Advent study this year will be based on Bishop Steven's latest Bible study guide: *Principles of Deep Water Fishing*. Copies are now available in the office for £2.

Advent Groups will start the week commencing 25 November (details of groups to follow).

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, Kay Shortland or the Benefice office.

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 Shoebox Countdown

We are once again collecting shoeboxes on behalf of the charity **Teams4U**. Leaflets are 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. There are a few empty shoeboxes in Milton church.

Readings 10 November Remembrance / 3 Before Advent

Micah 4:1-5 and Romans 8:31-39

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