



# Wychwood Benefice

Church News 24 November & 1 December 2019

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

## **SUNDAY 24 NOVEMBER - CHRIST THE KING**

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

## **PRAYERS AND READINGS**

**Collect** God the Father, help us to hear the call of Christ the King and to follow in his service, whose kingdom has no end; for he reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, one glory. **Amen**

**Post Communion** Stir up, O Lord, the wills of your faithful people; that they, plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good works, may by you be plenteously rewarded; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

**Readings:** (Year C)

**First Reading Colossians 1:11-20** A beautiful prayer for the Christians of the church at Colossae, wishing them strength, endurance, patience and gratitude. The writer describes Christ as the image of God, in whom all things are created, through whom God reconciles all things in heaven and earth.

**Gospel Luke 23:33-43** The crucifixion of Christ. His clothing is divided up; he is ridiculed and offered sour wine. To either side of him hangs a criminal. One joins in deriding Jesus, only to be rebuked by the other, who then pleads with Jesus for mercy. He is rewarded for his faith with the promise of a place in paradise.

**Prayer List:** Hostage John Cantlie, David Trollope, Shauni McGregor, Mark Forsbrey, Emma Bradford, Wendy Cherry, Marian Clark, Johnny Graham, baby Arthur Smith\*, Graham Harris and Margaret Gibbs.

\*Update on baby Arthur:

“Arthur is at last recovering, his head is no longer on one side and he is managing to keep his food down. His eyes are much better and he can definitely see and concentrate. He hasn’t had a fit since the operation which is amazing.”

**Baptisms:** Marcienne Baker will be Baptised on Sunday 1 December in Milton Church at 11am. Ophelia Rose Forsberg will be Baptised on Sunday 1 December in Milton Church at 1pm.

**Confirmation:** Laurie Wessel will be confirmed on Sunday 8 December in Burford church at 11am.

**R.I.P.:** Jill Bennett, Marie Ferriman and Clifford Glynn.

**Funerals:** Marie Ferriman’s funeral will be on Friday 22 November 2.30pm in Milton church. A service of thanksgiving for Jill Bennett will be held on Tuesday 3 December at 12noon in Shipton church.

**Deanery:** 24 November: St Mary’s, Charlbury. Please pray for Sally Welch, Jan Fielden, Tish Bird and churchwardens Dine Glasgow and Paddy Gallagher. 1 December: St Mary’s, Chipping Norton. Please pray for James Kennedy, David Salter, Jackie Jones, Martha Simpson, Ursula Simpson, Roger Simpson, Judith Marshall and churchwardens Graham Povey and Timothy Woolcock.

## **SUNDAY 1 DECEMBER - ADVENT SUNDAY**

8.15am Shipton BCP Holy Communion

6.00pm Shipton United Benefice Advent Carols

## **PRAYERS AND READINGS**

**Collect** Almighty God, as your kingdom dawns, turn us from the darkness of sin to the light of holiness, that we may be ready to meet you in our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. **Amen**

**Post Communion** O Lord our God, make us watchful and keep us faithful as we await the coming of your Son our Lord; that, when he shall appear, he may not find us sleeping in sin but active in his service and joyful in his praise; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

## **Today’s Readings (Year C)**

**First Reading Romans 13:11-end** We are to wake up and live honourably in the strength of Christ as salvation is nearer than it has ever been.

**Gospel Matthew 24:36-44** We do not know when the Son of Man will come, so we must be ready and alert at all times.

## Notices

### Quiz Night Sunday 24 November, 7.30pm in the Wychwood Inn

No need to book. Just come – either as a team of 4-6 or an individual and encourage everyone you know to come support the event in aid of the church roof. Tickets are £5 per person and there will be a raffle on the night – and prizes for teams - grand prize is a meal for 4 at the Wychwood.

### Advent Groups will be running as follows:

Mondays at 10.30am in the Paddocks (downstairs T.V. lounge) Monday 25 November, 2, 9 & 16 December.

Tuesdays at 7.15pm at Anne and Mike Hartley's: Tuesday 26 November, 3, 10 & 17 December.

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 £3.

### Supporting local families:

We are helping several local families in need and we are currently looking for donations towards providing fitted carpet and flooring. If this is something you would like to contribute towards, please speak to Geoffrey or Anne.

We are also looking for some furniture items including a small dining table.

### New Christmas Cards available in Shipton Church

We have some lovely new cards available – perfect for Christmas - though they are blank inside so suitable to be used all year round. £1 for 1 card, £3 for 5 cards, £5 for 10 cards. Available from the office or contact Mike and Joy Brooks on 830014. Proceeds towards the church roof fund.

*Mother & Child carved by Pat Bannister*



### Bishop Colin to retire in 2020.

An official announcement has now been made. You can read all the details here:

<https://www.oxford.anglican.org/bishop-of-dorchester-to-retire-in-2020/>

### Foodbank: Donations for Christmas

The last day for donations for Christmas is Tuesday 10th December. Everything welcome except mince pies, Christmas cakes and puddings. Drop off at Shipton or Milton church. For full details see the website:

<http://www.northoxfordshirecommunityfoodbank.org.uk/what-we-need/4550859460>

## **New Book Swap/Buy area in Shipton Church**

There are now books in Shipton church for you to buy, swap or just borrow. If you wish to add to the book collection you can drop any off at the Vicarage or Shipton Church - or phone Geoffrey for collection.

**Diary Date: “Musings on the Constitution”** A talk by Sir Stephen Tomlinson, ex Lord Justice of Appeal. Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2020, 7.30pm at the New Beaconsfield Hall. £15 to include a glass of wine. Proceeds to Shipton Church roof repairs. Tickets from James Walmsley Tel 01993 830842  
Email [jameswalmsley@mistral.co.uk](mailto:jameswalmsley@mistral.co.uk)

**New! Messy Church** is starting on Sunday 8 December. It will be held in the school from 4pm – 6 ending with a tea and is for families with children of all ages. This first Messy Church will have an Advent theme “Small is Mighty”.  
If you would like to be involved then please get in touch with Geoffrey.

## **Christmas Tree Festival in Shipton Church**

The WI are organising a Christmas Tree Festival in Shipton Church on Saturday 14 December 6-8pm. Tickets are now available £10 from the vicar, Kay Shortland or the Benefice office.

**Readings 8 December:** Advent 2/ Idbury Patronal. First Reading Romans 15:4-13, Gospel Matthew 3:1-12.

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