



Wychwood Benefice

Church News 2 - 9 February 2020

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

SUNDAY 2 FEBRUARY - CANDLEMAS

11.00am Shipton United Benefice Holy Communion
with children's groups

PRAYERS AND READINGS

Collect Lord Jesus Christ, light of the nations and glory of Israel: make your home among us, and present us pure and holy to your heavenly Father, your God, and our God. **Amen**

Post Communion Lord, you fulfilled the hope of Simeon and Anna, who lived to welcome the Messiah: may we, who have received these gifts beyond words, prepare to meet Christ Jesus when he comes to bring us to eternal life; for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **Amen**

Today's Readings (Year A)

First Reading Hebrews 2:14-end In Jesus, God shared our human life, understanding our fears and failings. Making the perfect yet painful sacrifice, Jesus frees us from sin and death.

Gospel Luke 2:22- 40 Jesus was ritually presented in the Temple as an ordinary human baby, but would offend many by transcending religious practice and reaching out to save all God's children.

Prayer List: Hostage John Cantlie, Mark Forsbrey, Emma Bradford, Wendy Cherry, Marian Clark, baby Arthur Smith, and Margaret Gibbs.

Deanery: 2 February: St Michael & All Angels, Leafield. Please pray for Paul Mansell and churchwarden Simon Salome-Bentley. 9 February: St Mary's, Swerford. Please pray for Janet Faull, Janet Collins, Wendy Cunningham, Keith Disney and churchwardens Jennifer Tustian and Charles Campion.

R.I.P.: Enid Reynolds, Colin Pearce, Audrey Halpin and Gordon Matthews.

Funerals: There will be a service of thanksgiving for the life of Sir John Graham on Saturday 21 March at 2pm in All Saints' Church, Churchill. The funeral of Audrey Halpin is on Saturday 29 February 2.30pm in Shipton church. There will be a memorial service for Gordon Matthews on Saturday 29 February 3pm in Fifield church.

SUNDAY 9 FEBRUARY – 3 BEFORE LENT

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

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Collect Eternal God, whose Son went among the crowds and brought healing with his touch: help us to show his love, in your Church as we gather together, and by our lives as they are transformed into the image of Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Post Communion Merciful Father, who gave Jesus Christ to be for us the bread of life, that those who come to him should never hunger: draw us to the Lord in faith and love, that we may eat and drink with him at his table in the kingdom, where he is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **Amen**

Readings: (Year A)

First Reading 1 Corinthians 2:1-12 [13-end] Paul tells the Corinthians that he did not come to them with lofty words or wisdom, and that God's wisdom is not of this age. God has revealed wisdom through the Spirit and those not taught by the Spirit do not receive spiritual gifts.

Gospel Matthew 5:13-20 In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus tells his followers they are the salt of the earth and the light of the world. Furthermore, he tells them he has not come to abolish the law and the prophets, but to fulfil them. Only those whose righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees will enter the kingdom of heaven.

Notices

Thurs. 6 February 11am-1pm Coffee & Cake followed by homemade soup (choice of 2) and homemade bread. £3 a head. Fifield Parish Hall. Please book by Tuesday 4 February if possible, to help with catering quantities - Catherine Hitchens 01993 831881.

Flowers in Shipton Church

The flower arrangement on Sunday 26 January and Sunday 2 February is dedicated to the memory of Gladys Avery by her daughters Elaine and Marie. Gladys died 28 February 2007 and she was on the flower team for several years.

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.

Shipton: Anne Hilling annehilling@yahoo.co.uk 01993 830656

Milton: Sheilah Peregrine m.peregrine197@btinternet.com 01993 831984

Come & Sing Choral Evensong with Shipton Church Choir on Sunday 16th February. The music for the service will be the Magnificat & Nunc Dimittis in D minor by Walmisley and 'O nata lux' by Thomas Tallis. All music will be provided. There will be a rehearsal on the day from 4.15pm, with a short break for tea & cake before the service at 6pm. If you're interested in singing, please let Bernard West know at bernard.west@cantab.net or on 01993 831242.

Messy Church Sunday 16 February

Our next Messy Church is on Sunday 16 February 4-6pm in Wychwood School. Ending with a tea, Messy Church is for families with children of all ages.

Tues 18th February: Friends of St John the Baptist, Fifield AGM at 7.00 pm in the Village Hall followed by Drinks. All welcome. No charge.

26th March: Friends of St John's Supper followed by Quiz. 7.00 for 7.30 pm. Tickets £12 from Tina Palmer (830 517) or Sally Austin (832 582). All very welcome. There will be a Raffle.

Rota of 2020 Services

Printed copies of 2020 Services in the Benefice are now available in the churches or can be sent by email. Contact Clare in the office. Don't forget Services are also listed on the Benefice Website. Services for the current month are listed on the homepage. You can search for services (and events) which are further ahead using the **Benefice Calendar** (also on the homepage).

Book Corner in Shipton Church

Don't forget books are available to buy/swap. If you have any books (all types) to donate please drop off at the Vicarage, at Shipton church or phone Geoffrey.

Volunteers Needed:

Can you help? We could really do with a few extra people to help us in the following areas:

Leading worship in care homes and church, help with Messy Church and other areas. Training can be provided and you can help as often or as little as you like.

Feel free to contact Geoffrey or Anne.

Unwanted Christmas Gifts

If you can, please hold on to any unwanted Christmas gifts. They will be gratefully received for the Shipton Church White Elephant stall later in the year. Many thanks. Joanna Tomlinson 01993 832217.

Supporting local families:

We are helping several local families in need and we are still 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. Many thanks to the offers we have already received.

Foodbank Donations:

Shipton and Milton churches are drop off points for donations for the foodbank:

For details please visit the website:

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

Readings 16 February: 2 Before Lent

(Year A) First Reading Romans 8:18-25, Gospel Matthew 6:25-end

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