



# Wychwood Benefice

Church News 19 - 26 January 2020

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

## **SUNDAY 19 JANUARY – EPIPHANY 2**

9.30am Milton United Benefice Holy Communion  
4.00pm Messy Church - Wychwood School

### **PRAYERS AND READINGS**

**Collect** Eternal Lord, our beginning and our end: bring us with the whole creation to your glory, hidden through past ages and made known in Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen**

**Post Communion** God of glory, you nourish us with your Word who is the bread of life: fill us with your Holy Spirit that through us the light of your glory may shine in all the world. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

### **Today's Readings (Year A)**

**First Reading 1 Corinthians 1:1-9** Paul calls the Corinthian Christians to holiness and reminds them it is only achievable through the grace of God in Christ.

**Gospel John 1:29-42** John the Baptist sees the newly baptised Jesus fulfilling Isaiah's servant vision as, by calling his first disciples, Jesus begins to draw Israel back to God.

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

**Deanery:** 19 January: St John the Evangelist, Little Tew. Please pray for Ginny Thomas and churchwarden Claire Freeman. 26 January: St Mary the Virgin, Shipton under Wychwood. Please pray for Geoffrey Clement, Anne Hartley and churchwardens James Walmsley and Victoria Martin.

**Baptisms:** Fenella Monro will be baptized in Shipton Church on Sunday 19 January at 11.15am.

**R.I.P.:** Johnny Graham, Enid Reynolds, David Trollope and Colin Pearce.

**Funerals:** There will be a service of thanksgiving for David Trollope on Monday 20 January at 1pm in Milton church. The funeral of Enid Reynolds is on Monday 27 January 11am in Shipton church. The funeral of Colin Pearce is on Tuesday 28 January 12noon in Shipton church. 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.

## **SUNDAY 26 JANUARY - EPIPHANY 3**

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

## **PRAYERS AND READINGS**

**Collect** God of all mercy, your Son proclaimed good news to the poor, release to the captives, and freedom to the oppressed: anoint us with your Holy Spirit and set all your people free to praise you in Christ our Lord. **Amen**

**Post Communion** Almighty Father, whose Son our Saviour Jesus Christ is the light of the world: may your people, illumined by your word and sacraments, shine with the radiance of his glory, that he may be known, worshipped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **Amen**

**Readings:** (Year A)

**First Reading 1 Corinthians 1:10-18** Paul reminds the church in Corinth that the Christian faith is not about being better than others, and appeals to them to unite around the cross of Christ.

**Gospel Matthew 4:12-23** The prophecy of Isaiah is lived out by Jesus, who makes his home in Galilee, where God had promised his light would shine.

## **Notices**

### **Messy Church Sunday 19 January**

Our next Messy Church is on Sunday 19 January 4-6pm in Wychwood School. Ending with a tea, Messy Church is for families with children of all ages.

### **Next JPCC on Weds. 22 January 7.30pm**

A reminder that the next JPCC Meeting is on Wednesday 22 January 7.30pm in the Benefice Centre.

## **Shipton Roof Repairs Fund**

**A grand total of £1300 was raised at the “Musings on the Constitution”** talk by Sir Stephen Tomlinson. Thank you to all who helped organize the event and also those who came and supported it. We are in the process of setting up a team to oversee and manage the roof repairs project.

## **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).

## **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.

## **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.

**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.

**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](mailto:bernard.west@cantab.net) or on 01993 831242.

## **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.

## Church Flowers

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](http://wychwoodbenefice.org.uk)

Then contact one of the flower arrangers – details below

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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.

## Foodbank Donations:

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

The following items are needed for the Foodbank:

tins or packets of soup

tins of meat

tins of fish

tins of baked beans

tinned potatoes or instant mash

breakfast cereals

tins of sponge and milk puddings

tea or coffee

small packets of sugar

long-life fruit juice

treats

bottled or tinned sauces

tins of vegetables

tinned vegetarian meals

tins/cartons of tomatoes

pasta, rice, noodles

tins of fruit

tins or packets of custard

other hot beverages

UHT/powdered milk

biscuits, jams etc

ALSO toilet rolls, washing-up liquid etc

**Readings 2 February:** Presentation of Christ in the Temple (Candlemas)  
(Year A) First Reading Hebrews 2:14-end, Gospel Luke 2:22- 40.

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