



Wychwood Benefice

Church News 1 - 8 March 2020

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

SUNDAY 1 MARCH – LENT 1

11.00am Shipton United Benefice Holy Communion

PRAYERS AND READINGS

Collect Heavenly Father, your Son battled with the powers of darkness, and grew closer to you in the desert: help us to use these days to grow in wisdom and prayer that we may witness to your saving love in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Post Communion Lord God, you have renewed us with the living bread from heaven; by it you nourish our faith, increase our hope, and strengthen our love: teach us always to hunger for him who is the true and living bread, and enable us to live by every word that proceeds from out of your mouth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Today's Readings (Year A)

First Reading Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7 Adam and Eve are tempted by the serpent to eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. They succumb to temptation and their eyes are opened so they know that they are naked. They hide their nakedness with fig leaves.

Second Reading Romans 5:12-19 Sin and death came into the world because of Adam's disobedience, and held sway until the time of Moses, when God gave the Law to humankind. However, through the grace and obedience of Jesus Christ, humanity is offered the free gift of forgiveness and life.

Gospel Matthew 4:1-11 Three times Jesus resists the devil's temptations to ignore God's will, choosing not to act in self-interest, nor to behave recklessly to prove his divinity, nor to seize power for himself.

Deanery: 1 March St Denys, Little Compton. Please pray for James Kennedy, David Salter, Jackie Jones, Martha Simpson, Ursula Simpson, Roger Simpson, Judith Marshall & churchwarden Susie Cooper. 8 March All Saints, Shorthampton. Please pray for Sally Welch, Jan Fielden, Tish Bird & churchwardens Dine Glasgow & Paddy Gallagher.

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

Baptisms: Freya Ford will be baptised in Shipton Church on Saturday 7 March.

Banns & Weddings: Banns will be read in Milton Church on 8th, 15th and 22nd March for Alex Hardwick and Kelly Partlett who are getting married in Milton on 22 May.

R.I.P.: Colin Pearce, Audrey Halpin, Gordon Matthews, Julie Dyckes, John Storrie and Valerie Davis.

Funerals: 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. The funeral of Valerie Davis is on Monday 2 March 10am at Banbury Crematorium. There will be a funeral for John Storrie on Monday 2 March 2pm in Milton 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 8 MARCH – LENT 2

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

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Collect Almighty God, by the prayer and discipline of Lent may we enter into the mystery of Christ's sufferings, and by following in his Way come to share in his glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Post Communion Almighty God, you see that we have no power of ourselves to help ourselves: keep us both outwardly in our bodies, and inwardly in our souls; that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Readings: (Year A) Genesis 12.1-4a, Romans 4.1-5,13-17, John 3.1-17.

Notices

Messy Church Sunday 15 March 4-6pm in Wychwood School. Ending with a tea, this month's theme will be *Breaking Bread*.

Milton's APCM will take place on Sunday 15 March after the 10.03am service.

Lent 2020

Throughout Lent we will be meeting in groups to look at the following book **A Word for Lent**, 6 part study on: *Temptation, Transformation, Acceptance, Celebration, Forgiveness and Passion*. (Copies available from Geoffrey £5 each)

Groups will be on Mondays at 10.30 at The Paddocks. There will also be an evening Group, meeting on Tuesdays from 3 March, 7pm at The Old House, Upper Milton. For more details contact Anne or Geoffrey. Come to one or all sessions.

We will be holding two Lent Lunches.

In **Idbury after the 11am United Benefice Service on 29 March** there will be a soup with a roll and cheese lunch. All are invited but to help with catering please R.S.V.P. to Mary Champness on 01993 831074.

In **Milton on 5 April after the Palm Sunday United Benefice Service at 10am** there will be a hot lunch in Milton Village Hall.

If you would like to come or are able to help towards food (by making a cottage/shepherd's pie) please contact the office or speak to Anne Hartley 01993 830160.

Update on Shipton Church

A year since the beam first fell from Shipton church roof, we continue to move ever so slowly forward with plans for its repair. Unfortunately, dealing with historic materials and many and varied specialists is a slow process, but the PCC continues to try to push things along.

We hope to start repairs to the central nave roof as soon as we physically can, so we can remove the need for the scaffolding. The second phase of work, when we've raised a second tranche of money, will be to repair the south aisle roof. The third phase, once the roof is secure, will be to finally move ahead with improvements to things like heating, toilets and kitchen facilities. Overall, we expect that we'll need to raise in the order of £905,000 - £1,000 for every year of the church's life to date. Some will come from grants, but there will be a lot of fundraising for the foreseeable future. If you can help in any way with this project, do let Geoffrey or the churchwardens know!

Flowers in Church

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

Thurs. 5 March 11am-1pm Coffee & Cake followed by homemade soup (choice of 2) and homemade bread. £3 a head. Fifield Parish Hall. Please book by Tuesday 3 March if possible, to help with catering quantities - Catherine Hitchens 01993 831881.

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.

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/>

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.

Readings 15 March: Lent 3 First Reading Exodus 17:1-7, Romans 5:1-11, Gospel John 4:5-42.

Vicar: Rev Geoffrey Clement vicar@wychwoodbenefice.org.uk 01993 832514

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