



# Wychwood Benefice

Church News 16 - 23 February 2020

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

## **SUNDAY 16 FEBRUARY - 2 BEFORE LENT**

- 9.30am Milton United Benefice Holy Communion  
4.00pm Wychwood School - Messy Church  
6.00pm Shipton United Benefice Choral Evensong

## **PRAYERS AND READINGS**

**Collect** Almighty God, give us reverence for all creation and respect for every person, that we may mirror your likeness in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

**Post Communion** God our creator, by your gift the tree of life was set at the heart of the earthly paradise, and the bread of life at the heart of your Church: may we who have been nourished at your table on earth be transformed by the glory of the Saviour's cross and enjoy the delights of eternity; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

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

**First Reading Romans 8:18-25** Creation is fallen. Suffering is built into the fabric of life. Like a woman in labour, all of us must endure pain before the future promise of glory as God's children.

**Gospel Matthew 6:25-end** As part of Jesus' long discourse known as the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus tells us not to worry. We concern ourselves with how our needs will be met. But our heavenly Father is ahead of us. The key for us is to place God and God's kingdom first.

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

**Deanery:** 16 February: All Saints, Churchill. Please pray for David Salter, James Kennedy, Jackie Jones, Martha Simpson, Ursula Simpson, Roger Simpson, Judith Marshall and churchwarden Mary Blackman. 23 February: All Saints, Spelsbury. Please pray for Mark Abrey, Ilona Cheyne and churchwarden Ken Wakefield.

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

**Funerals:** The funeral of Julie Dyckes is in Milton church on Friday 14 February 3pm. 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 23 FEBRUARY - SUNDAY BEFORE LENT**

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

## **PRAYERS AND READINGS**

**Collect** Holy God, you know the disorder of our sinful lives: set straight our crooked hearts, and bend our wills to love your goodness and your glory in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

**Post Communion** Holy God, we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ: may we who are partakers at his table reflect his life in word and deed, that all the world may know his power to change and save. This we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

**Readings:** (Year A)

**First Reading 2 Peter 1:16-end** Peter writes about hearing God's voice on the mountain top and speaks of the honour and glory given to Jesus by God, who calls him "my Son, the Beloved".

**Gospel Matthew 17:1-9** After all they see and hear up on the mountain Peter, James and John are terrified. Jesus calms them with a touch and they return to familiar ground forever changed.

## **ASH WEDNESDAY 26 FEBRUARY**

7.30pm	Fifield Ash Wednesday Holy Communion
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## **Notices**

**Messy Church Sunday 16 February** 4-6pm in Wychwood School. Ending with a tea, this month's theme will be serving and loving others.

## Flowers in Milton Church

The flowers in Milton Church on Sunday 16 and Sunday 23 February are donated in memory of Ruth Cable, daughter of Anthony and Margaret Cable, sister of Rachel.

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.

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**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.

## Creating a Dementia Friendly Community

Tall Trees are running a Free *Understanding Dementia Session* on **Wednesday 19 February 10-12.30pm**. If you'd like to attend please book your free place at 0808 223 5540 or <http://www.caringhomes.org/tall-trees>

## 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 from 24 February for 5 weeks. 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.

**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.

## 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.

**Volunteers wanted!** Shipton PCC are doing their best to get the roof sorted and sort out improvements to the church, like better heating and toilets, but there are also lots of maintenance jobs that they could do with some help with. Some are urgent, whilst others are less so, and some are a case of keeping an eye on something within the church to make sure it doesn't become a problem. If you could spare any time at all, your help would be very much appreciated. Jobs include: clearing weeds from gulleys; putting linseed oil on woodwork; literally holding ladders while brave souls climb them. If you don't have the energy to do a physical job, then volunteering to meet workmen who are coming to do repair work, e.g. to stained-glass windows, would also be very helpful. Please contact Geoffrey or Bernard.

### **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.**

### **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 1 March:** Lent 1 (Year A) First Reading Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7

Second Reading Romans 5:12-19, Gospel Matthew 4:1-11

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