



Wychwood Benefice

Church News 11 & 18 July

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

SUNDAY 11 JULY – TRINITY 6

- 9.30am Milton Holy Communion *livestreamed on Facebook*
11.00am Shipton Holy Communion
11.00am Fifield BCP Holy Communion (Please book tel 01993 831881)

PRAYERS AND READINGS

Collect Creator God, you made us all in your image: may we discern you in all that we see, and serve you in all that we do; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Post Communion God of our pilgrimage, you have led us to the living water: refresh and sustain us as we go forward on our journey, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

First Reading Ephesians 1:3-14

The letter to the Ephesians begins with a list of the many blessings we have in Christ, including being God's children, chosen, forgiven and loved.

Gospel Mark 6:14-29

Herod Antipas has a guilty conscience after executing John the Baptist, so hearing that another messenger from God has appeared, teaching and performing miracles, makes him uneasy.

Prayer List: Hostage John Cantlie, Marian Clark, Emma Bradford, Joan Howard Drake, Paul Ricketts and Iain Russell-Jarvie.

R.I.P.: Philip Hunt.

SUNDAY 18 JULY – TRINITY 7

9.30am Milton United Benefice Holy Communion

livestreamed on Facebook

PRAYERS AND READINGS

Collect Generous God, you give us gifts and make them grow: though our faith is small as mustard seed, make it grow to your glory and the flourishing of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Post Communion Lord God, whose Son is the true vine and the source of life, ever giving himself that the world may live: may we so receive within ourselves the power of his death and passion that, in his saving cup, we may share his glory and be made perfect in his love; for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **Amen**

First Reading Ephesians 2:11-end

Gentile Christians are reminded that Jesus has brought them into the household of God as equal members with the Jewish Christians and all grow together.

Gospel Mark 6:30-34. 53-end

Wherever he goes in Galilee, crowds gather to listen to Jesus' teaching and bring him their sick for healing.

MID WEEK HOLY COMMUNION

Wednesdays at 10.30am in Milton Church

Meetings:

Shipton PCC Monday 12 July 7.30pm Shipton Church

Milton PCC Wednesday 28 July 12.30pm Benefice Office (bring packed lunch)

School Leavers Service in Shipton Church on Thursday 22 July at 9.30am

Training on livestreaming/filming services

Geoffrey will be in Milton church from 10am on Saturday 10 July (during the scarecrow trail) to show people how to use the filming equipment. If you are interested in finding out a bit more, pop in, it is not as complicated as you might think!

Serving your churches

The Diocese of Oxford has produced a new publication which explores parish roles of Churchwarden, PCC Secretary and Treasurer. This can be downloaded here:

<https://www.oxford.anglican.org/key-parish-officer-roles/>

Update on filming and livestreaming services:

We are now able to livestream services from both Milton and Shipton churches and are exploring this in Fifield and Idbury too. Our plan is to continue to offer one online (livestreamed) service each Sunday. To be able to offer this we do need some helpers.

Tasks range from simple things like checking the camera remains on during a service to helping set up the equipment. Training will be provided and all offers of help would be much appreciated, the equipment is very easy and straightforward to operate!

Please get in touch with Geoffrey to find out more.

As things stand, without some help we will be unable to offer to livestream any services during August.

Internet in Shipton Church

We also now have internet in Shipton church the password is *BeneficeConnected2021*

Details of Services

For the most up to date details of services, please visit the Benefice Calendar on the homepage of the website (scroll to the bottom of the home page or select *Main Benefice Calendar* from the Menu at the top) <https://wychwoodbenefice.org.uk/>

Following the Prime Minister's statement confirming a delay in the next stage of lifting restrictions, we will continue to follow all the guidelines on social distancing etc.

Guidelines on coming to church:

- Please book to attend services in Fifield church. Contact Catherine, who will allocate seating 01993 831881 catherine.lordlandry@gmail.com.
- We ask you please not to come if you (or anyone in your household) are unwell.
- Please wear a mask or covering and use hand sanitizer on entering church.
- Please adhere to the advice displayed on signs in church with regards to social distancing and where to sit.

Shipton Church Rota for Regular Cleaning

In addition to the current clean-up of Shipton following the end of phase one work, we are trying to put together a rota for the regular cleaning that will start in a few weeks. If you would be willing to be part this do get in touch with Jane Graham tel 01993 830244 or email janegraham.suw@gmail.com .

Supporting the North Oxfordshire Community Foodbank

All your donations are greatly appreciated. Donations of long-life and non perishable foods, soap, toothpaste and basic cleaning materials can be left at the village Co-op store or our local churches.

The pastoral team (Geoffrey, Anne and Elaine) are available if you or anyone you know might need pastoral or practical support. Please get in touch.

Shipton Prize Draw for June

Congratulations to June's winner. The lucky number was 112. If you would like to sign up for the draw for the chance to win £100, please contact Mary:

minifan2@gmail.com

SUNDAY 25 JULY – TRINITY 8

8.15am Shipton BCP Holy Communion

9.30am Milton Worship for All *livestreamed on Facebook*

11.00am Shipton BCP Morning Prayer

11.00am Idbury BCP Holy Communion (Please book tel 01993 831881)

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Clare is working mainly from home and is checking emails & phone messages
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