



Wychwood Benefice

Church News 25 July & 1 August

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

SUNDAY 25 JULY – TRINITY 8

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

PRAYERS AND READINGS

Collect Lord God, your Son left the riches of heaven and became poor for our sake: when we prosper save us from pride, when we are needy save us from despair, that we may trust in you alone; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Post Communion Strengthen for service, Lord, the hands that have taken holy things; may the ears which have heard your word be deaf to clamour and dispute; may the tongues which have sung your praise be free from deceit; may the eyes which have seen the tokens of your love shine with the light of hope; and may the bodies which have been fed with your body be refreshed with the fullness of your life; glory to you for ever. **Amen**

First Reading Ephesians 3:14-end Paul's prayer is that Christians may be grounded with a love that will both make them understand the true extent of Christ's love and also comprehend the secrets of the universe and God's creation.

Gospel John 6:1-21 The story of Jesus feeding the five thousand, achieved by the miraculous multiplication of five loaves and two fish.

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

R.I.P.: Philip Hunt and Pam Rainbow.

SUNDAY 1 AUGUST – TRINITY 9

11.00am Shipton United Benefice Holy Communion

livestreamed on Facebook

PRAYERS AND READINGS

Collect Gracious Father, revive your Church in our day, and make her holy, strong and faithful, for your glory's sake in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Post Communion Holy Father, who gathered us here around the table of your Son to share this meal with the whole household of God: in that new world where you reveal the fullness of your peace, gather people of every race and language to share in the eternal banquet of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

First Reading Ephesians 4:1-16 Paul invites us to allow our lives to be wholly formed and shaped by the Spirit, flowing into all our thoughts, words and actions.

Gospel John 6:24-35 Jesus explains the deeper significance of the miraculous feeding of the five thousand, as a sign of his gift of the bread of eternal life to those who believe.

MID WEEK HOLY COMMUNION

Wednesdays at 10.30am in Milton Church

Holidays:

Geoffrey will be on annual leave during August.

Clare is on annual leave 23-30 July and 5-13 August and working reduced hours during August.

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/>

Internet in Shipton Church The password is *BeneficeConnected2021*

Meetings:

Milton PCC Wednesday 28 July 11.45am Benefice Office (bring packed lunch)

Moving Forward in our Churches after 19th July Easing of Restrictions

Government restrictions have been lifted but for the time being, in our churches, we plan to ease ourselves back in gently.

- **Communion Services** Clergy will wear a mask whilst preparing the elements and distributing the Communion as at present.
- **Masks** Although not obliged to do so, please consider wearing a mask in Church.
- **Space** Please respect other people's space. Ask before you sit next to someone.
- **Hand sanitizer** is readily available.
- **Congregational singing** Where services have congregational singing, we strongly recommend wearing a mask whilst singing. Please also consider singing more softly than you might usually do, as louder singing increases the risk to other members of the church. The quantity of congregational singing in services may be limited at first.
- **Register of Attendance in Church** We are encouraging people to continue to sign in and check in using the QR code displayed on the posters in church. Venue alerts will be triggered if there are 2 cases at a venue. Alerts will ask individuals to book a test but will not ask individuals to self-isolate. These are not the same as close contact alerts issues by the NHS Covid app.
- We ask you please not to come if you (or anyone in your household) are unwell with Covid symptoms.

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.

Milton Cake Stall Thank You

Thank you from Katherine to all the bakers and buyers who supported Milton's cake stall during the scarecrow trail which made £140.

Tea and Bells – Saturday 14 August 3-5pm.

In the lovely garden of Lady Jane Graham, Salisbury Place, Shipton. Tickets £10 from Anne. This is raising funds for the next phase of the work in Shipton church.

Car Boot Sale Mon. 30 August 9am-1pm, New Beaconsfield Hall, Shipton

£10 a pitch (sellers set up 7.30-8am). To book your pitch please contact Anne anne@wychwoodbenefice.org.uk or tel 01993 830160

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 .

Ride and Stride

This year Ride and Stride takes place on Saturday 11 September. We hope as many people as possible will be able to get involved by taking part or supporting it. If you are interested in taking part please visit the website for further details:

<https://ohct.org.uk/ride-and-stride/>

SUNDAY 8 AUGUST – TRINITY 10

9.30am Milton Holy Communion *livestreamed on Facebook*

11.00am Shipton Holy Communion

11.00am Fifield BCP Morning Prayer

First Reading Ephesians 4:25 – 5:2 Paul gives guidance for those who have learned about Jesus and are seeking to live new and holy lives, living in love and community.

Gospel John 6:35. 41-51 Jesus is the bread of life, sent by God. Those who ate manna died but those who believe will have eternal life.

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