



Wychwood Benefice

Church News 22 & 29 August 2021

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

SUNDAY 22 AUGUST – TRINITY 12

- 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 God of constant mercy, who sent your Son to save us: remind us of your goodness, increase your grace within us, that our thankfulness may grow, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Post Communion God of all mercy, in this eucharist you have set aside our sins and given us your healing: grant that we who are made whole in Christ may bring that healing to this broken world, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

First Reading Ephesians 6:10-20 Paul, “an ambassador in chains” for the Gospel, urges his readers to put on the armour of God against the powers of evil.

Gospel John 6:56-69 Jesus’ teaching disturbs his disciples and he challenges their unbelief. Peter asks, to whom else should the Twelve turn, since Jesus has the words of eternal life?

Prayer List: Hostage John Cantlie, Marian Clark, Emma Bradford and Iain Russell-Jarvie.

R.I.P.: Iris Hodges, Philip Buckingham and Daphne Waugh.

SUNDAY 29 AUGUST – TRINITY 13

- 11.00am Fifield BCP Holy Communion
livestreamed on Facebook

PRAYERS AND READINGS

Collect Almighty God, you search us and know us: may we rely on you in strength and rest on you in weakness, now and in all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Post Communion God our creator, you feed your children with the true manna, the living bread from heaven: let this holy food sustain us through our earthly pilgrimage until we come to that place where hunger and thirst are no more; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

First Reading James 1:17-end A truly personal relationship with the loving God who freed us from sin will be reflected in our behaviour towards others.

Gospel Mark 7:1-8. 14-15. 21-23 Jesus reminds his listeners that outward appearances and human traditions should not take priority over the commandments to love God and other people.

MID WEEK HOLY COMMUNION Wednesdays at 10.30am in Milton Church

Current Guidance on Coming to Church

- **We ask you please not to come if you or anyone in your household is unwell with Covid symptoms.**
- **Masks** Although not obliged to do so, please consider wearing a mask in Church.
- **Hand sanitizer** is readily available.
- **Space and Seating** We will have an area in church for those who prefer to keep their distance.
- **Communion Services** Clergy will wear a mask whilst preparing the elements and distributing the Communion as at present.
- **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. These are not the same as close contact alerts issues by the NHS Covid app.

Holidays:

Geoffrey will be on annual leave during August.

Clare is working reduced hours during August.



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

Book your pitch now!

£10 a pitch (sellers set up 7.30-8am). To book your pitch please contact Anne anne@wychwoodbenefice.org.uk or tel 01993 830160 / 07770 745621.

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/>

Back to Church Season

Over the last 18 months we have all been keeping our distance and in the case of coming to church many have felt it best to enjoy church from home joining the Zoom church or watching the service online.

As we emerge from the restrictions, we would like to invite people to come back to join us in church. The “**Back to Church Season**” gives us an opportunity to invite people to come and join us, to “come and see”. There are some seasonal services that lend themselves to this kind of invitation: Harvest, All Souls, Remembrance, Shoe Box Sunday and of course in December the Carol services.

We have special invitation cards that you can use to invite someone, friend neighbour or someone you haven't seen in church for a while. In addition, we will be extending an invitation to those on the Electoral Roll.

The next step is down to YOU! Think of who you would like to invite and ask them: “Would you like to...?” “Would you mind...?” “Why not come...?”

Now in church: Look out for the invitation cards and the flyers in church.

Money Matters!

During lockdown it is no secret that church giving took a slight downturn. In the case of Milton, the deficit for 2020 was £1,000 per month. With this in mind a small group decided that their lockdown experience meant they have slightly healthier finances as their usual outgoings have been less. They therefore took the decision to anonymously make one-off donations of £500. I would like to express my gratitude to those who have given so generously, as well as encourage us all to consider how we might help bridge the gap which has appeared in the finances of all our churches in the benefice. Geoffrey

Tea and Bells

Almost 100 people enjoyed tea and bells in Lady Jane Graham's beautiful garden on Saturday. Thank you to all who came and to all who helped serve the tea and clear up afterwards. A huge thank you also to the bell ringers. Over £1000 has been raised from this for Shipton Church.

Cleaning Rota for Shipton starting 9 Sep

We still need more helpers to join Shipton's regular church cleaning rota. Tasks will involve dusting and polishing pews, hoovering and sweeping floors and mopping. Please get in touch with Jane Graham who is putting together the rota tel 01993 830244 or email janegraham.suw@gmail.com.

Sunday Service with Bishop Gavin 12 September 11am Shipton Church

On Sunday 12 September 11am in Shipton Church we will be welcoming Bishop Gavin to the Wychwood Benefice. Do join us for this special United Benefice service which will be followed by refreshments.

Ride and Stride Saturday 11 September

If you are interested in taking part please visit the website for further details:
<https://ohct.org.uk/ride-and-stride/>

Local Pilgrim Paths Walks 11 & 12 September

There are several walks over the weekend including one leaving from Milton Church walking to Fifield and Idbury. For details and to book please see:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/chipping-norton-deanery-17544154393>

SUNDAY 5 SEPTEMBER – TRINITY 14

9.30am Milton Holy Communion *livestreamed on Facebook*
11.00am Shipton Holy Communion
11.00am Fifield BCP Holy Communion

First Reading James 2:1-10 [11-13] 14-17

Gospel Mark 7:24-end

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