



Wychwood Benefice

Church News 8 & 15 August 2021

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

SUNDAY 8 AUGUST – TRINITY 10

9.30am Milton Holy Communion ***livestreamed on Facebook***

11.00am Shipton Holy Communion

11.00am Fifield BCP Morning Prayer

PRAYERS AND READINGS

Collect Lord of heaven and earth, as Jesus taught his disciples to be persistent in prayer, give us patience and courage never to lose hope, but always to bring our prayers before you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Post Communion God of our pilgrimage, you have willed that the gate of mercy should stand open for those who trust in you: look upon us with your favour that we who follow the path of your will may never wander from the way of life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

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.

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

R.I.P.: Iris Hodges and Philip Buckingham.

SUNDAY 15 AUGUST – TRINITY 11

9.30am Milton United Benefice Holy Communion

livestreamed on Facebook

PRAYERS AND READINGS

Collect God of glory, the end of our searching, help us to lay aside all that prevents us from seeking your kingdom, and to give all that we have to gain the pearl beyond all price, through our Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen**

Post Communion Lord of all mercy, we your faithful people have celebrated that one true sacrifice which takes away our sins and brings pardon and peace: by our communion keep us firm on the foundation of the gospel and preserve us from all sin; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

First Reading Ephesians 5:15-20 Aware of the temptations and evils of the world, Paul encourages the Ephesians to exercise caution and to live wisely and well, always giving thanks and praise to God.

Gospel John 6:51-58 Jesus speaks of his flesh and blood as being food and drink, which will bring those who receive them into eternal life.

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 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*

Moving Forward in our Churches after the Easing of Restrictions

Government restrictions have now 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.

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...?”

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

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.

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

School Leavers Service

Three members of the Diocesan Mothers Union (Christine, Anne and Dorothy) who with other members raised £50 towards copies of the New Testament Bibles. It was a privilege to attend the Wychwood Primary School Leavers Service. The Bibles were presented to each leaver, after the service refreshments were served.

Ride and Stride

This year Ride and Stride takes place on Saturday 11 September. If you are interested in taking part please visit the website for further details: <https://ohct.org.uk/ride-and-stride/>

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

First Reading Ephesians 6:10-20

Gospel John 6:56-69

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