



Wychwood Benefice

Church News 19 & 26 September 2021

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

SUNDAY 19 SEPTEMBER – TRINITY 16

9.30am Milton United Benefice Holy Communion
livestreamed on Facebook

11.00am Live Zoom Service - *Informal prayers and catch up with friends*

Login details for zoom:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83839976916?pwd=Uk5DcmRJamYlV0YrMFo0czdUdGZydz09>

Meeting ID: **838 3997 6916**

Passcode: **Service**

If you would like some help with zoom, get in touch with Liz 01993 684286.

PRAYERS AND READINGS

Collect Lord of creation, whose glory is around and within us: open our eyes to your wonders, that we may serve you with reverence and know your peace at our lives' end, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Post Communion Almighty God, you have taught us through your Son that love is the fulfilling of the law: grant that we may love you with our whole heart and our neighbours as ourselves; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

First Reading James 3:13 – 4:3. 7-8a The root causes of human conflict are greed and personal ambition. Sinners who are penitent, however, receive God's forgiveness.

Gospel Mark 9:30-37 Jesus uses the example of a little child to remind the disciples that life in the kingdom will have very different priorities.

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

R.I.P.: Philip Buckingham and Daphne Waugh.

SUNDAY 26 SEPTEMBER – TRINITY 17

- 8.15am Shipton BCP Holy Communion
- 11.00am Idbury Harvest Festival *livestreamed on Facebook*
followed by lunch
- 11.00am Shipton BCP Morning Prayer
- 5.00pm Milton Harvest Festival followed by Harvest Supper

PRAYERS AND READINGS

Collect Gracious God, you call us to fullness of life: deliver us from unbelief and banish our anxieties with the liberating love of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Post Communion Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us, and make us continually to be given to all good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

First Reading James 5:13-20 Christians are exhorted to praise God when cheerful, pray for one another in adversity, confess their sins and support each other in faith.

Gospel Mark 9:38-50 Jesus welcomes the supportive ministry of those outside the community, but warns that followers who cause others to reject Jesus should be removed.

Harvest Readings: Psalm 126 & Matthew 6. 25-33

Harvest Festivals Sunday 26 September

Harvest Festival in Idbury at 11am will be followed by a simple lunch

Harvest Festival in Milton at 5pm will be followed by a ploughman style supper with apple pie. Suggested donation of £5 per adult (children are free). To book your supper please call Anne 01993 831061 or email office@wychwoodbenefit.org.uk by Thursday 23 September.

Offers of apples pies/other contributions gratefully received – please contact Anne.

Harvest Gifts of non-perishable items to the North Oxfordshire Foodbank

They provide food parcels to people within the Kidlington, Woodstock, Chipping Norton and Charlbury area. All donations are gratefully received but to find out exactly what they are collecting at the moment visit their website:

<http://www.northoxfordshirecommunityfoodbank.org.uk/home/4540547179>

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 using the sign-in sheets.

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/>

Sharing best practice and catch-up over coffee Shipton Church Saturday 9 October 10.30-12.30.

We invite everyone who has a role on our current rotas or who may be considering helping in any way to come along and help us with this.

After such a fragmented year we thought it would be a good time for us all to come together and share best practice over coffee and perhaps look at some of the new roles that we need in our churches. Please R.S.V.P. to Geoffrey.

Back to Church Season

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 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.

Harvest Festivals will be celebrated in our churches these next two weeks, please do take the opportunity to extend an invitation to someone you know to come a join in with our Harvest Festival. Even if they do not come, at least we have made an invitation and we can always invite them to one of our other services.

Monthly Discussion Group Returns on Tuesday 21 September 10.30-12 in Milton Church

Our monthly discussion group meets to look at sermons and other writings on bible passages. We will meet at 10.30am in Milton Church on Tuesday 21 September to consider the ministry of Healing in James 5. 13-20. All are welcome.

JPCC – Meeting of the Parishes Tuesday 21 September 7pm Milton Church

Saturday 2nd October 10.30-12noon Cake & Produce Sale Fifield Churchyard

Homemade cakes, scones, biscuits, preserves and garden produce for sale. Proceeds for parochial church council funds. All Contributions very welcome. Please contact Catherine Hitchens 01993 831881

Messy Church is back

After the summer holidays we are planning on restarting Messy Church in person. The dates are 3rd October, 21st November both of these will be 4—6pm in the School. There will be a “Christmas Special” Messy Church on Monday 20th December 10—midday.

SUNDAY 3 OCTOBER – TRINITY 18

11.00am Shipton United Benefice Holy Communion with
Baptism of Isaiah

First Reading Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12. Here is the God who spoke not only in the past but speaks now in person through Jesus, who shows us what God is like.

Gospel Mark 10:2-16. Hard words about the breaking of God’s longing that humankind should not be alone. These words have been used by humankind to punish rather than encourage.

Clare is working Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday mornings.

Tel 01993 832467 office@wychwoodbenefice.org.uk

Rev Geoffrey Clement vicar@wychwoodbenefice.org.uk 01993 832514

Rest Day Thursday

Rev’d Anne Hartley anne@wychwoodbenefice.org.uk 01993 830160