



# Wychwood Benefice

Church News 17 & 24 October 2021

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

## **SUNDAY 17 OCTOBER – TRINITY 20**

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

### **PRAYERS AND READINGS**

**Collect** God, our light and our salvation: illuminate our lives, that we may see your goodness in the land of the living, and looking on your beauty may be changed into the likeness of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

**Post Communion** God our Father, whose Son, the light unfailing, has come from heaven to deliver the world from the darkness of ignorance: let these holy mysteries open the eyes of our understanding that we may know the way of life, and walk in it without stumbling; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

**First Reading Hebrews 5:1-10** Christ is called by God to be a high priest who, through his perfect sacrificial obedience to God, becomes the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him.

**Gospel Mark 10:35-45** Two disciples ask for privileged places in their Lord's glorious kingdom, causing friction with the other ten and a strong reminder from Jesus of kingdom values.

**Prayer List:** Hostage John Cantlie, Marian Clark, Emma Bradford, Iain Russell-Jarvie, Joan Howard Drake, Craig Smith and Tina Palmer.

**R.I.P.:** Anthony Wood and Doreen Shepherd.

**Deanery:** 17 October St Michael & All Angels, Great Tew. Please pray for William Burke and churchwardens Richard Veale and Rosie Rowe. 24 October Holy Trinity, Finstock with Fawler. Please pray for Paul Mansell, Gail Ward and churchwarden Marian Miller.

**Baptism:** To those preparing for baptism and the recently baptized, along with their families.

## **SUNDAY 24 OCTOBER – LAST SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY**

- 8.15am            Shipton BCP Holy Communion  
9.30am            Milton Worship for All (St Simon & St Jude Patronal)  
11.00am          Idbury BCP Holy Communion  
11.00am          Shipton BCP Morning Prayer *livestreamed on Facebook*

### **PRAYERS AND READINGS**

**Collect** Merciful God, teach us to be faithful in change and uncertainty, that trusting in your word and obeying your will we may enter the unfailing joy of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

**Post Communion** God of all grace, your Son Jesus Christ fed the hungry with the bread of his life and the word of his kingdom: renew your people with your heavenly grace, and in all our weakness sustain us by your true and living bread; who is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **Amen**

**First Reading Hebrews 7:23-end** Before Christ's incarnation, fallible, mortal, human priests were the conduit between God and creation. But now, post-ascension, it is the immortal, unsullied Christ who fulfils that role perfectly and eternally.

**Gospel Mark 10:46-end** Blind Bartimaeus, who persistently seeks vindication of his hope that he might be healed, is rewarded by Jesus, receiving restoration of his sight.

**MID WEEK HOLY COMMUNION** Wednesdays at 10.30am in Milton Church

### **Monthly Discussion Group on Tuesday 19 October 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 19 October to explore *Finding the way through Mark* by Canon John Fenton, as we come to the end of our readings from Mark's Gospel. Everyone is welcome.

### **Benefice Christmas Card 2021**

If you have any suitable photos, drawings or other artwork or suggestions, please let us know before 25 October. Email [office@wychwoodbenefice.org.uk](mailto:office@wychwoodbenefice.org.uk)

### **PCC Meetings:**

Milton PCC Tuesday 2 November 11.45am in the Benefice Office.  
Shipton PCC Monday 15 November 7.30pm in Shipton Church.

## **Back to Church Season**

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: All Souls, Remembrance, Shoe Box Sunday and of course in December the Carol services.

Please do take the opportunity to extend an invitation to someone you know to come a join in with a particular service. 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.

## **All Saints’ and All Souls’ United Benefice Service Sunday 31 October, 9.30am Milton Church**

We will once again be reading out the names of those who have died recently and remembering other departed loved ones we hold dear at this special service. During the service, there will also be an opportunity to light a candle in memory of your own loved ones. If you would like to add someone to the list of those to be remembered please call or email the office [office@wychwoodbenefice.org.uk](mailto:office@wychwoodbenefice.org.uk) or write on the sheets which will be in each of the churches until 25 October.

## **Christmas Shoebox Countdown**

We are once again collecting shoeboxes on behalf of the charity **Teams4U**. Leaflets are (or will very shortly be) available in the churches and the benefice office. In addition to filling shoeboxes for children there is also an option of putting together a shoebox for the home. For details of what to include and to download labels or the leaflet, please have a look at the website: <http://teams4u.com/> Please bring your shoeboxes to the 9.30am service on 21 November in Milton church.

## **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/>

## 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** It is no longer a legal requirement to wear a face covering, though the government expects and recommends that people wear face coverings in crowded and enclosed settings to protect themselves and others.
- **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**, We still recommend wearing a mask whilst singing.
- **Register of Attendance in Church** We are encouraging people to continue to sign in using the sign-in sheets.

## SUNDAY 31 OCTOBER – ALL SAINTS

9.30am Milton United Benefice All Saints and All Souls Holy Communion **livestreamed on Facebook**  
(N.B. clocks go back)

**Revelation 21:1-6a** John dreams of a new heaven and a new earth, echoing the prophecy of Isaiah; no more death, no more tears. God is making all things new and declares himself the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end.

**Gospel John 11:32-44** The Lord spends time with Mary and Martha, mourning with them the death of their brother, Lazarus. He performs a miracle for the sake of the crowd, so they can see the glory of God, as he restores Lazarus to life.

Clare is working Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday mornings.

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