



Wychwood Benefice

Church News 3 & 10 October 2021

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

SUNDAY 3 OCTOBER – TRINITY 18

- 11.00am Shipton United Benefice Holy Communion with
Baptism **livestreamed on Facebook**
- 4.00pm Messy Church Wychwood Primary School

PRAYERS AND READINGS

Collect God, our judge and saviour, teach us to be open to your truth and to trust in your love, that we may live each day with confidence in the salvation which is given through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Post Communion We praise and thank you, O Christ, for this sacred feast: for here we receive you, here the memory of your passion is renewed, here our minds are filled with grace, and here a pledge of future glory is given, when we shall feast at that table where you reign with all your saints for ever. **Amen**

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.

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

SUNDAY 10 OCTOBER – TRINITY 19

- 9.30am Milton Holy Communion
- 11.00am Shipton Harvest Festival- *followed by bring and share lunch*
livestreamed on Facebook
- 11.00am Fifield Harvest Festival

PRAYERS AND READINGS

Collect Faithful Lord, whose steadfast love never ceases and whose mercies never come to an end: grant us the grace to trust you and to receive the gifts of your love, new every morning, in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Post Communion Holy and blessed God, you have fed us with the body and blood of your Son and filled us with your Holy Spirit: may we honour you, not only with our lips but in lives dedicated to the service of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

First Reading Hebrews 4:12-end The writer describes how powerful the word of God is – sharper than a two-edged sword. It is able to judge, which is a difficult thought, but we have a great high priest in Jesus and we can approach God to receive mercy and help.

Gospel Mark 10:17-31 A man asks Jesus what he must do to inherit eternal life and is shocked when Jesus tells him he must sell all his possessions. Jesus tells the disciples that it is hard for those with wealth to enter the kingdom of God, but explains that everything is possible with God.

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

MID WEEK HOLY COMMUNION Wednesdays at 10.30am in Milton Church

Sat. 2 October, 10.30-12noon Cake & Produce Sale Fifield Churchyard
Homemade cakes, scones, biscuits, preserves and garden produce for sale. Proceeds for the church. Donations welcome please contact Catherine Hitchens 01993 831881.

Messy Church is back!

Messy Church returns on Sunday October 3rd from 4-6pm at Wychwood School. The children can join in with crafts, games, songs, stories and finish up with a light tea.

Saturday 9 October Harvest Supper: 7 for 7.30pm Fifield Parish Hall

Tickets £12.50 in advance only (book and pay A.S.A.P.) from Jane McWilliam email fifieldparishhall@outlook.com Tel 01993 830558. Bring your own bottle.

Shipton Harvest Festival Bring and Share Lunch after the service on

Sunday 10 October Tea, coffee and soft drinks will be provided but you are very welcome to bring your own wine if you would like.

This year we are donating our Harvest Gifts of non-perishable items to the North Oxfordshire Foodbank They provide food parcels to people within our local area. All donations are gratefully received but to find out exactly what is needed at the moment visit their website: www.northoxfordshirecommunityfoodbank.org.uk

This year the **School Harvest Festival** will be on **Thursday 14 October 9.30am** in **Shipton Church**. We would as usual, welcome a few helpers on the morning.

**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.**

Visiting Bell Ringers

On Tuesday 12 October a quarter peal will be rung on Shipton bells by a team from the Cheltenham area between 4 and 5pm.

Benefice Christmas Card 2021

The search for the image for our 2021 Christmas Card is on. If you have any suitable photos, drawings or other artwork or suggestions, please let us know before 25 October. Email office@wychwoodbenefice.org.uk

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: Harvest, 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 or write on the sheets which will be in each of the churches until 25 October.

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/>

SUNDAY 17 OCTOBER – TRINITY 20

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

First Reading Hebrews 5:1-10.

Gospel Mark 10:35-45.

Clare is working Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday mornings.

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Rest Day Thursday

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