



Wychwood Benefice

Church News 31 October and 7 November 2021

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

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)

PRAYERS AND READINGS

Collect God of holiness, your glory is proclaimed in every age: as we rejoice in the faith of your saints, inspire us to follow their example with boldness and joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Post Communion God, the source of all holiness and giver of all good things: may we who have shared at this table as strangers and pilgrims here on earth be welcomed with all your saints to the heavenly feast on the day of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

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.

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: 31 October St Andrew's, Kingham. Please pray for David Salter, James Kennedy, Martha Simpson, Roger Simpson, Judith Marshall and churchwarden Charlie Care. 7 November SS Simon & Jude, Milton under Wychwood. Please pray for Geoffrey Clement, Anne Hartley and churchwardens Mike Hartley and Liz Watts.

Baptism: To the families preparing for baptism and the recently baptized.

SUNDAY 7 NOVEMBER – 3 BEFORE ADVENT

11.00am Shipton United Benefice Holy Communion *livestreamed on Facebook*

PRAYERS AND READINGS

Collect God, our refuge and strength, bring near the day when wars shall cease and poverty and pain shall end, that earth may know the peace of heaven through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Post Communion God of peace, whose Son Jesus Christ proclaimed the kingdom and restored the broken to wholeness of life: look with compassion on the anguish of the world, and by your healing power make whole both people and nations; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen**

First Reading Hebrews 9:24-end Jesus' death dealt with the problem of sin once and for all. The second coming is not for punishment but for salvation.

Gospel Mark 1:14-20 This tells the story of the beginning of discipleship. It is so simple, yet so demanding: Jesus calls, and people leave everything to follow him.

MID WEEK HOLY COMMUNION Wednesdays at 10.30am in Milton Church

COP26 Bell Ringing for climate awareness

In response to a request to ring church bells throughout the world to mark the start of the COP 26 Climate Summit in Glasgow, Shipton bells will be rung at 6:00pm on Saturday 30th October.

PCC Meetings:

Milton PCC Tuesday 2 November 11.45am in the Benefice Office.

Shipton PCC Monday 15 November 7.30pm in Shipton Church.

Monthly Discussion Group on Tuesday 16 Nov. 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 16 November. Everyone is welcome.

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

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.

Christmas Shoebox Countdown

We are once again collecting shoeboxes on behalf of the charity **Teams4U**. Leaflets are 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.

Shipton Church Christmas Fundraising

We're celebrating Christmas this year with all our regular services and a couple of special events to raise funds for the roof repairs and improvements we have planned.

In Church there will be a Christmas Tree Festival -local groups and businesses will sponsor and decorate a tree, to be displayed in the Church - a forest of sparkle and light.

Call in to see the trees from 6-11 December. The Christmas tree festival evening was such a fun evening that we are repeating it again this year, with a party in Church on Saturday 11 December, 6-8 pm. Tickets will be available soon.

Raffle prizes most welcome - please contact Kay Shortland on 01993 832927 or Anne Hartley 07770745621.

Christmas Auction Online

This was a huge success last year! The auction goes live on 27 November until 11 December when each lot will go to the highest bidder.

Look out for details.

Offers of lots will be very much appreciated - please contact Kay Shortland, kay.shortland@btinternet.com

Getting into the Spirit of Christmas early will hopefully help us to be ready to greet the Christ Child on Christmas Day.

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 14 NOVEMBER – REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

8.15am Shipton BCP Holy Communion

9.30am Milton Remembrance Sunday

10.50am Fifield Remembrance Sunday

10.50am Shipton Remembrance Sunday **livestreamed on Facebook**

We will meet on Church Green at 10:50 for the act of remembrance.

READINGS

Micah 4:1-5

Romans 8:31-end

Clare is working Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday mornings.

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