



Wychwood Benefice

Church News 14 and 21 November 2021

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

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.

PRAYERS AND READINGS

Collect Almighty Father, whose will is to restore all things in your beloved Son, the King of all: govern the hearts and minds of those in authority, and bring the families of the nations, divided and torn apart by the ravages of sin, to be subject to his just and gentle rule; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

Post Communion Gracious Lord, in this holy sacrament you give substance to our hope: bring us at the last to that fullness of life for which we long; through Jesus Christ our Saviour. **Amen**

READINGS

Micah 4:1-5 and Romans 8:31-end.

Prayer List: Hostage John Cantlie, Marian Clark, Emma Bradford, Iain Russell-Jarvie, Craig Smith, Tina Palmer and Sandy Schlee.

R.I.P.: Joan Howard Drake, John Jennings and David Reynolds.

Deanery: 14 November St Nicholas, Chadlington. Please pray for Mark Abrey, Ilona Cheyne and churchwardens Michael Wigley and Susan Myatt. 21 November St Mary's, Salford. Please pray for David Salter, James Kennedy, Martha Simpson, Roger Simpson, Judith Marshall and churchwardens Sally Chambers and Nicholas Chambers.

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

SUNDAY 21 NOVEMBER – CHRIST THE KING/ SHOEBOX SUNDAY

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

4.00pm Messy Church at Wychwood School

PRAYERS AND READINGS

Collect God the Father, help us to hear the call of Christ the King and to follow in his service, whose kingdom has no end; for he reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, one glory. **Amen**

Post Communion Stir up, O Lord, the wills of your faithful people; that they, plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good works, may by you be plenteously rewarded; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

First Reading Revelation 1:4b-8 In Jesus, God came to show us the meaning of love, by dying to free us from sin and death, and to make us part of the eternal kingdom.

Gospel John 18:33-37 Pilate wondered how a humble prisoner could be a king, because he failed to understand the true meaning of kingship.

MID WEEK HOLY COMMUNION Wednesdays at 10.30am in Milton Church

Messy Church Sunday 21 November 4-6pm at Wychwood School

The theme for this month is *Sharing the Light*. Amongst other activities, we will be making a large nativity for Shipton Church.

Christmas Shoeboxes

Don't forget to bring in your Shoeboxes to Milton Church before our special Shoebox Service on Sunday 21 November. For details of what to include and to download labels or the leaflet, please have a look at the website: <http://teams4u.com/>

PCC Meetings:

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.

Back to Church Christmas Season

We look forward to welcoming people back to church over the Christmas period. Christmas cards with details of the services will be making their way around the villages at the end of the month. They will also be available in the churches. Christmas Service details are also on the website christmas-in-the-wychwood-benefice-2021/ . The first service is the Benefice Advent Carols Service in Shipton on 28 November (see below).

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.

As we are expecting higher numbers at some of our services over Christmas, we have updated our covid guidance – please see details on the back of this Church News.

Changes to Homegroups/ Advent Groups

From November, our weekly Homegroups take place on Monday mornings at 11am (on Zoom) and 6.30pm on Monday evenings.

During Advent these will become Advent Groups where over four weeks (starting Monday 22 November) we will be looking at the following resource *Light in the Darkness* <https://www.lightsforchrist.uk/litd-course-navigation>

If you are interested in taking part please get in touch with Geoffrey or Anne.

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.

Updated Guidance on coming to church November 2021

With the current high rates of covid infections and a wider range of symptoms, we are reviewing our guidance on people coming to church.

For your own safety and the safety of others, we ask that you please stay at home if you are feeling at all unwell.

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.

Thank You.

SUNDAY 28 NOVEMBER – ADVENT SUNDAY

8.15am Shipton BCP Holy Communion

9.30am Milton Worship for All

11.00am Idbury BCP Holy Communion

6.00pm Shipton United Benefice Advent Carols *livestreamed on Facebook*

READINGS

First Reading 1 Thessalonians 3:9-end This beautiful blessing is a prayer for faithfulness and readiness as we live constantly in Jesus' presence.

Gospel Luke 21:25-36 Jesus' counsel to his listeners is to be alert at all times, praying that they may have the strength to escape the things that will take place – such as distress among nations.

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