



Wychwood Benefice

Church News 23 and 30 January 2022

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

SUNDAY 23 JANUARY – EPIPHANY 3

8.15am Shipton BCP Holy Communion

9.30am Milton Worship for All

11.00am Shipton BCP Morning Prayer

11.00am Idbury BCP Holy Communion ***livestreamed on Facebook***

PRAYERS AND READINGS

Collect God of all mercy, your Son proclaimed good news to the poor, release to the captives, and freedom to the oppressed: anoint us with your Holy Spirit and set all your people free to praise you in Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Post Communion Almighty Father, whose Son our Saviour Jesus Christ is the light of the world: may your people, illumined by your word and sacraments, shine with the radiance of his glory, that he may be known, worshipped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **Amen**

READINGS

First Reading | Corinthians 12:12-31a

Paul treats the Corinthians to one of Christianity's most enduring models for community: the body of Christ. Every part of the body is needed, as every part of the body has a different role to play.

Gospel Luke 4:14-21

Jesus returns to his home town as part of the dramatic set of events that opens his ministry. Standing in the synagogue among his people, he makes a staggering prophetic announcement about who he is and what he is there to do.

Prayer List: Hostage John Cantlie, Marian Clark, Emma Bradford and Craig Smith.

Weddings: Jonathan and Megan who are getting married in Shipton on 11 February.

R.I.P.: Sheila Davies.

Funerals: The funeral of Eira Harper is on Monday 14 February 12noon in Milton Church.

SUNDAY 30 JANUARY – THE PRESENTATION OF CHRIST IN THE TEMPLE

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

3-5pm Messy Church at Wychwood School

PRAYERS AND READINGS

Collect Lord Jesus Christ, light of the nations and glory of Israel: make your home among us, and present us pure and holy to your heavenly Father, your God, and our God. **Amen**

Post Communion Lord, you fulfilled the hope of Simeon and Anna, who lived to welcome the Messiah: may we, who have received these gifts beyond words, prepare to meet Christ Jesus when he comes to bring us to eternal life; for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **Amen**

First Reading Hebrews 2:14-end

Fully human, understanding our temptations, Jesus helps us overcome sin and fear. Offering himself for us he saves us from death, restoring our relationship with God.

Gospel Luke 2:22-40

When Jesus is presented in the Temple, the Holy Spirit surprisingly reveals him to Simeon and Anna as God's promised salvation, although suffering will come first.

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

Messy Church Sunday 30 January 3-5pm at Wychwood School

This month Messy Church is based around the parable of the lost coin. We will have activities and games and end with refreshments (sandwiches and cake).

Services January-March 2022

We have a rota of services up to the end of March. You can download this from the website: [Rota-2022-Q1-050122.pdf](#) If you would like a printed copy, let Clare know.

You can also visit the Benefice Calendar on the website for details of up and coming services (scroll to the bottom of the home page or select *Main Benefice Calendar* from the Menu at the top) <https://wychwoodbenefice.org.uk/>

JPCC Meeting Tuesday 25 January 9.30am Milton Church

If you are unable to attend in person, we can offer a zoom option.

Marriage Preparation and Enrichment for all Married Couples Saturday 12th March 2022 in The Benefice Centre, coffee and pastries from 9.30am, ending at 12.30pm

As important as your Wedding Day is, it's only the beginning of your relationship as a married couple, which you will build together for the rest of your lives. The marriage preparation course we use is Prepare and Enrich - Building Strong Marriages. It involves filling in an online questionnaire, which will give you a report on different aspects of married life. We then hold a session to go through your report with you and get you started on several, short worksheets. This is equally important for couples who have been married for any length of time and we encourage you to take this opportunity to celebrate all that is positive in your relationship and open up discussion on any topics that might help it to grow even closer.

The preparation session is run by a small team and the results of the report are confidential and only available to the team leaders and the minister running the session.

At the end of the session, you will take your report and workbook home so that you can refer to it in the future yourselves.

To book please contact Anne Hartley on 07770745621
or email anne@wychwoodbenefice.org.uk

Centenary of the Oxfordshire based BRF - Bible Reading Fellowship

The BRF are based in Abingdon and our last bishop, Colin Fletcher is chair of their council. Messy Church is one of their activities and some of us use their daily readings. To celebrate the centenary of their creation they are selling a BRF Centenary Rose which looks rather nice. This can be found online brfonline.org.uk/rose

BRF will also be featured on BBC One's Songs of Praise on Sunday 23 January at 1.15pm.

Monthly Prize Draw for Shipton for 2022

Thank you to everyone who supported this during 2021. You should have already been contacted to see if you would like to renew for 2022.

The draw will stay at £36 per ticket. If you would like to join, please complete a application form (available on the website <https://wychwoodbenefice.oShipton-Prize-Draw-application-2022.pdf>). If you are renewing, you don't need to fill out another form just confirm how many tickets you would like for 2022. Email Hilary: hilarymatthews58@gmail.com .

Guidance on coming to church and staying safe

With the current high rates of covid infections please follow the guidance below.

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

Lateral Flow Tests Clergy will take a LFT before leading a service in church.

Masks It is now once more a legal requirement to wear a face covering in places of worship.

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 6 FEBRUARY – 4 BEFORE LENT

11.00am Shipton United Benefice Holy Communion *livestreamed*

READINGS

First Reading 1 Corinthians 15:1-11 Paul reminds the believers of the essentials: that Christ died for our sins, was buried and raised on the third day. He gives a thorough list of those to whom Christ appeared, finally including himself as “the least of the apostles”.

Gospel Luke 5:1-11 Jesus teaches the crowd from a boat at the lakeside, then tells Peter to put out to the deep and throw in his net. The miraculous catch provokes Peter’s repentance, calling and discipleship.

Clare is working Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday mornings.

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