



Wychwood Benefice

Church News 9 & 16 January 2022

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

SUNDAY 9 JANUARY – BAPTISM OF CHRIST

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

11.00am Fifield BCP Holy Communion

11.00am Shipton Holy Communion

PRAYERS AND READINGS

Collect Heavenly Father, at the Jordan you revealed Jesus as your Son: may we recognize him as our Lord and know ourselves to be your beloved children; through Jesus Christ our Saviour. **Amen**

Post Communion Lord of all time and eternity, you opened the heavens and revealed yourself as Father in the baptism of Jesus your beloved Son: by the power of your Spirit complete the heavenly work of our rebirth through the waters of the new creation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

First Reading Acts 8:14-17

Peter and John pray with baptised men and women, that they might also receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

Gospel Luke 3:15-17. 21-22

John the Baptist proclaims the coming of one who will bring judgement and a baptism of fire, and we hear God affirming that Jesus is indeed God's beloved Son.

Prayer List: Hostage John Cantlie, Marian Clark, Emma Bradford, Iain Russell-Jarvie, Craig Smith and Carolyn Coleman.

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

SUNDAY 16 JANUARY – EPIPHANY 2

9.30am

Milton United Benefice Holy Communion *livestreamed on*

Facebook

PRAYERS AND READINGS

Collect Eternal Lord, our beginning and our end: bring us with the whole creation to your glory, hidden through past ages and made known in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Post Communion God of glory, you nourish us with your Word who is the bread of life: fill us with your Holy Spirit that through us the light of your glory may shine in all the world. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

First Reading 1 Corinthians 12:1-11

“No one can say ‘Jesus is Lord’ except by the Holy Spirit.” The Spirit within each of us is given for the common good, and each of us has our own unique attributes to enable us to serve.

Gospel John 2:1-11

The events at the wedding at Cana, when Jesus performs his first recorded public miracle, turning the water held in stone jars into wine, revealing his glory and leading his disciples to believe in him.

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

Services January-March 2022

We now have a rota of services up to the end of March. You can download this from the website: [Rota-2022-01-050122.pdf](https://www.wychwoodbenefice.org.uk/rota-2022-01-050122.pdf) or 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/>

Discussion Group on Tuesday 18 January 10.30 in The Benefice Centre

The week of prayer for Christian Unity begins on Tuesday 18 January. In our discussion group that day we will be looking at the bible Reading 1 Corinthians 12. 12-31a, as well as the resources which have been provided this year by the Churches in the Middle East. Everyone is welcome to join us in the Benefice Centre for an informal discussion over coffee and biscuits.

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.

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.org.uk/Shipton-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 .

Shipton Christmas Fundraising

Thanks to everyone involved in both the Silent Auction and the Christmas Tree Festival. The Auction made £2,196 after costs and the Christmas Tree Event around £500.

St Simon and St Jude Martha Teams

Our Church cleaning teams do a splendid job in keeping our Church clean and tidy. However, we would appreciate more volunteers. At present there are five teams with two members, and so our duties come around every 5 weeks. With just two more members that would be every six weeks, and even less often with 4 more! Duties are not arduous and take at the most an hour and consist mainly of dusting and tidying, and washing or sweeping hard floor surfaces . We are fortunate that vacuuming is not one of our duties. If you feel you could give an hour every six weeks, then please contact me, Marjorie Connolley either in church, on 01993 832851 or email mmconnolley@googlemail.com

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

READINGS

First Reading 1 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.

Clare is working Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday mornings.

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