



Wychwood Benefice

Church News 6 and 13 February 2022

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

SUNDAY 6 FEBRUARY – 4 BEFORE LENT

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

PRAYERS AND READINGS

Collect Lord of the hosts of heaven, our salvation and our strength, without you we are lost: guard us from all that harms or hurts and raise us when we fall; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Post Communion Go before us, Lord, in all we do with your most gracious favour, and guide us with your continual help, that in all our works begun, continued and ended in you, we may glorify your holy name, and finally by your mercy receive everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

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.

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.: Eira Harper and Les Wilcox.

Funerals: The funeral of Eira Harper is on Monday 14 February 12noon in Milton Church. The funeral of Les Wilcox is on Wednesday 16 February 12.30 in Fifield Church.

SUNDAY 13 FEBRUARY – 3 BEFORE LENT

- 9.30am Milton Holy Communion *livestreamed on Facebook*
11.00am Shipton Holy Communion
11.00am Fifield BCP Holy Communion

PRAYERS AND READINGS

Collect Eternal God, whose Son went among the crowds and brought healing with his touch: help us to show his love, in your Church as we gather together, and by our lives as they are transformed into the image of Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Post Communion Merciful Father, who gave Jesus Christ to be for us the bread of life, that those who come to him should never hunger: draw us to the Lord in faith and love, that we may eat and drink with him at his table in the kingdom, where he is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **Amen**

First Reading I Corinthians 15:12-20

Paul is passionate in his trust that God raised Christ from the dead, because without that trust his whole understanding of God's purpose collapses.

Gospel Luke 6:17-26

The teaching of Jesus commonly known as the Beatitudes. Jesus turns expectations upside down. Those who are hungry or poor or who weep are blessed, whereas those who are wealthy, or who rely on worldly things, "have received your consolation".

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

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](https://www.wychwoodbenefice.org.uk/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/>

PCC Meetings

Fifield with Idbury Monday 14 February 3.30pm

Shipton Monday 14 February 7pm

Milton Tuesday 15 February 10.30am

Messy Church Sunday 20 February 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).

Looking Forward Together

Geoffrey and Anne are inviting everyone who plays a part in our church services across the Benefice to come together on **Saturday 19th February at 10am** in the Benefice centre, to look at services in Lent, Holy Week and on Easter Day.

We will look at themes for each service, so that readers & intercessors can connect their contributions to that of the clergy & lay people who are leading, and vice versa.

Those creative people who decorate our churches so beautifully and anyone who would like to create visual displays to enhance our worship will be very welcome to share their ideas.

Those with young families as well as young people themselves are invited to come and give their suggestions for ways they can join in with services tailored to their needs as well as our regular Sunday services.

The provision of refreshments is an important and much appreciated part of all our gatherings as a church. We are inviting anyone who is involved with this, or who would like to offer their help in organising refreshments, to come along.

Please contact Geoffrey on vicar@wychwoodbenefice.org.uk or Anne on 07770745621, anne@wychwoodbenefice.org.uk

Tall Trees, Old Prebendal House and The Paddocks

We are very excited that we can once again offer visits and services to those in elderly Care in our parishes. We hope to establish a regular programme of Services in each of our care homes including informal Songs of Praise, Holy Communion and coffee and chat. If you can support an elderly person so that they can engage with a service or join in a conversation, or you can help with music or lead a service, please contact Anne 07770745621 anne@wychwoodbenefice.org.uk

We hope to build a team who can share this important ministry.

Marriage Preparation & Enrichment for all Married Couples Sat. 12 March in The Benefice Centre, coffee & pastries at 9.30 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 results of the report are confidential and only available to the team leader/ minister running the session. You can take your report and workbook home to refer to it in the future yourselves. To book please contact Anne on 07770745621 / anne@wychwoodbenefice.org.uk

Cleaning in Shipton Church

There will be an early spring clean in Shipton Church on Wednesday 16th January, 9.30am-12noon. All helpers welcome to do a variety of tasks from polishing, to floor cleaning and vacuuming. Please contact Jane Graham tel 01993 830244 or email jane.graham.suw@gmail.com if you can help.

Guidance on coming to church and staying safe

With the removal of government restrictions but 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.
 - **Hand sanitizer** is readily available.
 - **Face coverings** are no longer mandatory but are recommended in enclosed or crowded places. We still recommend wearing a mask whilst singing.
 - **Space and Seating:** Where possible there are pews in church for those who prefer to keep their distance. We will also provide cards to place next to you asking people to leave the seats next to you free.
 - **Communion Services** Clergy will wear a mask whilst preparing the elements and distributing the Communion as at present.
 - **Register of Attendance in Church** We are encouraging people to continue to sign in using the sign-in sheets.
- Thank You.

SUNDAY 20 FEBRUARY – 2 BEFORE LENT

9.30am Milton United Benefice Holy Communion **livestreamed**
3-5pm Messy Church at Wychwood School

READINGS First Reading Revelation 4. Gospel Luke 8:22-25

Clare is working Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday mornings.

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