



Wychwood Benefice

Church News 1 & 8 May 2022

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

SUNDAY 1 MAY – EASTER 3

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

PRAYERS AND READINGS (YEAR C)

Collect Risen Christ, you filled your disciples with boldness and fresh hope: strengthen us to proclaim your risen life and fill us with your peace, to the glory of God the Father. **Amen**

Post Communion Living God, your Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread: open the eyes of our faith, that we may see him in all his redeeming work; who is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **Amen**

First Reading Acts 9:1-6 [7-20] New sight begins new life for the soon-to-be-renamed Saul, who had been breathing evil threats and murder against disciples of Jesus.

Gospel John 21:1-19 New understanding heralds new responsibilities for the renamed Simon Peter, as the resurrected Christ shows himself to him and demonstrates the abundance of God through a miraculous catch of fish.

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

Weddings: Amelia Hepburn and Oliver Markeson on Wednesday 4 May 2.30pm in Fifield. Rebecca Gidman and Jose Malagarriga on Saturday 7 May at 1.30 in Milton.

Baptisms: Beatrix Humpherson on Sunday 1 May in Milton and Grace Rich on Sunday 1 May in Shipton.

Deanery: 8 May St Mary's Chasleton. David Salter, James Kennedy, Martha Simpson, Roger Simpson, Judith Marshall and churchwardens Tessa Jackson and Alastair Jackson.

R.I.P. Martin Wallace.

SUNDAY 8 MAY – EASTER 4

9.30am Milton Holy Communion *livestreamed*

11.00am Fifield BCP Holy Communion

11.00am Shipton Holy Communion

PRAYERS AND READINGS (YEAR C)

Collect Risen Christ, faithful shepherd of your Father's sheep: teach us to hear your voice and to follow your command, that all your people may be gathered into one flock, to the glory of God the Father. **Amen**

Post Communion Merciful Father, you gave your Son Jesus Christ to be the good shepherd, and in his love for us to lay down his life and rise again: keep us always under his protection, and give us grace to follow in his steps; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

First Reading Acts 9:36-end Peter is called to the house of Tabitha, who has died. Following the example of Jesus, Peter raises her to life, bringing many people to faith.

Gospel John 10:22-30 When asked to make a clear statement about whether or not he is the messiah, Jesus says that his actions have already answered that question, although only his sheep can understand that.

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

Looking Forward Together

We will be having another planning session to look at services over the next quarter on Friday 6 May 10.30am in the Benefice Centre. A booklet listing the services, themes and readings will be available afterwards. On the day we can discuss any special themes and details of hospitality etc in each parish. Everyone is most welcome - it's really helpful for people from each parish to share this conversation.

Coffee, Cake, Plants and Bells in Shipton Church Sat. 7 May 10-12noon

Do come along to our coffee morning where there will be a plant and cake sale in Shipton church. This will be accompanied by some visiting bell ringers.

Rogation on Sunday 15 May at 10am, Manor Farm, Upper Milton, Milton under Wychwood, OX76EX. The entrance will be signposted off New Road. Disabled parking and access is available. We'll start at 10am with a Communion service in the barn. Seating will be on chairs but a warm rug might be a good idea if it's a cold day. The service will include a talk on farming from one of the Hartleys, and activities for children. After refreshments there will be guided tours of the pigs and a short farm walk to look at some of the crops. Suitable footwear advised! All welcome.

Messy Church

The next Messy Church will be in Milton Church on Sunday 15 May from 3pm-5pm. An afternoon for all the family regardless of age: activities, crafts, bible reading, songs and a shared tea.

Bishop Steven's visit to Chipping Norton and Woodstock Deaneries- Thursday 19 May

As part of the day's activities, Bishop Steven will be attending a service in Shipton Church (for clergy of both deaneries) followed by a lunch. One member of the laity in each benefice will also attend an evening meal. There is then an open invitation to members of PCCs and others to come at 7.30pm for an evening of questions and conversation and for this booking is not necessary. To be held in the parish church in Woodstock.

Shipton APCM

Sunday 22 May Shipton 12.15 in Shipton Church following the service.

Service Details April-December

There is now a rota of services from April to December on the website wychwoodbenefice.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2022/03/Rota-2022-April-Dec-300322.pdf There are also printed copies in the churches.

Donating to Milton church is now even easier!

There is now a card reader at Milton Church (Goodbox). We would encourage people to use this with their bank card in preference to cash. There is less administration and it will also help us work out small donations eligible for Gift Aid at the end of the year.

Supporting Ukraine- update from the Diocese of Oxford

If you have matched with Ukrainian families/individuals through your own networks, do let us know as want to connect you to helpers and other support if you need it, [using this form](#).

Find out more about what the diocese is doing and how you can get involved at oxford.anglican.org/ukraine

Church Times offer for PCC Members

There is an offer at the moment for PCC Members with a discounted subscription and a free copy of *The PCC Member's Essential Guide*. Details online at:

churchtimes.co.uk/pcc?utm_campaign=PCC%20Subscription%20offer&utm_source=emailCampaign&utm_content=&utm_medium=email

Guidance on coming to church now restrictions have been removed

We ask that you continue to please stay at home if you are feeling at all unwell.

- **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. Thank You.

SUNDAY 15 MAY – EASTER 5

10.00am	United Benefice Rogation Service at Manor Farm Upper Milton
3.00-5pm	Messy Church – Milton Church
6.00pm	Fifield Choral Evensong

READINGS (YEAR C)

First Reading Acts 11:1-18 Peter finds transformation in a new understanding of the commandment concerning what and who is acceptable to God.

Gospel John 13:31-35 Jesus' new commandment to the disciples that they should love one another is one of his parting gifts to them along with blessing and the Spirit.

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