



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

## **HOLY WEEK AND EASTER**

### **TUESDAY 12 APRIL**

10.00-12.00 Messy Church Milton Church

### **WEDNESDAY 13 APRIL**

6.30pm Homegroup Meal: The Last Supper

### **MAUNDY THURSDAY 14 APRIL**

10.30am Holy Communion Milton Church

**First Reading I Corinthians 11:23-26** These words form the tradition passed down through centuries to us. The Lord's Supper has become our passover meal.  
**Gospel John 13:1-17. 31b-35** It is at the very moment of self-emptying that God is nevertheless fully glorified in Jesus. The apparent absence of glory reveals an even greater depth of glory.

### **GOOD FRIDAY 15 APRIL**

9.30am Family Service Milton Church with hot cross buns

Benefice Walk: Departs 10.30am from Milton Church, walking to Fified for a picnic (byo) then on to Idbury Church.

2-3pm Solemn Hour at the Cross Idbury

## Easter Experience in Shipton Church

You are welcome to drop into Shipton church and interact with the Easter Experience. Interactive stations are around the church: The Last Supper; The Washing of the disciples' feet; The Garden of Gethsemane and the Empty Tomb. There are readings, reflections, and prayer activities for each station.

### SUNDAY 17 APRIL – EASTER DAY

- 9.30am Milton Easter Communion with egg hunt *livestreamed*  
11.00am Shipton Easter Communion with egg hunt  
11.00am Fifield Easter BCP Communion with egg hunt

### PRAYERS AND READINGS (YEAR C)

**Collect** God of glory, by the raising of your Son you have broken the chains of death and hell: fill your Church with faith and hope; for a new day has dawned and the way to life stands open in our Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen**

**Post Communion** God of Life, who for our redemption gave your only-begotten Son to the death of the cross, and by his glorious resurrection have delivered us from the power of our enemy: grant us so to die daily to sin, that we may evermore live with him in the joy of his risen life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

**First Reading Acts 10:34-43** Peter addresses the Gentile Cornelius, his family and friends, acknowledging that God shows no partiality. He then tells them of the life, death and resurrection of Christ.

**Gospel John 20:1-18** Having summoned Peter and the other disciple to the open tomb, Mary Magdalene remains there, weeping, when the others return home. Jesus appears and she mistakes him for the gardener. He calls her by name and she recognises him. He tells her to return to the disciples with a clear message of the resurrection.

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

**Weddings:** Abbie and Tom who are getting married in Milton Church on Saturday 23 April 2pm.

**Baptisms:** Archie Chapman on 16 April in Shipton. Isla Frank on 24 April in Milton.

### SUNDAY 24 APRIL – EASTER 2

- 8.15am Shipton BCP Holy Communion  
9.30am Milton Worship for All  
11.00am Shipton BCP Morning Prayer  
11.00am Fifield BCP Morning Prayer

## **PRAYERS AND READINGS (YEAR C)**

**Collect** Risen Christ, for whom no door is locked, no entrance barred: open the doors of our hearts, that we may seek the good of others and walk the joyful road of sacrifice and peace, to the praise of God the Father. **Amen**

**Post Communion** Lord God our Father, through our Saviour Jesus Christ you have assured your children of eternal life and in baptism have made us one with him: deliver us from the death of sin and raise us to new life in your love, in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, by the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ. **Amen**

**First Reading Acts 5:27-32** (The reading from Acts must be used as either the first or second reading.) Peter and the apostles stand up to the council, proclaiming Jesus as Lord and Saviour.

**Gospel John 20:19-end** Jesus appears to the disciples on the evening of the first Easter Day, and then a week later to the disciples and Thomas.

### **Holidays after Easter**

Geoffrey is on annual leave the week after Easter. If you need to contact a priest urgently, please get in touch with Anne.

Clare will be on leave the week after Easter.

### **Milton APCM**

Sunday 24 April 10.30am in Milton Church following the service.

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

### **Looking Forward Together**

We will be having another planning session to look at services over the next quarter at the end of April. There will be another booklet available for people shortly afterwards.

### **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](http://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.

## Coffee, Cake, Plants and Bells in Shipton Church

On Saturday 7 May 10-12noon there will be a coffee morning with a plant sale in Shipton church. This will be accompanied by some visiting bell ringers.

## 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 1 MAY – EASTER 3

11.00am Shipton United Benefice Holy Communion *livestreamed*

**First Reading Acts 9:1-6 [7-20]** (The reading from Acts must be used as either the first or second reading.) 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.

Clare is working Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday mornings.

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