



Wychwood Benefice

Church News 15 & 22 May 2022

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

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 followed by refreshments

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. Donations of cakes /biscuits also much appreciated.

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

PRAYERS AND READINGS (YEAR C)

Collect Risen Christ, your wounds declare your love for the world and the wonder of your risen life: give us compassion and courage to risk ourselves for those we serve, to the glory of God the Father. **Amen**

Post Communion Eternal God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life: grant us to walk in his way, to rejoice in his truth, and to share his risen life; who is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **Amen**

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.

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

Weddings: Lizzie Hawker and George Kaye on Saturday 11 June 1pm in Shipton Church. Chloe Dennehy and Matthew Izod on 25 June 1pm in Milton Church.

Baptisms: There is a Thanksgiving for the Gift of a Child service for Heidi Bower in Milton Church on Saturday 14 May.

Deanery: 15 May St. James', Ramsden. Paul Mansell, Gail Ward and churchwardens John Hook and Roz Danks. 22 May St Nicholas, Heythrop. William Burke and churchwarden John Sword.

R.I.P. Martin Wallace. Julia Busk and Rita Hicks.

Funerals: The funeral of Martin Wallace is on Monday 16 May 11am in Shipton Church. The funeral of Julia Busk is on Friday 20 May 2pm in Milton Church.

SUNDAY 22 MAY – EASTER 6

8.15am Shipton BCP Holy Communion

9.30am Milton Worship for All

11.00am Idbury BCP Holy Communion **livestreamed**

11.00am Shipton BCP Morning Prayer

PRAYERS AND READINGS (YEAR C)

Collect Risen Christ, by the lakeside you renewed your call to your disciples: help your Church to obey your command and draw the nations to the fire of your love, to the glory of God the Father. **Amen**

Post Communion God our Father, whose Son Jesus Christ gives the water of eternal life: may we thirst for you, the spring of life and source of goodness, through him who is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **Amen**

First Reading Acts 16:9-15 Paul, with his companion Timothy, is on his tour of the various churches of early Christianity. The churches are young, sometimes immature and needing encouragement. Paul has a dream that takes him in a new direction.

Gospel John 14:23-29 Jesus prepares his slightly befuddled disciples for the absence that he knows is imminent. He assures them of a helper, the Holy Spirit, who will keep their faith strong and guide them when all around is trouble and pain.

The flowers in Shipton Church on Sunday 22 May have been donated in memory of Susan Ensor.

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



Christian Aid Week 15-21 May

“With every gift, every action, every prayer, we celebrate and share hope with our sisters and brothers facing crisis around the world, from Ukraine to Zimbabwe.”

If you would like to donate during Christian Aid week (or at any time) you can do so online via the special page Milton have created (so we can see how much we raise)

giving.give-star.com/microsite/christian-aid

or via the main CA website: donate.christianaid.org.uk

We will also be collecting at the Rogation Service for Christian Aid.

Come and meet the Bishop: Thursday 19 May

Everyone is invited to an evening of questions and conversation from 7.30pm in the parish church in Woodstock. No need to book. This event is open to all.

Celebrating the Platinum Jubilee

On Sunday 5 June there are 2 special Church Services to celebrate The Queen's Platinum Jubilee

In Fifield Church at 10am there will be a special family service.

In Shipton Church at 11am there will be a United Benefice Platinum Jubilee Service of Celebration for all ages.

Both will be followed by refreshments.



Shipton's Coffee Morning and Plant and Cake Sale raised £616 towards the ongoing works. Thanks to everyone involved in the event and to all who came.

Date for the Diary: Looking Forward Together Monday 27 June 9am

Booklets following the recent session are now available in church. Do make a note that we will be looking at services up to Remembrance Sunday at the next session on Monday 27 June at 9am in the Benefice Centre.

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. **It is preferable that you use the card reader when you arrive rather than waiting for it to be passed round during the offertory.**

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

Guidance on coming to church now restrictions have been removed

- **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 29 MAY – EASTER 7

9.15am Milton United Benefice Holy Communion
Join us for breakfast (bacon baps) at 9.15am.

READINGS (YEAR C)

First Reading Acts 16:16-34 An act of mercy results in harsh treatment and imprisonment for the Christian missionaries, but their rescue leads to a household's conversion.

Gospel John 17:20-end Jesus prays about the relationships that will enable the world to know the truth about the Father's love.

Clare is working Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday mornings.

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