



Wychwood Benefice

Church News 31 July, 7 & 14 August 2022

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

SUNDAY 31 JULY – TRINITY 7

11.00am Shipton United Benefice Holy Communion

2-4pm Shipton Church A Quarter Peal will be rung in celebration of Mike Brooks' birthday.

PRAYERS AND READINGS (YEAR C)

Collect Generous God, you give us gifts and make them grow: though our faith is small as mustard seed, make it grow to your glory and the flourishing of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Post Communion Lord God, whose Son is the true vine and the source of life, ever giving himself that the world may live: may we so receive within ourselves the power of his death and passion that, in his saving cup, we may share his glory and be made perfect in his love; for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **Amen**

First Reading Colossians 3:1-11 Paul reminds the Colossians that they are living a completely new life, in Christ, and must strive to live by new standards.

Gospel Luke 12:13-21 Jesus is asked to adjudicate in a family dispute, but instead tells the story of a man who is rich in material possessions but finds himself poor when he comes to face God at the hour of his death.

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

SUNDAY 7 AUGUST – TRINITY 8

11.00am Shipton United Benefice Holy Communion - Peter Silva

PRAYERS AND READINGS (YEAR C)

Collect Lord God, your Son left the riches of heaven and became poor for our sake: when we prosper save us from pride, when we are needy save us from despair, that we may trust in you alone; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Post Communion Strengthen for service, Lord, the hands that have taken holy things; may the ears which have heard your word be deaf to clamour and dispute; may the tongues which have sung your praise be free from deceit; may the eyes which have seen the tokens of your love shine with the light of hope; and may the bodies which have been fed with your body be refreshed with the fullness of your life; glory to you for ever. **Amen**

First Reading Hebrews 11:1-3. 8-16 The writer cites Abraham as an example of true faith. Abraham kept to his covenant with God, trusting that God would honour God's promise to give Abraham many descendants.

Gospel Luke 12:32-40 Jesus tells the gathered people to make sure they are ready to receive God. In order to do this, they should give away any surplus possessions and focus on God rather than on making money.

SUNDAY 14 AUGUST – TRINITY 9

9.30am Milton Holy Communion

11.00am Shipton Holy Communion

11.00am Fifield BCP Morning Prayer

PRAYERS AND READINGS (YEAR C)

Collect Gracious Father, revive your Church in our day, and make her holy, strong and faithful, for your glory's sake in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Post Communion Holy Father, who gathered us here around the table of your Son to share this meal with the whole household of God: in that new world where you reveal the fullness of your peace, gather people of every race and language to share in the eternal banquet of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

First Reading Hebrews 11:29 – 12:2 The “great cloud of witnesses” of the past lived by faith without knowing the fullness of what God promised: Jesus, who is seated at the right hand of God, is the perfection of God's promises.

Gospel Luke 12:49-56 Jesus does not bring peace on earth but division; the people need to read the signs of the times.

Wednesday Mid-Week Holy Communion 10.30am Milton Church.
Please note there will be no midweek communion on 3 and 17 August.

Ministry Team Notice

For the time being if you need to speak to a priest, please contact Anne.
Geoffrey is taking some annual leave during the summer.
Clare is also taking some time off.

Next Planning Ahead Meeting to look at services from Remembrance to Christmas, Friday 29 July 9am in the Benefice Centre.
If you would like a printed copy of the current booklet with details of services up to Remembrance, please contact the office.

Shipton Church White Elephant Stall for Fete

James Walmsley is collecting for the White Elephant stall. If you have items to donate please let him know (tel 01993 830842). Offers of help with the stall would also be welcome. The fete is on Monday 29 August. All proceeds will go to St Mary's Church.

Ride and Stride Saturday 10 September

Do you enjoy cycling?
Or walking? Horse-riding? Or have an

unusual form of transport – like a vintage tractor? Oxfordshire Historic Churches Trust, an organisation that makes grants to churches across the county for everything from essential repairs to projects to make your local church a building that can be of use to the whole community by installing a loo and kitchen for example, invites you to join in our Ride+Stride Event on 10 September. Counties all over England take part in this and together raised over £1.2 million in 2020 – half the monies raised are used by the Trusts to make grants and half remains in each participating local community to be used to maintain these beautiful historic buildings that are so much part of our landscape. Like to find out more? Take a look at our website <https://ohct.org.uk/ride-and-stride/>.



REARRANGED: Mission and Outreach Meeting, Benefice Centre

New Date: Monday 12 September 10am, Benefice Centre

All are welcome as we look at further ways of opening up the church and making links with the community.

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.

SUNDAY 21 AUGUST – TRINITY 10

9.30am Milton United Benefice Holy Communion – Peter Silva

READINGS (YEAR C)

First Reading Hebrews 12:18-29 During the time of the old covenant the people could not approach God directly. But in Christ, they have come to Mount Zion, the city of the living God.

Gospel Luke 13:10-17 On the sabbath day, Jesus cures a woman who has been crippled for eighteen years, and incurs the wrath of the synagogue leader for “working” on the sabbath. Jesus rebukes him for his hypocrisy.

Clare is working Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday mornings.

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