



# Wychwood Benefice

Church News 19 and 26 February 2023

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

## **SUNDAY 19 FEBRUARY – SUNDAY BEFORE LENT**

9.30am Milton United Benefice Holy Communion *livestreamed*  
6.00pm Shipton Choral Evensong

**We welcome Karen Rizzello to our Ministry Team** at the Milton United Benefice Service today. Do stay for some special refreshments after the service.

### **Choral Evensong returns to the Benefice this evening at 6pm.**

Everyone is welcome at this timeless service of readings, psalms, hymns and prayers, using the traditional words of the Book of Common Prayer together with beautiful music from the choir. This month's service will celebrate the feast of the Transfiguration featuring music by Charles Wood & Harold Darke, among others.

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

**Collect** Holy God, you know the disorder of our sinful lives: set straight our crooked hearts, and bend our wills to love your goodness and your glory in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

**Post Communion** Holy God, we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ: may we who are partakers at his table reflect his life in word and deed, that all the world may know his power to change and save. This we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

**First Reading 2 Peter 1:16-end** Peter writes about hearing God's voice on the mountain top and speaks of the honour and glory given to Jesus by God, who calls him "my Son, the Beloved".

**Gospel Matthew 17:1-9** After all they see and hear up on the mountain Peter, James and John are terrified. Jesus calms them with a touch and they return to familiar ground forever changed.

**Prayer List:** Marian Clark, Emma Bradford, Chris Seviour, Baby Humphrey Jupp, Catherine Wallace, Sian Jones and Marie Gill.

**Deanery:** 19 February Holy Trinity, Ascott under Wychwood. Pray for Mark Abrey and Ilona Cheyne. 26 February St Nicholas, Hethrop. Please pray for William Burke & churchwarden John Sword.

**R.I.P.** Amanda Pallant.

## **ASH WEDNESDAY 22 FEBRUARY**

10.30am Milton Midweek Holy Communion

7.30pm Fifield Holy Communion

**Readings: 2 Corinthians 5.20b - 6.10, Matthew 6.1-6, 16-21**

## **SUNDAY 26 FEBRUARY – LENT I**

8.15am Shipton BCP Holy Communion

9.30am Milton Worship for All

11.00am Idbury BCP Holy Communion

11.00am Shipton BCP Morning Prayer

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

**Collect** Heavenly Father, your Son battled with the powers of darkness, and grew closer to you in the desert: help us to use these days to grow in wisdom and prayer that we may witness to your saving love in Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen**

**Post Communion** Lord God, you have renewed us with the living bread from heaven; by it you nourish our faith, increase our hope, and strengthen our love: teach us always to hunger for him who is the true and living bread, and enable us to live by every word that proceeds from out of your mouth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

**First Reading: Romans 5.12-19, Gospel: Matthew 4.1-11**

## Wednesday Mid-Week Holy Communion 10.30am Milton Church.



**COME AND SEE** Here at the Wychwood Benefice we will be looking at Come and See at our Lent Groups and also during Sunday services in Lent. We plan to show a short video on the theme for each week during the Sunday service. This will be explored further in the advent groups taking place the following week.

### **Session 1 – The vision** *(for Sunday 26 Feb. and Lent Groups from 27 Feb.)*

The Beatitudes show us the very best of what it means to be human: how to live the most fruitful life we can. The way to live well is the way of humility before God, compassion, mercy and peace-making. We see these profound qualities in other people: the great saints of the past and the present. We glimpse them in our communities and ourselves. Jesus affirms that vision but also begins where we are with thanksgiving and appreciation for what is good and for this vision of humanity. *(Matthew 5:1-10 & 13-16)*

### **Session 2 – The mirror** *(for Sunday 5 March and Lent Groups from 6 March)*

The paradox of human life – immense potential but immense frustration – also reflected in the Beatitudes. We long for a world of justice and harmony. We grapple with our mortality and with our own imperfections. The high standards of the sermon on the mount. The serious consequences of human sin and weakness – but God's grace in continued love for us and in coming to us as we are in all of our mess and poverty. *(Matt. 5:1-10 & 17-30)*

**If you haven't yet registered sign up using the links below.**

<https://mailchi.mp/oxford.anglican.org/come-and-see>

**Sign up for the family emails here:**

<https://mailchi.mp/oxford.anglican.org/come-and-see-for-families>

Come and See is completely free and all are welcome.

More details can also be found on the Oxford Diocese Website here:

<https://oxford.anglican.org/come-and-see>

### **Outreach: Care Homes, School and in the Community**

Tuesday 21 February | I am Holy Communion Old Prebendal House

Tuesday 28 February | I am Coffee Old Prebendal House

## **The Warm Hubs in Fifield Parish Hall**

### **TUESDAYS**

**Tues. 21 Feb. 11am-1pm** Tea, Coffee & Cake and pancakes! Drop in Parish Hall. Free – all welcome. Contact Catherine Hitchens 01993 831881.

**Tues. 7 March 11am-2pm** Coffee, Cake & Company, Homemade Soup & Bread £3 Parish Hall. Contact Catherine Hitchens 01993 831881.

**Tues. 21 March 11am-1pm** Tea, Coffee & Cake. Drop in Parish Hall. Free – all welcome. Contact Catherine Hitchens 01993 831881.

### **THURSDAYS**

**Every Thursday 11-1pm** (until end of April) Drop in for Tea, Coffee & Cake. Contact Amy Schlee 01993 831826.

## **Be part of a Pastoral Care Team**

If you are already visiting or helping people in our villages or perhaps would be interested in doing so, do please get in touch with Geoffrey. He will be arranging a catch-up as a way of assessing the need and seeing how we can help as a team.

## **SUNDAY 5 MARCH – LENT 2**

11.00am      Shipton United Benefice Holy Communion *livestreamed*

**First Reading Romans 4.1-5, 13-17**

**Gospel John 3.1-17**

Clare is working Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday mornings.

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