



Wychwood Benefice

Church News 19 and 26 March 2023

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

SUNDAY 19 MARCH – LENT 4/ MOTHERING SUNDAY

Come and celebrate mums and all those who have nurtured us throughout our lives. There will be flowers to hand out during the services and refreshments afterwards.

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| 8.15am | Shipton BCP Holy Communion |
| 9.30am | Milton Mothering Sunday Service |
| 11.00am | Shipton Mothering Sunday Service |
| 11.00am | Fifield Mothering Sunday Service |

PRAYERS AND READINGS (YEAR A)

Collect Merciful Lord, you know our struggle to serve you: when sin spoils our lives and overshadows our hearts, come to our aid and turn us back to you again; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Post Communion Lord God, whose blessed Son our Saviour gave his back to the smiters and did not hide his face from shame: give us grace to endure the sufferings of this present time with sure confidence in the glory that shall be revealed; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

First Reading 2 Corinthians 1.3-7 and Gospel Luke 2.33-35

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

Deanery: 19 March St Mary the Virgin, Chastleton. Please pray for James Kennedy, David Salter, Martha Simpson and Judith Marshall and churchwardens Tessa Jackson and Alastair Jackson. 26 March Other clergy within the Deanery, including PTO's - those with permission to officiate.

Weddings: Jen and Rob who are getting married in Milton Church on 8 April.

R.I.P. Margaret Janssen and Doreen Wilson.

SUNDAY 26 MARCH – LENT 5 (Clocks go forward)

9.30am Milton Worship for All

11.00am Shipton Sunday Worship with Baptism

11.00am Fifield BCP Holy Communion
followed by Lent Lunch in church

Following the 11am Service in St John the Baptist Church there will be a simple soup and bread lunch. All are welcome but to help with catering please let Catherine Hitchens know if you would like lunch tel 01993 831881.

PRAYERS AND READINGS (YEAR A)

Collect Gracious Father, you gave up your Son out of love for the world: lead us to ponder the mysteries of his passion, that we may know eternal peace through the shedding of our Saviour's blood, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Post Communion Lord Jesus Christ, you have taught us that what we do for the least of our brothers and sisters we do also for you: give us the will to be the servant of others as you were the servant of all, and gave up your life and died for us, but are alive and reign, now and for ever.. **Amen**

First Reading Romans 8.6-11 and **Gospel John 11.1-45**

Wednesday Mid-Week Holy Communion 10.30am Milton Church.

Ministry Team News

Karen will be working on Tuesdays and Wednesdays and will be taking some Sunday services (apart from on the first Sunday). Thank you to everyone who has made Karen feel welcome and "at home" amongst us. We all look forward to sharing her ministry with us.

Anne will be away from 21 March to 8 April.

Craig Ogden Concert Shipton Church Sat. 15 April 6.30 for 7pm

We are delighted to welcome local professional classical guitarist Craig Ogden. Tickets will be £20 (£10 for students) including canapes and one glass of wine.

To reserve tickets, contact Hilary hilarymatthews58@gmail.com tel 07961 143215.

Care Homes, School and in the Community

Tuesday 21 March 11am Holy Communion Old Prebendal House

Tuesday 28 March 11am Coffee Old Prebendal House

Events & Services during Holy Week

Monday 3 April Easter Messy Church for families 10am Milton Church. Easter activities ending with an egg hunt and refreshments.

Wednesday 5 April “The Last Supper” 6.30pm Fifield Parish Hall

A traditional meal including lamb following Jesus’ last supper with readings & prayers (see website for details, booking required by 3 April, contact Catherine Hitchens 01993 83188).

Maundy Thursday 6 April Holy Communion Milton Church 10.30

Good Friday 7 April

Milton Church 9.30am Good Friday Service

Benefice Walk: Departs Milton Church 10.30, walking to Fifield for hot cross buns & a byo picnic then on to Idbury Church.

Idbury Church 2pm Solemn Hour at the Cross

Easter Day 9 April

Milton Church 9.30am Family Communion

Shipton Church 11am Family Communion

Fifield Church 11am Family Service

All services followed by Easter Egg hunt

Lent Groups and Come and See

Lent Groups: On Mondays at 11am on Zoom and Wednesdays 2pm at The Paddocks during Lent. Contact Geoffrey for further details.

Session 4 – The medicine (Sunday 19 March & Lent Groups from 20 March)

Jesus as the bringer of mercy, forgiveness, justice and peace. There will be a focus on the Person of Christ and the work of the Cross. The invitation to baptism and a new beginning. (Matthew 5.1-10 and Matthew 9.2-13)

Session 5 – The promise (Sunday 26 March & Lent Groups from 27 March)

The gift of the Holy Spirit. The transformation of our character into the character of Jesus. Becoming a more Christ-like Church. The mission of God’s people to be salt and light in everyday faith. Next steps in discipleship and the means of grace and salvation (vision). (Matthew 5.1-10 and Matthew 7.15-20)

Session 6 – The habits (Sunday 2 April & The Last Supper Wednesday 5 April 6.30pm Fifield Parish Hall. Booking for meal required. Please contact Catherine Hitchens on 01993 831881).

The ways God gives us to grow in holiness and in the qualities of the Beatitudes. Next steps in discipleship and the means of grace and sanctification. The secret disciplines of the disciple. (Matthew 5.1-10 and Matthew 6.1-18)

More details can also be found here: <https://oxford.anglican.org/come-and-see>

Fund Raising: Homemade Cakes and Produce Stall, Fifield Churchyard (inside Church if wet) **Saturday 1st April 10.30-12noon.**

Be sure to come along and find something delectable to eat. There may also be one or two other items for sale, so please come & support. Proceeds to Fifield Church.

Pastoral Care Catch-up Breakfast Sat 29 April 9.30 Benefice

Centre 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. We will be having a breakfast catch-up to share ideas & find out how we can help as a team.

Milton Church Piano Concert to celebrate the Coronation and towards church funds Saturday 22 April 3pm, Milton Church

Concert pianist Jill Crossland. Programme includes Beethoven's Variations on "God Save the King", Bach, and Scarlatti. Tickets: Adults £15, Under 16s £5 to include refreshments (tea and cake after the concert). Available from Wychwood Benefice Centre 01993 832467 office@wychwoodbenefice.org.uk

on-line at <https://wychwoodpianorecital.eventbrite.co.uk>

SUNDAY 2 APRIL – PALM SUNDAY

10.50am Procession with pony from Shipton Green to:

I Iam Shipton Church United Benefice Holy Communion followed by Lent Lunch in church (please book your lunch by 29/3, contact the office or sign up in church).

Clare is working Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday mornings.

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