



Wychwood Benefice

Church News 5 and 12 March 2023

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

SUNDAY 5 MARCH – LENT 2

11.00am Shipton United Benefice Holy Communion *livestreamed*

PRAYERS AND READINGS (YEAR A)

Collect Almighty God, by the prayer and discipline of Lent may we enter into the mystery of Christ's sufferings, and by following in his Way come to share in his glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Post Communion Almighty God, you see that we have no power of ourselves to help ourselves: keep us both outwardly in our bodies, and inwardly in our souls; that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

First Reading Romans 4.1-5, 13-17

Gospel John 3.1-17

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

Deanery: 5 March St Peter's, Cornwell. Please Pray for James Kennedy, David Salter, Martha Simpson, Judith Marshall, Sue Coyne & churchwarden Charles Colston. 12 March St Andrew, Great Rollright, Please pray for Janet Faull, Janet Collins, Keith Disney and churchwarden Sarah Durham.

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

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

SUNDAY 12 MARCH – LENT 3

9.30am Milton United Benefice Holy Communion *livestreamed*

PRAYERS AND READINGS (YEAR A)

Collect Eternal God, give us insight to discern your will for us, to give up what harms us, and to seek the perfection we are promised in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Post Communion Merciful Lord, grant your people grace to withstand the temptations of the world, the flesh and the devil, and with pure hearts and minds to follow you, the only God; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

First Reading Romans 5.1-11

Gospel John 4.5-42

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.

Lent Groups and Come and See

The Home Groups become Lent Groups for the next few weeks.

Lent Groups: On Mondays at 11am on Zoom and Wednesdays 2pm at The Paddocks during Lent. Contact Geoffrey for further details. N.B. During Holy Week there won't be a Monday or Wednesday Lent Group. Instead, the final Lent Group session will be on Wednesday 5 April 6.30pm at *The Last Supper* evening in Fifield Parish Hall (booking for meal required. Please contact Catherine Hitchens on 01993 831881).

COME AND SEE SESSIONS

Session 2 – The mirror (for Sunday 5 March & 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*)

Session 3 – The portrait (Sunday 12 March & Lent Groups from 13 March)

Jesus the Son of God reveals God's character to us. The Beatitudes as a reflection on Jesus character. Jesus' call and invitation to discipleship: follow me. (Matthew 5.1-10 and Matthew 4.18-22)

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)

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

Monday 6 March 2pm Holy Communion Tall Trees

Tuesday 7 March 11am Holy Communion The Paddocks

Tuesday 21 March 11am Holy Communion Old Prebendal House

Tuesday 28 March 11am Coffee Old Prebendal House

The Warm Hubs in Fifield Parish Hall

TUESDAYS

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 10.30-12.30 (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.

Winner of February's Prize Draw in Shipton was number 113!

If you'd like to sign up you can find details here:

wychwoodbenefice.org/prize-draw-2023-100-cash-prize-every-month/

DIARY DATES

Milton PCC Tuesday 14 March 10am, the Church Room.

Lent and Easter in the Benefice

Look out for your Easter card with details of what's happening during Lent and Easter (full details will also be on the website).

Lent Lunches

We have two Lent Lunches this year:

Lent Lunch Sunday 26 March 12noon in Fifield 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.

Palm Sunday and Lent Lunch Sunday 2 April

10.50am Procession with pony from Shipton Green to:

11am 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).

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.

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

First Reading 2 Corinthians 1.3-7

Gospel Luke 2.33-35

Clare is working Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday mornings.

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