



Wychwood Benefice

Church News 16 and 23 April 2023

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

SUNDAY 16 APRIL – EASTER 2

9.30am Milton United Benefice Holy Communion Livestreamed

6.00pm Fifield Choral Evensong

PRAYERS AND READINGS (YEAR A)

Collect Risen Christ, for whom no door is locked, no entrance barred: open the doors of our hearts, that we may seek the good of others and walk the joyful road of sacrifice and peace, to the praise of God the Father. **Amen**

Post Communion Lord God our Father, through our Saviour Jesus Christ you have assured your children of eternal life and in baptism have made us one with him: deliver us from the death of sin and raise us to new life in your love, in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, by the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ. **Amen**

First Reading Acts 2:14a. 22-32 On the day of Pentecost, Peter talks compellingly to those in Jerusalem about the continuation of their historic faith in the work of Jesus, now risen from death.

Gospel John 20:19-end The risen Jesus appears to his fearful disciples and offers them the gift of his peace. The absent Thomas doubts what his fellow disciples have witnessed, but is finally convinced when Jesus appears to them again.

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

Deanery: 23 April: Holy Trinity, Finstock with Fawler. Please pray for Paul Mansell, Gail Ward and churchwarden Marian Miller.

SUNDAY 23 APRIL – EASTER 3

- 8.15am Shipton BCP Holy Communion
9.30am Milton Worship for All followed by APCM
11.00am Shipton BCP Morning Prayer
11.00am Fifield BCP Morning Prayer

PRAYERS AND READINGS (YEAR A)

Collect Risen Christ, you filled your disciples with boldness and fresh hope: strengthen us to proclaim your risen life and fill us with your peace, to the glory of God the Father. **Amen**

Post Communion Living God, your Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread: open the eyes of our faith, that we may see him in all his redeeming work; who is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **Amen**

First Reading Acts 2:14a. 36-41 After the apostles had been filled with the Holy Spirit, Peter is bold enough to address the crowds in Jerusalem and explain to them the truth about Jesus.

Gospel Luke 24:13-35 Christ's tomb had been found empty by a group of women, as well as the disciple Peter, but there were two followers who still did not believe that Christ had risen. They were leaving Jerusalem in despair over the crucifixion of their Lord.

Wednesday Midweek Holy Communion 10.30am Milton Church

Meetings:

Milton APCM Sunday 23 April 11am in the church

Fifield with Idbury APCM new date Tuesday 25 April 6.30pm in Fifield church

Shipton APCM Sunday 30 April 12noon in the church

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.

Shipton Prize Draw winner for March

The winner is 84 drawn again for March (was drawn in January too).

Congratulations! You can still sign up to this year's Prize Draw:

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

Afternoon Concert including tea and cake

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>

Tuesday 25 April 7.30pm Milton Church: Presentation on the Camino de Santiago

David Ensor will be giving a presentation on his experience of walking the Camino de Santiago last year. This 500 mile walk was in memory of his wife, Susan. He is fundraising for Alzheimer's Research UK.

Ticket :£10.00 Under 16s £5.00 to include cheese and wine refreshments

Available from the church office.

"This challenge together with other events is to raise £15,000.to fund a PhD student for one year as they develop vital scientific skills and answer important questions in dementia research."

Come along and hear of his experiences along the Way and how we can all help to conquer Alzheimers disease and Dementia.

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.

Meditation and Mindfulness for Health & Wellbeing

Take part in an 8 week journey, every Thursday evening starting 4th May 7:30-9pm, Spring Cottage, Milton-under-Wychwood , OX76JY with a break for half-term
Cost: £20 for the 8 week course includes cake! All profits go to Milton Church.

Only 8 places available, to book a place or for more information email

Hannah Wessel info@stoneletters.com .

Fifield Warm Hub THURSDAYS

Every Thursday 10.30-12.30 (until end of April) Drop in for Tea, Coffee & Cake. Contact Amy Schlee 01993 831826.

Coronation plans

On Sunday 7th May there will be a special United Benefice Service in Shipton Church at 11am to celebrate the Coronation. This will be followed by refreshments. People will then be able to partake in whatever village celebrations are happening.

In Fifield at 10am there will be a short service in Fifield Church, with prayers for His Majesty and reflections on King Charles's life of Service. Followed by the Fifield Big Bring-Your-Own-Picnic-Lunch in the Fifield Memorial Recreation Ground. There will be tables and chairs. Raffle, Games and Entertainments for children and commemorative Plate. And tents in case of rain.

Ministry Team News

Geoffrey is on leave the week after Easter.

If you need to contact a priest urgently, please contact Karen or Anne.

Clare is on leave the week after Easter.

Karen is working on Tuesdays and Wednesdays and will be taking some Sunday services (apart from on the first Sunday).

Care Homes, School and in the Community

Tuesday 25 April 11am Coffee Morning Old Prebendal House

Monday 1 May 2pm Holy Communion Tall Trees

Tuesday 2 May 11am Holy Communion The Paddocks

Tuesday 16 May 11am Holy Communion Old Prebendal House

SUNDAY 30 APRIL – EASTER 4

11.00am **Shipton** United Benefice Holy Communion
Followed by APCM

Readings: First Reading Acts 2.42-end, Gospel John 10:1-10

Clare works Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday mornings.

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