



Wychwood Benefice

Church News 14 May and 21 May 2023

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

SUNDAY 14 MAY – EASTER 6

- 9.30am Milton Holy Communion
11.00am Fifield BCP Holy Communion (Rogation)
11.00am Shipton Holy Communion

PRAYERS AND READINGS (YEAR A)

Collect Risen Christ, by the lakeside you renewed your call to your disciples: help your Church to obey your command and draw the nations to the fire of your love, to the glory of God the Father. **Amen**

Post Communion God our Father, whose Son Jesus Christ gives the water of eternal life: may we thirst for you, the spring of life and source of goodness, through him who is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **Amen**

First Reading Acts 17:22-31 Paul introduces the Athenians to their “unknown God”.

Gospel John 14:15-21 Jesus prepares the disciples for his imminent departure from them and promises the comfort of the Holy Spirit.

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

Deanery: 14 May: SS Simon & Jude, Milton under Wychwood. Please pray for Geoffrey, Anne, Karen and churchwardens Mike and Liz. 21 May: St Nicholas, Chadlington. Please pray for Mark Abrey, Ilona Cheyne and churchwardens Michael Wigley and Susan Myatt.

SUNDAY 21 MAY – EASTER 7/ Rogation

9.30am Milton United Benefice Holy Communion

We will be having a “rogation” walk from the church to the Bruern farm shop and café for a talk by Henry Astor about the work at the Farm this year, as well as an opportunity to have some refreshment at the café and shop. We will set out around 10.45 from the church.

PRAYERS AND READINGS (YEAR A)

Collect Risen, ascended Lord, as we rejoice at your triumph, fill your Church on earth with power and compassion, that all who are estranged by sin may find forgiveness and know your peace, to the glory of God the Father. **Amen**

Post Communion Eternal God, giver of love and power, your Son Jesus Christ has sent us into all the world to preach the gospel of his kingdom: confirm us in this mission, and help us to live the good news we proclaim; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

First Reading Acts 1:6-14 After witnessing Jesus ascend to heaven, the disciples return to Jerusalem. They haven't understood all that they have seen and heard, so they pray together, along with Mary, the Mother of Jesus.

Gospel John 17:1-11 Jesus prays for his disciples that we may be one with him and the Father.

Ascension Day Thursday 18 May Holy Communion 10.30am

Milton Church (replaces Wednesday mid-week communion).

Wednesday Mid-week Holy Communion 24 May 10.30am Milton Church.

Coffee Morning Fifield Village Hall Thursdays in May 10.30- 12.30

A warm welcome, home made cakes with cafetière coffee or a pot of tea. All free, with thanks given to the generosity of the Fifield Parish Hall Committee.

Care Homes, School and in the Community

Tuesday 16 May 11am Holy Communion Old Prebendal House

Tuesday 23 May 11am Coffee Morning Old Prebendal House

Monday 5 June 2pm Holy Communion Tall Trees

Tuesday 6 June 11am Holy Communion The Paddocks

**SHIPTON ST MARY'S
CHURCH FETE**
29 May 2023

Shipton Village Green
12 noon to 4.00pm

Cake stall - Pimms Tent
Jigsaw stall - Whisky tent
Teas and coffee
Martial arts display - Beer tent
Arts and crafts
And so much much more

**The Bell tower will be open and tours available.
Helpers needed on the day to run stalls. Please contact James if
you can help: tel 830842.**

New Commemorative Memorial Stones in Shipton Churchyard

Shipton PCC is expecting two commemorative memorial stones to be erected in the old churchyard during May. The stones will have spaces for the names of those whose ashes have been strewn in the churchyard. It is expected that the cost of having a name carved on the stones will be £300. Anyone interested in remembering a loved one in this way should contact the Benefice Office.

Wildlife in our churchyards

Thanks to our 2 Churchyard Champions in Milton, we were one of 19 new churchyards across the Wychwood Forest surveyed for butterflies last year.

This year it would be great if more people could get involved and we could add the churchyards of Shipton, Fifield and Idbury.

Information can be found here. Or contact Clare in the office for further details.

<https://www.caringforgodsacre.org.uk/>

SUNDAY 28 MAY – PENTECOST

8.15am Shipton BCP Holy Communion

9.30am Milton Worship for All

11.00am Idbury BCP Holy Communion

11.00 Shipton BCP Morning Prayer

First Reading Acts 2:1-21 The Holy Spirit equips the disciples to witness to Jesus.

Gospel John 20:19-23 The risen Jesus breathes his Spirit on the disciples.

Clare works Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday mornings.

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