



Wychwood Benefice

Church News 23 and 30 July 2023

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

SUNDAY 23 JULY – TRINITY 7

8.15am Shipton BCP Holy Communion

9.30am Milton Worship for All

11.00am Shipton BCP Morning Prayer

11.00am Idbury BCP Holy Communion

PRAYERS AND READINGS (YEAR A)

Collect Generous God, you give us gifts and make them grow: though our faith is small as mustard seed, make it grow to your glory and the flourishing of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Post Communion Lord God, whose Son is the true vine and the source of life, ever giving himself that the world may live: may we so receive within ourselves the power of his death and passion that, in his saving cup, we may share his glory and be made perfect in his love; for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

Amen

First Reading **Romans 8:12-25** The Spirit bears witness within us that we are in fact children of God and co-heirs of the kingdom with Christ.

Gospel **Matthew 13:24-30. 36-43** Whilst good and evil exist together in our present world, evil has a limited span of life and God's victory is in God's hands, in God's time

SUNDAY 30 JULY – TRINITY 8

11.00am

Fifield United Benefice BCP Holy Communion

PRAYERS AND READINGS (YEAR A)

Collect Lord God, your Son left the riches of heaven and became poor for our sake: when we prosper save us from pride, when we are needy save us from despair, that we may trust in you alone; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Post Communion Strengthen for service, Lord, the hands that have taken holy things; may the ears which have heard your word be deaf to clamour and dispute; may the tongues which have sung your praise be free from deceit; may the eyes which have seen the tokens of your love shine with the light of hope; and may the bodies which have been fed with your body be refreshed with the fullness of your life; glory to you for ever. **Amen**

First Reading Romans 8:26-end Paul assures his readers that God works for good in all that happens, and that the Holy Spirit is a constant presence to aid them in their weakness. Ultimately, there is nothing that can separate the believers from the love of God in Jesus Christ.

Gospel Matthew 13:31-33. 44-52 Using an intensive cascade of short parables, Jesus attempts to convey to his disciples something of the elusive, exhilarating reality of the kingdom of heaven.

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

R.I.P.: Tina Palmer and Ralph Bradley.

We are praying for the family whose child sadly died last week, unexpectedly. She was a pupil at Wychwood School. We are praying for her, the school community – staff and children, and all affected by this sad loss. There is a memorial book in Shipton Church.

Wednesday Mid-week Holy Communion 10.30am Milton Church on 26 July and then will take a break for August.

Care Homes, School and in the Community

Tuesday 25 July 11am Coffee Morning Old Prebendal House

Services and events in the care homes will take a break in August and will resume in September.

Morning Prayer in preparation for the vacancy
Tuesdays 8.30-9am Milton Church. All are welcome.

Farewell messages for Geoffrey

If you would like to write a goodbye message to wish Geoffrey all the best in his new Benefice and let him know how much he has been appreciated here, we have a book which we will be giving to him before he finally leaves us. We hope the book will be at Sunday services until 20 August, or get in touch with the Church Office.

Saturday 12 August Friends of St John the Baptist Barbecue. Look out for more information.

Sunday 13 August 11am Service celebrating Lammas – Loaf Mass in Fifield Church. The first harvest festival with Freshly baked bread made from local flour.

Shipton Church Cream Teas Sat 19 Aug 3-5pm, Church Grounds
Come and enjoy a delicious cream tea in the beautiful grounds of St Mary's Church. Tickets are £10 and available by email to: minifan2@gmail.com

Geoffrey's licensing will be on Tuesday 26 September, 7.30pm at St Mary's, Kersey by the Bishop of Dunwich – all welcome.

A Wychwood Tree to Celebrate 50 Years of Wychwood School

A Wychwood Tree sculpture, created by former pupil, now parent, Chris Townsend is now up in the reception area of school. Thanks to those who have donated. If anyone else would like to contribute to this, please contact Revd Anne Hartley on 07770745621 or the Church Benefice Office on office@wychwoodbenefice.org.uk

The tree will be enjoyed by all who visit the school, especially the children and staff.
Revd Anne Hartley

SUNDAY 6 AUGUST – TRINITY 9/TRANSFIGURATION

11.00am Shipton United Benefice Holy Communion

Transfiguration

First Reading 2 Peter 1:16-19 Peter writes about his personal experience of seeing the divine nature of Jesus and of hearing God's voice, thus authenticating his message to his readers.

Gospel Luke 9:28-36 Peter, James and John witness a revelation of the glory and majesty of Jesus, the Son of God, as he talks with Moses and Elijah.

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