



Wychwood Benefice

Church News 9 and 16 July 2023

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

SUNDAY 9 JULY – TRINITY 5

11.00am Milton United Benefice Holy Communion

Followed by farewell lunch for Geoffrey & Angela in Milton Village Hall. All are welcome to come for a drink, even if not staying for lunch.

PRAYERS AND READINGS (YEAR A)

Collect Almighty God, send down upon your Church the riches of your Spirit, and kindle in all who minister the gospel your countless gifts of grace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Post Communion Grant, O Lord, we beseech you, that the course of this world may be so peaceably ordered by your governance, that your Church may joyfully serve you in all godly quietness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

First Reading Romans 7:15-25a Paul describes the internal struggles we all go through when, despite our better selves, we do things we are ashamed of.

Gospel Matthew 11:16-19. 25-end Jesus has come to offer peace, rest, comfort and the presence of God, but people are dissatisfied and do not see.

The flowers in Milton Church on 9 July are in memory of Anthony Cable.



SUNDAY 16 JULY – TRINITY 6

9.30am Milton Holy Communion
11.00am Shipton Holy Communion
6.00pm Fifield Choral Evensong

PRAYERS AND READINGS (YEAR A)

Collect Creator God, you made us all in your image: may we discern you in all that we see, and serve you in all that we do; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Post Communion God of our pilgrimage, you have led us to the living water: refresh and sustain us as we go forward on our journey, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

First Reading Romans 8:1-11 Those who live according to the spirit and not the flesh also live according to God's law.

Gospel Matthew 13:1-9. 18-23 Jesus warns of the perseverance and commitment which must accompany the spreading of the message of the Spirit.

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.

Wednesday Mid-week Holy Communion 10.30am Milton Church.

Care Homes, School and in the Community

Tuesday 18 July 11am Holy Communion Old Prebendal House

Tuesday 25 July 11am Coffee Morning Old Prebendal House

Morning Prayer in preparation for the vacancy

Tuesdays 8.30-9am Milton Church. All are welcome.

Bellringing on Sunday 9 July 4pm

On Sunday 9 July a quarter peal will be rung in Shipton Church at 4pm. The Method is Cambridge Surprise Major – in celebration of Geoffrey's time as bell ringer in Shipton.

Blessing of Springhill Farmhouse in Shipton: Monday 10 July 11am

Geoffrey will be blessing Simon Randall's house in Plum Lane at 11am on Monday 10th July and any member of the congregation is invited to attend. If so, could they tell Simon or send an email to simonrandall10@gmail.com as there will be light refreshments afterwards. Parking nearby is a problem.

Shipton Prize Draw

The winning number for June is 116!

Visiting Bell Ringers in Shipton: Saturday 15 July

On Saturday 15 July 4.30 to 5.30pm a team of visiting bell ringers from the Old Berks Branch of the ODG will be in Shipton church.

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

A Wychwood Tree to Celebrate 50 Years of Wychwood School

A Wychwood Tree sculpture, created by former pupil, now parent, Chris Townsend will be going up in the reception area of school next week. The installation of the tree will be celebrated with the students on Thursday morning. To make a donation towards this artwork - please contact Revd Anne Hartley on 07770745621 or the Church Benefice Office on office@wychwoodbenefice.org.uk All donations will be very much appreciated. The tree will be enjoyed by all who visit the school, especially the children and staff.

Revd Anne Hartley

Diary Date! Geoffrey's Installation Service will be on Tuesday 26 September. More details to follow. His final service here will be on 20 August.

SUNDAY 23 JULY – TRINITY 7

8.10am Shipton BCP Holy Communion

9.30am Milton Worship for All

11.00am Shipton BCP Morning Prayer

11.00am Idbury BCP Holy Communion

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.

Clare works Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday mornings.

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