



Wychwood Benefice

Church News 6, 13 and 20 August 2023

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

SUNDAY 6 AUGUST – THE TRANSFIGURATION

11.00am Shipton United Benefice Holy Communion

PRAYERS AND READINGS (YEAR A)

Collect Father in heaven, whose Son Jesus Christ was wonderfully transfigured before chosen witnesses upon the holy mountain, and spoke of the exodus he would accomplish at Jerusalem: give us strength so to hear his voice and bear our cross that in the world to come we may see him as he is; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen

Post Communion Holy God, we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ: may we who are partakers at his table reflect his life in word and deed, that all the world may know his power to change and save. This we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

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.

SUNDAY 13 AUGUST – TRINITY 10

9.30am Milton Holy Communion
11.00am Shipton Holy Communion
11.00am Fifield BCP Holy Communion Lammas

PRAYERS AND READINGS (YEAR A)

Collect Lord of heaven and earth, as Jesus taught his disciples to be persistent in prayer, give us patience and courage never to lose hope, but always to bring our prayers before you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Post Communion God of our pilgrimage, you have willed that the gate of mercy should stand open for those who trust in you: look upon us with your favour that we who follow the path of your will may never wander from the way of life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

First Reading Romans 10:5-15 God is Lord of all and generous to all. Everyone who calls upon him will be saved by him.

Gospel Matthew 14:22-33 When his terrified friends see Jesus walking on the surface of the lake and observe how the elements obey him, they can't help but worship him.

The 11am Service in Fifield will be celebrating Lammas “Loaf Mass” - the first harvest festival with Freshly baked bread made from local flour.

The flowers in Milton Church on 13 August are in memory of Margaret Cable.



SUNDAY 20 AUGUST – TRINITY 11

9.30am Milton United Benefice Holy Communion –
Geoffrey's final service.

Farewell messages for Geoffrey

The book with messages for Geoffrey will be at his final service in Milton on 20 August where it will be presented for him to take away.

PRAYERS AND READINGS (YEAR A)

Collect God of glory, the end of our searching, help us to lay aside all that prevents us from seeking your kingdom, and to give all that we have to gain the pearl beyond all price, through our Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen**

Post Communion Lord of all mercy, we your faithful people have celebrated that one true sacrifice which takes away our sins and brings pardon and peace: by our communion keep us firm on the foundation of the gospel and preserve us from all sin; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

First Reading Romans 11:1-2a. 29-32 Paul agonises over the fate of the people of Israel who have rejected Jesus. When you are called by God, you are called for ever.

Gospel Matthew 15:[10-20] 21-28 We are defiled by the words we speak, not the food we eat. A Canaanite woman's words reveal deep love and great faith.

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

Weddings: Milly and Jacob are getting married in Shipton Church on 31 August.

R.I.P.: Derek Thomas, Margaret Ware and Cassidy Niner.

Wednesday Mid-week Communion will resume in September.

Services and events in the care homes will resume in September.

Saturday 12 August Friends of St John the Baptist Barbecue.
From 12.30pm onwards at "Old Housing", Church Street, Fifield.

With live music by "Broken". Tickets £10, free for under 5s to include barbecued sausages, baps, side dishes and various puddings, soft drinks & one complimentary glass of wine. (Please bring additional wine if required). Tickets from Amy Schlee (07954794990) All funds go to the upkeep and maintenance of the fabric of the church building.

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 . In the event of wet weather it will be served inside the church.

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

If you would like to come, please let Karen and Anne know before the end of August. We are thinking of hiring a mini-bus.

Geoffrey and Angela's new address is: The Rectory, Hadleigh Road, Elmsett, Suffolk IP7 6ND.

Shipton Prize Draw: The winner for July is number 21!

Summer Hours:

Karen is on holiday from 4-11 August inclusive.

Clare is working as follows: Tues 8 and Weds 9 August, then on annual leave until Tuesday 22 August.

If you need to contact a priest, please get in touch with Anne.

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 Anne.

SUNDAY 27 AUGUST – TRINITY 12

8.15am Shipton BCP Holy Communion

9.30am Milton Worship for All

11.00am Shipton BCP Morning Prayer

First Reading Romans 12:1-8 We who are many are all one body in Christ. We each use our own gifts and talents to work together as a community for the glory of God.

Gospel Matthew 16:13-20 Peter declares that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of the living God.

Clare works Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday mornings.

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