



Wychwood Benefice

Church News 10 and 17 September 2023

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

SUNDAY 10 SEPTEMBER – TRINITY 14

9.30am Milton Holy Communion

11.00am Shipton Holy Communion Patronal

11.00am Fifield BCP Holy Communion

PRAYERS AND READINGS (YEAR A)

Collect Merciful God, your Son came to save us and bore our sins on the cross: may we trust in your mercy and know your love, rejoicing in the righteousness that is ours through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Post Communion Lord God, the source of truth and love, keep us faithful to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, united in prayer and the breaking of bread, and one in joy and simplicity of heart, in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

First Reading Romans 13:8-end After long discussions concerning faith, law and the salvation of Gentiles, Paul encourages his readers to live new lives in Christ, reminding them of Christ's command to love.

Gospel Matthew 18:15-20 The passage falls between the parable of the lost sheep & Peter's question about how many times he should forgive. Jesus tells his disciples that desire for the restoration & forgiveness of sinners is part of church life

SUNDAY 17 SEPTEMBER – TRINITY 15

9.30am Milton United Benefice Holy Communion -livestreamed

PRAYERS AND READINGS (YEAR A)

Collect Lord God, defend your Church from all false teaching and give to your people knowledge of your truth, that we may enjoy eternal life in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Post Communion Keep, O Lord, your Church, with your perpetual mercy; and, because without you our human frailty cannot but fall, keep us ever by your help from all things hurtful, and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

First Reading Romans 14:1-12 Paul's advice on how Christians can show consideration for one another, rather than being quick to pass judgement.

Gospel Matthew 18:21-35 In response to Peter's question about the possible limits to forgiveness, Jesus tells a story that shows how gratitude for limitless forgiveness must be expressed in forgiveness towards others.

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

Baptisms: Louis Willson who is getting baptised in Shipton on 24 September.

Weddings: Chien-Wei and James are getting married in Shipton Church on 9 September.

R.I.P. Christina Clews.

Funerals: The funeral of Christina Clews is on Friday 15 September at 11am.

Please note that Karen is on leave from 6-21 September.

Wednesday Mid-week Communion resumes in September.

Please note it will be at 10am on Wednesday 13 and 20 September.

Care Homes

Tuesday 19 September 11am Holy Communion Old Prebendal House

Tuesday 26 September 11am Coffee Morning Old Prebendal House.

Monday 2 October 2pm Holy Communion Tall Trees

Tuesday 3 October 11am Holy Communion The Paddocks

Ride & Stride Saturday 9 September Good luck to everyone taking part.

Heather and Liz in Milton are cycling and are looking for sponsors. Liz is also fundraising on-line: use [Liz Watts Ride and Stride for Milton Church](#) to donate.

Details of how to take part are here: <https://ridestride.org/>

Cake/Garden Produce Sale Fifield Churchyard 9 Sep. 10.30-12

Home-made cakes & garden produce. All contributions welcome. Proceeds for Fifield Church Funds. More info. from Catherine Hitchens 01993 831881.

Milton PCC on Tuesday 12 September, 2.30pm in the Church Room.

The Vacancy: What next?

Key dates:

31 August Vacancy declared.

31 October Vacancy begins.

Wednesday 13 Sept 1pm, Milton Church Room **Church Wardens' Meeting**

Monday 18 September 7.30pm, Milton Church Room **Pre-Vacancy Meeting** of the church wardens with Associate Archdeacon & Parish Development Advisor.

1 November: Section 11 Meeting 6.30pm Benefice Centre:

This is an important meeting for all PCC Members. Please do come along. A *Statement of Need* (an overview of what the parishes need) has to be signed off at this meeting and posted to the Bishop.

In the meantime, churchwardens are preparing our benefice profile to say who we are as churches, details of the villages and their communities and what we are looking for in a vicar.

If you have not yet completed the short survey, please do so online or there are copies in the churches.

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/MSX9RL3>

Prayer as we enter a new vacancy – there is also a copy of this in each of the churches: <https://wychwoodbenefice.org.uk/prayer-as-we-enter-a-new-vacancy/>



Harvest Festivals in the Benefice

This year we are pleased to support the local *Life Larder* which is responsible for Foodbank provision in the Benefice as well as supporting others struggling with food prices. We will also continue to support the *North Oxfordshire Foodbank* which remains extremely busy. The Life Larder can take fresh or frozen produce as well as Foodbank provisions. Details of the foodbank's current most needed items can be found on the website: northoxfordshirecommunityfoodbank.org.uk

Donations can be brought to any of the Harvest Festivals and can also be left in the churches in the days before the services which are as follows:

Sunday 24 September

9.30am Milton Harvest Festival followed by coffee and cake

11am Idbury Harvest Festival followed by lunch. Lunch is £15 a ticket which needs to be booked ahead by calling Mary 01993 831074.

Fri 6 Oct 9.15am Wychwood Primary School Harvest, Shipton (Key Stage 1)

Sunday 8 October

11am Shipton Harvest Festival followed by bring and share lunch

11am Fifield Harvest Festival

Geoffrey's licensing is on Tuesday 26 September, 7.30pm at St Mary's, Kersey by the Bishop of Dunwich – all welcome and are invited to drop into the Rectory.

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

SUNDAY 24 SEPTEMBER – TRINITY 16

8.15am Shipton BCP Holy Communion

9.30am Milton Harvest Festival followed by coffee and cake

11.00am Shipton BCP Morning Prayer with Baptism

11.00am Idbury Harvest Festival followed by lunch

Harvest Readings: Deuteronomy 26. 1-11 (First fruits), Matthew 6. 25-33 (lilies of the field).

First Reading Philipians 1:21-end. Gospel Matthew 20:1-16

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