



Wychwood Benefice

Church News 24 September and 1 October 2023

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

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

11.00am Idbury Harvest Festival followed by lunch (*prebooking essential £15 a ticket call Mary 01993 831074*)

PRAYERS AND READINGS (YEAR A)

Collect Lord of creation, whose glory is around and within us: open our eyes to your wonders, that we may serve you with reverence and know your peace at our lives' end, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Post Communion Almighty God, you have taught us through your Son that love is the fulfilling of the law: grant that we may love you with our whole heart and our neighbours as ourselves; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

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

First Reading Philippians 1:21-end. Paul cannot decide whether he prefers to live or die and be with Christ, but he sees that it is better for the Philippians for him to remain on earth to help them on their journey. He urges them to live in a way that is worthy of the Gospel.

Gospel Matthew 20:1-16. Jesus tells a parable about a generous vineyard owner, who hires workers at different times of the day, from early morning to just an hour before work ends, and pays them all the same wage. Those who have worked all day complain that it is not fair. The vineyard owner asks them if they are jealous because he is generous.

SUNDAY 1 OCTOBER – TRINITY 17

11.00am

Shipton United Benefice Holy Communion

PRAYERS AND READINGS (YEAR A)

Collect Gracious God, you call us to fullness of life: deliver us from unbelief and banish our anxieties with the liberating love of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Post Communion Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us, and make us continually to be given to all good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

First Reading Philippians 2:1-13 Paul urges us to do as Christ did and love as he loved; to be humble and obedient to God and to put others before ourselves.

Gospel Matthew 21:23-32 Jesus's authority is questioned by the chief priests and elders, but he exposes their hypocrisy and teaches that actions speak louder than words.

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

Weddings: Kelly and Josh are getting married in Shipton church on 28 September.

R.I.P.: Rosemary Hitchcock.

Deanery: 1 October. Please pray for Area Dean David Salter, Lay Chair Catherine Hitchens and Treasurer Brian Ford.

Wednesday Mid-week Communion at 10.30 in Milton Church

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.

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

Saturday 7 October: Fifield Harvest Supper

Sunday 8 October: 11am Shipton Harvest Festival *followed by bring and share lunch. To help with catering, please sign up in church if you would like to stay for lunch and indicate if you are able to contribute towards lunch. Or call Claire on 07973157693.*

11am Fifield Harvest Festival

Open Meeting for everyone to talk about what we would like in our next Vicar: Saturday 14 October 2.30-4pm Milton Church

On Sunday 9th July, we said goodbye to Geoffery who has moved to East Anglia after five years as our vicar. It is now time to begin to look to the future and a wide consultation process is starting with an Open Meeting on Saturday 14th October from 2.30 – 4.00, Milton Church.

The process is being led for us by the Reverend Canon Charles Chadwick, Parish Development Adviser for the Dorchester Archdeaconry and Mission Department Lead for the Rural Church.

He writes, 'Over recent years it has been found productive and beneficial for people across a benefice - both church attendees, other parishioners, those who represent schools, businesses and other institution such as parish councils - to come together and acknowledge what is going well and what we want to thank God for, to consider what might be the key areas to consider over the next few years that the churches may develop their work, and in the light of this to think about what gifts and skills we should be seeking in our next vicar. These occasions, which are informal and always positive, go particularly well when there is a broad range of people present.'

The churchwardens would really like everyone's thoughts and views in all of this that across the three parishes in each church we may worship and serve God and help people in a range of ways to catch a glimpse of the joy of the Christian faith that, in the words of our Benefice vision, "We may build God's kingdom here on earth as in heaven".

It would be useful to have an idea of who is attending. Please contact Clare Harper in the Benefice Office office@wychwoodbenefice.org.uk Tel 01993 832467.

The date for the Section 11 Meeting is to be confirmed.

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/>

Ride & Stride Thanks to everyone who took part, helped in the churches and sponsored riders. Heather, Kathryn and Liz have raised at least £835, half of which will go to Milton Church. Thank you to all donors!

Care Homes

Tuesday 26 September 11am Coffee Morning Old Prebendal House.

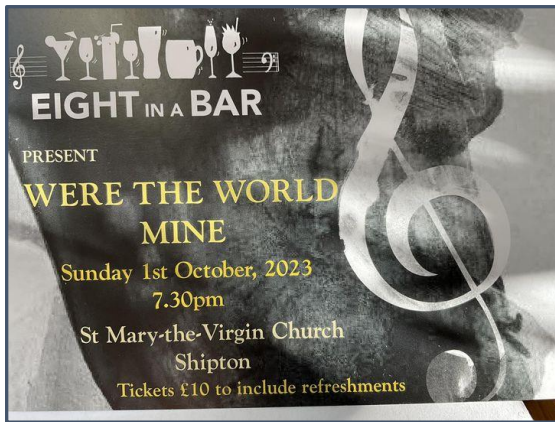
Monday 2 October 2pm Holy Communion Tall Trees

Tuesday 3 October 11am Holy Communion The Paddocks

Tuesday 17 October 11am Holy Communion Old Prebendal House

Saturday 7 October St Mary's Church, Shipton will be hosting The Oxford Diocesan Guild of Church Bell Ringers 6 Bell Striking Competition.

The bells will be ringing intermittently between 1:30pm & 5:00pm. We hope you enjoy listening to the bells.



Tickets for **Eight in a Bar** concert in Shipton on Sunday 1 October 7.30pm £10 (includes refreshments) from **minifan2@gmail.com**

A Capella group lead by Bernard West including solo harpist!

Geoffrey's licensing is on Tuesday 26 September, 7.30pm at St Mary's, Kersey.
Geoffrey and Angela's new address is: The Rectory, Hadleigh Road, Elmsett, Suffolk IP7 6ND.

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9.30am Milton Holy Communion

11.00am Shipton Harvest Festival followed by bring and share lunch

11.00am Fifield Harvest Festival

Harvest Readings: Deuteronomy 26. 1-11. Matthew 6. 25-33

First Reading **Philippians 3:4b-14**, **Gospel** Matthew 21:33-end

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