



# Wychwood Benefice

Church News 22 and 29 October 2023

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

## **SUNDAY 22 OCTOBER – TRINITY 20**

8.15am Shipton BCP Holy Communion

9.30am Milton Worship for All

11.00am Shipton BCP Morning Prayer

11.00am Fifield BCP Holy Communion

## **PRAYERS AND READINGS (YEAR A)**

**Collect** God, our light and our salvation: illuminate our lives, that we may see your goodness in the land of the living, and looking on your beauty may be changed into the likeness of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

**Post Communion** God our Father, whose Son, the light unfailing, has come from heaven to deliver the world from the darkness of ignorance: let these holy mysteries open the eyes of our understanding that we may know the way of life, and walk in it without stumbling; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

**First Reading 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10** Paul's relationship with the Thessalonian Christians bears fruit in their steadfast commitment to Christ, which they live out as a profound and explicit witness before their neighbours.

**Gospel Matthew 22:15-22** The Pharisees plot to trap Jesus with a question about paying taxes to the Romans, but he is not to be outwitted.

**New Children's Group:** Suitable for children 4 – 9yrs. The first meeting of **Fifield Little Fishes**, a new family-friendly group will be on Sunday 22 October, 2.30-4pm. Theme: Harvest/Wonder of Creation. Activities including crafts, games and stories. Ending with cake and soft drink. Meeting at Fifield church and finishing in Fifield village hall. All welcome – we'd love to see you - whether you've been to church before or not. FREE. Please contact Rev Karen Rizzello tel 01993 832467 for more information.

## **SUNDAY 29 OCTOBER – TRINITY 19**

*Clocks go back today*

**10.00am** Milton United Benefice All Souls' Holy Communion  
with Choir

### **PRAYERS AND READINGS (YEAR A)**

**Collect** Merciful God, teach us to be faithful in change and uncertainty, that trusting in your word and obeying your will we may enter the unfailing joy of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

**Post Communion** God of all grace, your Son Jesus Christ fed the hungry with the bread of his life and the word of his kingdom: renew your people with your heavenly grace, and in all our weakness sustain us by your true and living bread; who is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **Amen**

**First Reading: Colossians 3:12-17** Paul encourages his readers to be deeply immersed in the word of God and to live out his good news of love, compassion and forgiveness.

**Gospel Matthew 24:30-35** Jesus talks about signs that will herald his coming in glory and declares that his words will remain true for ever no matter what happens.

**Prayer List:** Emma Bradford, Catherine Wallace, Sian Jones, Marie Gill, Jeffrey Bell-Taylor, Chris Seviour and Myra Hoyle.

**R.I.P.:** Rosemary Hitchcock.

**Deanery:** 22 October, St Michael & All Angels, Great Tew. Pray for William Burke & churchwardens Richard Veale and Rosie Rowe. 29 October St Nicholas, Chadlington Pray for Mark Abrey, Ilona Cheyne and churchwardens Michael Wigley and Susan Myatt.

**Wednesday Mid-week Communion is now at 10.00 in Milton Church (not 10.30am).**

### **All Souls' Service Sunday 29 October 10.00am Milton Church**

We will once again be reading out the names of those who have died recently and remembering other departed loved ones we hold dear at this special service. During the service, there will also be an opportunity to light a candle in memory of your own loved ones. If you would like to add someone to the list of those to be remembered please call or email the office [office@wychwoodbenefice.org.uk](mailto:office@wychwoodbenefice.org.uk) or write on the sheets which will be in each of the churches until 22 October.

**Prayer as we enter a new vacancy** – there is also a copy of this in each of the churches: [wychwoodbenefice.org.uk/prayer](http://wychwoodbenefice.org.uk/prayer)

Faithful God,

During this vacancy, guard and grow our benefice as we serve you together. Help us to share responsibility, grow in faith, love one another, care for those in need, reach out to others, and welcome newcomers and visitors. Fill us with vision and joy and keep us faithful in prayer, word and worship. Sustain those in interim leadership; give wisdom to those involved in the process of appointing the new vicar; and prepare the heart of the right person.

Ever-living God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, may we see your kingdom come here in our parishes to the glory of your name. **Amen.**

### **Care Homes**

Tuesday 24 October 11am Coffee Morning Old Prebendal House.

Monday 6 November 2pm Holy Communion Tall Trees

Tuesday 7 November 11am Holy Communion The Paddocks

Tuesday 21 November 11am Holy Communion Old Prebendal House

**Bellringers in Shipton: On Saturday 28th October** visiting bellringers from St Michael's, Blewbury will be ringing Shipton bells between 4:45 & 5:30.

### **Coffee, Cake and Company has returned to Fifield Village Hall**

Every Thursday 10.30am to 12.30. Free! Contact Amy Schlee 07954794990.

### **Tuesday 7th November 11 to 2pm Food with Friends, Fifield**

**Parish Hall** Coffee and Cake then Homemade Bread and Soup (2 flavours) in the Parish Hall. £3 a head all-in. Everyone welcome, for all or part of the time, to enjoy excellent refreshments and good company. If you can book beforehand, please do but come anyway. Catherine 01993 831881. Another event on Tuesday 5th December.

Please note the date change for Fifield's Nativity. This is now on **Friday 15 December** (not Thursday 14 December), still at 6.30pm.

## Prayers for the School: October 2023.

The Prayer for School group met on Thursday the 5th of October. We meet once a half term. If you would like to join us and pray in school or have a topic for prayer please contact: Jenny Miller on [steve-jen@live.co.uk](mailto:steve-jen@live.co.uk) or Jo Barham on [Davidandjobarham@gmail.com](mailto:Davidandjobarham@gmail.com) The topics for this session are here: [wychwoodbenefice.org.uk/prayers-for-the-school-october-2023/](http://wychwoodbenefice.org.uk/prayers-for-the-school-october-2023/)



## Christmas Shoeboxes 2023- Teams4U

This year we are again collecting individual items for shoeboxes as well as completed shoeboxes. If you would like to contribute items for a shoebox rather than a full shoebox, please see the details on the website of what is acceptable (we can only accept items from the list).

There is also the option to “sponsor a shoebox”. For £15 Teams4U will organise the shoebox on your behalf.

You can drop items off at Milton church (in a box at the back of the church) up until the service on 19 November.

Leaflets are available in Milton church or can be downloaded from the website <https://teams4u.com/shoebox-resources/>

Completed shoeboxes can be brought along to the special Shoebox service in Milton on 19 November at 9.30am or dropped off in Milton Church any time before then.

There are lots of ideas on what to include, a guide to what to do and other short videos and information online: <https://teams4u.com/shoe-box-appeal-2023/>

## SUNDAY 5 NOVEMBER – 4 BEFORE ADVENT

11.00am Shipton United Benefice Holy Communion with Choir

First Reading | John 3:1-3, Gospel Matthew 5:1-12

Clare works Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday mornings.

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