



# Wychwood Benefice

Church News 19 and 26 November 2023

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

## **SUNDAY 19 NOVEMBER – 2 BEFORE ADVENT**

9.30am Milton United Benefice Holy Communion Shoebox Sunday with Choir

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

**Collect** Heavenly Lord, you long for the world's salvation: stir us from apathy, restrain us from excess and revive in us new hope that all creation will one day be healed in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

**Post Communion** Gracious Lord, in this holy sacrament you give substance to our hope: bring us at the last to that fullness of life for which we long; through Jesus Christ our Saviour. **Amen**

**First Reading 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11** Paul likens the day of the Lord to a thief coming in the night. It will be sudden and there will be no escape from the consequences. However, unlike Zephaniah, Paul is able to soften the hard message of judgement with the hope of salvation through Jesus.

**Gospel Matthew 25:14-30** Large sums of money (talents) are left with three servants, with the clear expectation that they will invest the money profitably and wisely while their master is away. On the master's return there will be a reckoning.

## **SUNDAY 26 NOVEMBER – CHRIST THE KING**

9.30am Milton Worship for All

11.00am Idbury Patronal BCP Holy Communion

11.00am Shipton BCP Morning Prayer

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

**Collect** God the Father, help us to hear the call of Christ the King and to follow in his service, whose kingdom has no end; for he reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, one glory. **Amen**

**Post Communion** Stir up, O Lord, the wills of your faithful people; that they, plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good works, may by you be plenteously rewarded; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

**First Reading Ephesians 1:15-end** Christ has dominion over all, in heaven and earth, and the Church, and we have been promised the glorious inheritance of the saints.

**Gospel Matthew 25:31-end** Christ comes as king and judges his flock, and will count anyone's treatment of the least in society as if it were he himself who was hungry and thirsty and needed clothing.

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

**R.I.P.:** Pauline Rowe and Jim Wallington.

**Deanery:** 19 November, St Peter's, Hook Norton. Pray for Janet Faull, Janet Collins, Keith Disney and churchwarden Mark Taylor. 26 November, St Mary the Virgin, Chastleton. Pray for James Kennedy, David Salter, Martha Simpson, Matt White and churchwardens Tessa and Alastair Jackson.

**Weds Mid-week Communion is now at 10am in Milton Church**

**Fifield Little Fishes Sunday 26 November 2.30-4pm,  
Fifield Parish Hall**

Celebrating St. Catherine and all things Autumn. Songs, stories and windmill craft. Lots of fun, food and friendship. For children aged 2-8.

**Vacancy News: Meeting for all PCCs Tues 28 Nov 6.30pm Milton Church Room**

The next step in the process will be a meeting of the members of all our Parish Church Councils on Tuesday 28 November, to decide if we want the post to be advertised and who will sit on the interview panel, to get the ball rolling.

The Vacancy may well last 9 months or more. If you are able to join a team to help run an event, maintain our buildings, visit those in need in our villages, or anything else you have noticed needs doing, please contact the office, Anne or Karen, or your Churchwardens. Looking to the future can be daunting but also exciting. Together we can make it a fulfilling time as we grow in faith and love.

With Blessings,

Anne and Karen

**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)

**Sunday 26 November Stir up Sunday: 3-5.30pm at Wychwood Primary School** Come and make a Christmas pudding! Ingredients provided  
Find out about Stir up Sunday and how it prepares us for Christmas.  
Prebooking required – free/donations. Crafts for children & refreshments.  
[office@wychwoodlife.org](mailto:office@wychwoodlife.org) 07973 473605 Wychwood Life Centre Event

An **Advent Group** will meet in the Paddocks, Milton, on Wednesdays 22 Nov, 29 Nov, 6 Dec, 13 Dec, 2-3 pm, to reflect on Advent, as we prepare for Christmas. We will be looking at the Christmas story from the point of view of the different characters who played a part in the birth of Jesus, using bible readings and a variety of resources and reflections, which will be provided. Contact Revd Anne Hartley [anne@wychwoodbenefice.org.uk](mailto:anne@wychwoodbenefice.org.uk) for more details. Everyone welcome.

### **St SIMON AND St JUDE MARTHA TEAMS**

Our church cleaners do a splendid job keeping our church clean and tidy, and we are very grateful to the Wessel family who do the vacuuming of the carpets. Thank you to everyone.

However we would always welcome more help and if there is anyone who can offer an hour every six weeks to help keep our lovely church spick and span you would be very welcome. The work is not arduous and consists mainly of dusting and tidying and washing or sweeping hard flooring.

If any one is interested please contact me, Marjorie Connolley, in church or on 01993 832851 or email [mmconnolley@googlemail.com](mailto:mmconnolley@googlemail.com) Thank you.

**Fifield with Idbury PCC Tues 21 Nov 4pm, The Old Farmhouse.**

### **Care Homes**

Tuesday 21 November 11am Holy Communion Old Prebendal House

Tuesday 28 November 11am Coffee Morning Old Prebendal House.

Monday 4 December 2pm Holy Communion Tall Trees

Tuesday 5 December 11am Holy Communion The Paddocks

### **Coffee, Cake and Company in Fifield Village Hall**

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

**Tuesday 5 December 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.



**Milton-Under-Wychwood  
Christmas Fayre**

**Saturday 2nd December  
Milton Village Hall  
11am -2pm**

- Local crafts
  - Gifts for all
  - Raffle
  - Childrens activity table
  - Drinks & light lunches
  - Traditional stalls
  - Cakes & treats
  - Plus More!
- 50p Entry  
free entry  
for kids**

Proceeds to St. Simon & St Jude's Church

**Carols & Festive  
Readings  
by Candlelight  
Saturday 9 December  
6pm, Milton Church**



Everyone is very welcome to come and join in singing familiar carols and to listen to readings and watch a short drama based on the nativity. Our focus this year is on the Innkeeper. No charge for entry but there will be a collection during the event. Festive refreshments.



*Carols & Readings by  
Candlelight  
Fifield Church  
Friday 8 December 6.30pm*

Festive Readings & Carols with  
refreshments in the candlelit church

**SUNDAY 3 DECEMBER – ADVENT I**

8.15am Sipton United Benefice Holy Communion

6.00pm Sipton United Benefice Advent Carols with Choir

Clare works Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday mornings.

Tel 01993 832467 [office@wychwoodbenefice.org.uk](mailto:office@wychwoodbenefice.org.uk)

Rev'd Anne Hartley [anne@wychwoodbenefice.org.uk](mailto:anne@wychwoodbenefice.org.uk) 01993 830160

Contactable on Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday mornings

Rev Karen Rizzello available on Mondays & Wednesdays [revkaren@rizzello.co.uk](mailto:revkaren@rizzello.co.uk)