



Wychwood Benefice

Church News 3 - 10 December 2023

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

SUNDAY 3 DECEMBER – ADVENT I

8.15am Shipton United Benefice Holy Communion

6.00pm Shipton United Benefice Advent Carols with Choir

PRAYERS AND READINGS (YEAR A)

Collect Almighty God, as your kingdom dawns, turn us from the darkness of sin to the light of holiness, that we may be ready to meet you in our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. **Amen**

Post Communion O Lord our God, make us watchful and keep us faithful as we await the coming of your Son our Lord; that, when he shall appear, he may not find us sleeping in sin but active in his service and joyful in his praise; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Readings for 8.15am Service:

First Reading: 1 Cor. 1. 3-9, Gospel: Mark 13. 24-end.

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

R.I.P.: Jim Wallington, Emma Bradford and Debra Marshall.

Deanery: 3 December, St Peters, Wilcote. Pray for Paul Mansell and Gail Ward.
10 December, St Nicholas, Heythrop. Pray for William Burke and churchwardens John Sword and Charles Heneage.

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

We will also be exploring advent during the midweek service– do come along.

FRIDAY 8 DECEMBER

Carols by Candlelight Fifield Church 6.30pm

Seasonal carols with readings, poetry and refreshments.

SATURDAY 9 DECEMBER

Carols & Festive Readings by Candlelight 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. Festive refreshments await you in the Inn...

SUNDAY 10 DECEMBER – ADVENT 2

9.30am Milton Holy Communion

11.00am Idbury Patronal BCP Holy Communion

11.00am Shipton BCP Morning Prayer

PRAYERS AND READINGS (YEAR A)

Collect Almighty God, purify our hearts and minds, that when your Son Jesus Christ comes again as judge and saviour we may be ready to receive him, who is our Lord and our God. **Amen**

Post Communion Father in heaven, who sent your Son to redeem the world and will send him again to be our judge: give us grace so to imitate him in the humility and purity of his first coming that, when he comes again, we may be ready to greet him with joyful love and firm faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

First Reading: Isaiah 40. 1-11, Gospel: Mark 1. 1-8.

Care Homes

Monday 4 December 2pm Holy Communion Tall Trees

Tuesday 5 December 10.30am Holy Communion The Paddocks

Tuesday 19 December 11am Holy Communion Old Prebendal House

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. Future dates will be 2 January, 6 February and 5 March.

Coffee, Cake and Company in Fifield Village Hall

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

On Thursday, 21st December, we are planning to have our own little Christmas morning and be extra festive with both savoury and sweet treats. All welcome. No charge. We will then be closed for the weeks of the 28th December and the 4th of January (2024). CCC will be returning on the 11th of January and running weekly from then.



**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

Christmas Messy Church

Sunday 10 December

3-5pm, Wychwood School

The Christmas Story in activities, crafts & drama for children of all ages. Ending with a light tea. Everyone welcome.



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

St Mary the Virgin Church, Shipton under Wychwood



CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL

is being held once again on

Saturday 16th December, 2023 from 6.00pm

Come and see the trees and enjoy the mulled wine
and mince pies with friends

Raffle

£10

Tickets for the tree festival from Mary Drainer minifan2@gmail.com or David Ensor will have some for sale at the church services leading up to the event.

SUNDAY 17 DECEMBER – ADVENT 3

9.30am Milton United Benefice Holy Communion

4.00pm **Idbury Carols by Candlelight** – Festive readings, poems and carols followed by refreshments

6.00pm **Shipton Nine Lessons and Carols by Candlelight with Choir** followed by mulled wine and mince pies.

Donations of mince pies or other edible goodies for Shipton would be very welcome. Please email Claire clairelizbell@gmail.com (and then bring them along on the night).



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