



Wychwood Benefice

Church News 21 - 28 January 2024

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

SUNDAY 21 JANUARY – EPIPHANY 3

9.30am Milton United Benefice Holy Communion

PRAYERS AND READINGS (YEAR B)

Collect God of all mercy, your Son proclaimed good news to the poor, release to the captives, and freedom to the oppressed: anoint us with your Holy Spirit and set all your people free to praise you in Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Post Communion Almighty Father, whose Son our Saviour Jesus Christ is the light of the world: may your people, illumined by your word and sacraments, shine with the radiance of his glory, that he may be known, worshipped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **Amen**

First Reading: Revelation 19.6-10

Gospel: John 2. 1-11

Prayer List: Sian Jones, Marie Gill, Chris Seviour, Myra Hoyle, and Anthony Clarke.

Deanery: 21 January St Simon and St Jude, Milton-under-Wychwood. Please pray for Anne Hartley, Karen Rizzello and churchwardens Liz Watts and Mike Hartley. 28 January St Denys, Little Compton. Please pray for James Kennedy, David Salter, Martha Simpson, Matt White and churchwarden Susie Cooper.

R.I.P.: Richard Adams and Julian Rizzello.

Funerals: There will be a Service of Thanksgiving for the life of Richard Adams on Friday 2 February 1.30pm in Shipton Church.

SUNDAY 28 JANUARY – CANDLEMAS

8.15am Shipton BCP Holy Communion

9.30am Milton Worship for All

11.00am Shipton Holy Communion with Choir

11.00am Fifield BCP Morning Prayer

PRAYERS AND READINGS (YEAR B)

Collect Lord Jesus Christ, light of the nations and glory of Israel: make your home among us, and present us pure and holy to your heavenly Father, your God, and our God. **Amen**

Post Communion Lord, you fulfilled the hope of Simeon and Anna, who lived to welcome the Messiah: may we, who have received these gifts beyond words, prepare to meet Christ Jesus when he comes to bring us to eternal life; for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **Amen**

First Reading: Hebrews 2.14-18

Gospel: Luke 2. 22-40

Wednesday Mid-week Communion 10am in Milton Church

Care Homes

Tuesday 23 January 11am Church Coffee Morning Old Prebendal House

Monday 5 February 2.15pm Holy Communion Tall Trees

Tuesday 6 February 10.30am Holy Communion The Paddocks

Tuesday 20 February 11am Holy Communion Old Prebendal House

Coffee, Cake and Company in Fifield Parish Hall

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

Tuesday 6 February 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. The next date will be 5 March.

**St Mary the Virgin, Shipton
under Wychwood**

QUIZ NIGHT

Saturday 27th January, 2024
New Beaconsfield Hall, Shipton OX7 6BQ

Supper served promptly at 7.00pm £15 per person
Teams of Six. Cash Bar and Raffle

History Proceeds to the
Restoration and
Repair Fund Music

Geography Food and Drink

General Knowledge Sport

Quiz Night Saturday 27 January 7pm New Beaconsfield Hall

£15 includes hot supper - cottage pie (veggie option).

Tickets from Mary or Hilary
minifan2@gmail.com
hilarymatthews58@gmail.com

Planning Meeting and Booklet

Thanks to all who came to the planning meeting on 15 January to go through services from March to May inclusive. An updated booklet is now available. Please get in touch with Clare if you would like a copy.

Next Planning Meeting Date: Monday 22 April 9am

The next meeting to look at Services from June to September inclusive is on Monday 22 April 9am in the Benefice Centre.

Vacancy News

Section 12 Meeting Thursday 22 February 7.30pm Benefice Centre

The next formal meeting in the procedure for selecting a new vicar is on 22 February. A representative of the bishop and others will meet the PCCs from the 3 parishes. We are hoping to head for interviews in early May.

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



SUNDAY 4 FEBRUARY – 2 BEFORE LENT

11.00am Shipton United Benefice Holy Communion with Choir

First Reading: Col 1.15-20 **Gospel:** John 1.1-14

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