

*Happy New Year!*



# Wychwood Benefice

Church News 7 - 14 January 2024

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

## **SUNDAY 7 JANUARY – EPIPHANY**

11.00am Shipton United Benefice Holy Communion

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

**Collect** Creator of the heavens, who led the Magi by a star to worship the Christ-child: guide and sustain us, that we may find our journey's end in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

**Post Communion** Lord God, the bright splendour whom the nations seek: may we who with the wise men have been drawn by your light discern the glory of your presence in your Son, the Word made flesh, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

**First Reading:** Isaiah 60.1-6

**Gospel:** Matthew 2.1-12

## **SUNDAY 14 JANUARY – EPIPHANY 2**

9.30am Milton Holy Communion

11.00am Shipton BCP Morning Prayer

11.00am Fifield BCP Holy Communion (Plough Sunday)

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

**Collect** Eternal Lord, our beginning and our end: bring us with the whole creation to your glory, hidden through past ages and made known in Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen**

**Post Communion** God of glory, you nourish us with your Word who is the bread of life: fill us with your Holy Spirit that through us the light of your glory may shine in all the world. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen**

**First Reading:** Revelation 5.1-10

**Gospel** John 1.43-51

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

**Deanery:** 14 January Holy Trinity, Ascott-under-Wychwood. Please pray for Mark Abrey and Ilona Cheyne.

**R.I.P.:** Dudley Carpenter, Marianne Buckingham and Richard Adams.

**Funerals:** The funeral of Dudley Carpenter is on Friday 12 January 11.30am in Shipton Church.

## **Wednesday Mid-week Communion 10am in Milton Church**

### **Care Homes**

Monday 8 January 2pm Holy Communion Tall Trees

Tuesday 9 January 10.30am Holy Communion The Paddocks

Tuesday 16 January 11am Holy Communion Old Prebendal House

Tuesday 23 January 11am Church Coffee Morning Old Prebendal House

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

Returns after a festive break on 11 January.

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

## **Planning Meeting Monday 15 January 9am Benefice Centre**

To look at services and events for March, April and May (including Mothering Sunday, Lent, Holy Week and Easter). All welcome.

## **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. Future dates will be 5 March.

## **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 and anyone else who would like to attend to finalise the benefice profile, agree matters such as the form of advertisement, arrangements for shortlisting, the interview day etc.

We are hoping to head for interviews in early May.

**Shipton Prize Draw for December:** The Winning Number is 55.

## **From the Diocese:**

Care for Creation course

A six-series, online course for anyone interested in understanding more about the theology and science of caring for creation, and practical ideas about how to take action, both as individuals and as churches.

The course runs from 30 January, is free to attend, and will be led by our Environment Programme Manager in partnership with Winchester Diocese.

Contact Hannah Mann to sign up or find out more

[hannah.mann@oxford.anglican.org](mailto:hannah.mann@oxford.anglican.org)

**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.



## **SUNDAY 21 JANUARY – EPIPHANY 3**

9.30am Milton United Benefice Holy Communion

**First Reading:** Revelation 19.6-10, **Gospel:** John 2. 1-11

Clare works Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday mornings.

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