



# Wychwood Benefice

Church News 18-25 February 2024

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

## **SUNDAY 18 FEBRUARY – LENT I**

11.00am Milton United Benefice Holy Communion

6.00pm Shipton United Benefice Choral Evensong with Choir

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

**Collect** Heavenly Father, your Son battled with the powers of darkness, and grew closer to you in the desert: help us to use these days to grow in wisdom and prayer that we may witness to your saving love in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

**Post Communion** Lord God, you have renewed us with the living bread from heaven; by it you nourish our faith, increase our hope, and strengthen our love: teach us always to hunger for him who is the true and living bread, and enable us to live by every word that proceeds from out of your mouth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

**First Reading:** 1 Peter 3. 18-end

**Gospel:** Mark 1.9-15

**Prayer List:** Sian Jones, Marie Gill, Chris Seviour, Myra Hoyle, Bob Hayward and Jo White.

**Deanery:** 18 February St Andrew's, Kingham. Please pray for David Salter, James Kennedy, Martha Simpson and Matt White. 25 February St Michael & All Angels, Leafield w Wychwood. Please pray for Paul Mansell and Gail Ward.

**R.I.P.:** Eileen Townley, Anne Stokes and Liz Wise.

**Funerals:** The funeral for Eileen Townley is on Thursday 15 February 1pm in Shipton Church.

## **SUNDAY 25 FEBRUARY – LENT 2**

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 followed by Lent Lunch

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

**Collect** Almighty God, by the prayer and discipline of Lent may we enter into the mystery of Christ's sufferings, and by following in his Way come to share in his glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

**Post Communion** Almighty God, you see that we have no power of ourselves to help ourselves: keep us both outwardly in our bodies, and inwardly in our souls; that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

**First Reading** Romans 4.13-25

**Gospel** Mark 8.31-38

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

**On Wednesday 14 February the Mid-Week Communion Service will be for Ash Wednesday.**

### **Care Homes**

Tuesday 20 February 11am Holy Communion Old Prebendal House

Tuesday 27 February 11am Church Coffee Morning Old Prebendal House

Monday 4 March 2.15pm Holy Communion Tall Trees

Tuesday 5 March 10.30am Holy Communion The Paddocks

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

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

### **Tuesday 5 March 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.

## **An invitation to Deanery Synod Wednesday 21 February 7.15pm Churchill Church**

We look forward to welcoming Bishop Gavin and Archdeacon David to talk with us about working together despite differences of belief on same-sex marriage. Open to Synod Representatives and PCC Members.

## **Lent and Easter**

### **Lent Groups**

During Lent, the Wednesday Home Group which meets at 2pm at The Paddocks will be using the Diocese of Oxford's Lent Resources "**Come and See**". You can sign up to receive the information here: [Sign up to Come and See](#)

*"Come and See is our big warm invitation to you all to join us for Lent and discover more about God's love for us."*

Contact Anne for more info on the group that meets at The Paddocks.

### **Lent Lunches**

There will be two Lent Lunches this year as follows:

**Sunday 25 February in Fifield Church** following the BCP Morning Prayer Service at 11am.

**Sunday 24 March in Shipton Church** following the United Benefice Palm Sunday Holy Communion service at 11am. There will be Easter activities for children. We will be supporting Christian Aid's Middle East Crisis Appeal.

More details to follow. Booking will be required for lunch and for those taking part in the children's activities so we can cater accordingly.

### **Christian Aid and Count Your Blessings during Lent**

Christian Aid have produced a helpful resource for Lent "Count your Blessings" which can be used every day during Lent to pray and give. You can download it from here (scroll down to the Count Your Blessings download).

<https://www.christianaid.org.uk/appeals/key-appeals/lent-easter-appeal>

### **Prayers for the School**

The Prayer for School Group met on Thursday 1st February:

If you have an area of school that you would like prayer for, please do let us know or if you would like to join us, please feel free to 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).

## **Planning Meeting and Booklet**

The booklet with details of services and events from March to May is now available. If you don't yet have one get in touch with Clare in the office.

## **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.

**Meetings: Milton PCC** Tuesday 5 March 10am Milton Church Room

## **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](http://wychwoodbenefice.org.uk/prayer)

## **SUNDAY 3 MARCH – LENT 3**

11.00am Shipton United Benefice Holy Communion with Choir

**First Reading:** 1 Corinthians 1.18-25

**Gospel:** John 2.13-22

Clare works Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday mornings.

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