



Wychwood Benefice

Church News 4-11 February 2024

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

SUNDAY 4 FEBRUARY – 2 BEFORE LENT

11.00am Shipton United Benefice Holy Communion with Choir

PRAYERS AND READINGS (YEAR B)

Collect Almighty God, give us reverence for all creation and respect for every person, that we may mirror your likeness in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Post Communion God our creator, by your gift the tree of life was set at the heart of the earthly paradise, and the bread of life at the heart of your Church: may we who have been nourished at your table on earth be transformed by the glory of the Saviour's cross and enjoy the delights of eternity; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

First Reading: Colossians 1.15-20

Gospel: John 1.1-14

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

Deanery: 4 February St Mary, Swerford. Please pray for Janet Faull, Janet Collins, Keith Disney and churchwardens Jennifer Tustian and Charles Campion.

11 February St Mary's, Little Charlbury. Please pray for Fergus Butler-Gallie, Jan Fielden, Tish Bird and churchwardens Dine Glasgow and Paddy Gallagher.

R.I.P.: Richard Adams, Julian Rizzello, Eileen Townley and Anne Stokes.

Funerals: There will be a Service of Thanksgiving for the life of Richard Adams on Friday 2 February 1.30pm in Shipton Church. The funeral for Eileen Townley is on Thursday 15 February 1pm in Shipton Church.

SUNDAY 11 FEBRUARY – SUNDAY BEFORE LENT

9.30am Milton Holy Communion

11.00am Shipton BCP Morning Prayer with Choir

11.00am Fifield BCP Holy Communion

PRAYERS AND READINGS (YEAR B)

Collect Holy God, you know the disorder of our sinful lives: set straight our crooked hearts, and bend our wills to love your goodness and your glory in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Post Communion Holy God, we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ: may we who are partakers at his table reflect his life in word and deed, that all the world may know his power to change and save. This we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

First Reading: 2 Corinthians 4. 3-6

Gospel: Mark 9.2-9

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 6 February 10.30am Holy Communion The Paddocks

Monday 12 February 2.15pm Holy Communion Tall Trees

Tuesday 20 February 11am Holy Communion Old Prebendal House

Tuesday 27 February 11am Church Coffee Morning 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.

Contact Details

Please note Anne is away next week (from 4-11 February) and Karen is also not around for some of next week. Contacts for next week are therefore the following churchwardens:

Shipton: James Walmsley: 01993 830842

Milton: Liz Watts 01993 684286

Filed with Idbury: Catherine Hitchens 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. For all PCC Members and anyone else who is interested.

Lent and Easter

Palm Crosses and Ash Wednesday

Please leave any palm crosses in the back of the churches. They will be collected on 11 February ahead of the **Ash Wednesday Mid-Week Communion Service on 14 February at 10am in Milton Church.**

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."

There will also be the possibility of a Lent Group on Zoom. Get in touch with Karen if you are interested in taking part. Or 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 children's easter activities. 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.

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

Shipton Quiz Success!

Thanks to all who supported the Quiz at the Beaconsfield Hall on Saturday as well as to everyone who helped organize the event. Approximately £1000 was raised.

Shipton Prize Draw: The winning number for January was number 11.

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

SUNDAY 18 FEBRUARY – LENT I

11.00am Milton United Benefice Holy Communion

6.00pm Shipton United Benefice Choral Evensong with Choir

First Reading: 1 Peter 3. 18-end **Gospel:** Mark 1.9-15

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