



Wychwood Benefice

Church News Easter 2024 – 7 April 2024

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

Easter Blessings



"WITH GOD ALL THINGS
ARE POSSIBLE."
MATTHEW 19:26

Events & Services during Holy Week & Easter

**Wednesday 27 March 10am
Midweek Holy Communion Milton
Church** (with Maundy Thursday readings)

**Wednesday 27 March 6.30pm
"The Last Supper" Milton Church
Room** A traditional meal including lamb
following Jesus' last supper with
readings & prayers.

**Thursday 28 March 9.30am
Wychwood Primary School Key Stage 2
Easter Service in Shipton Church**

Good Friday 29 March

Milton Church 9.30am Good Friday Devotion

Benefice Walk: A small group of people will walk from Shipton at 9am, continuing the walk from Milton Church at 10.30am, to Fifield for hot cross buns & a byo picnic.

After the picnic we will walk towards Idbury, returning to **Fifield** for the **2pm Solemn Hour at the Cross Service** (due to work in Idbury Church the service will be in Fifield).

First Reading: Hebrews 10.16-25, **Gospel:** The Passion printed on separate sheet - two parts.

EASTER DAY 31 MARCH (Clocks go forward today)

9.30am Milton Family Communion followed by Easter Egg hunt

11.00am Shipton Family Communion followed by Easter Egg hunt

11.00am Fifield Family Service - a joyous Family Service including a special reading between two people who were witnesses on Good Friday.

Communion will be offered to those who would like to receive it at the end of the service. Followed by Easter Egg Hunt and Easter Cake.

PRAYERS AND READINGS (YEAR B)

Collect God of glory, by the raising of your Son you have broken the chains of death and hell: fill your Church with faith and hope; for a new day has dawned and the way to life stands open in our Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen**

Post Communion God of Life, who for our redemption gave your only-begotten Son to the death of the cross, and by his glorious resurrection have delivered us from the power of our enemy: grant us so to die daily to sin, that we may evermore live with him in the joy of his risen life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

First Reading: Acts 10. 34-43, **Gospel:** John 20.1-18

Prayer List: Marie Gill, Chris Seviour, Jenny Hayward, Jo White and Anne Wilkin.

Baptisms: Arabella on 14 April in Shipton. Emilia on 19 April in Milton.
Humphrey on 21 April in Shipton.

Weddings: Christina and Dom are getting married in Milton Church on April 20.

R.I.P.: Jean Jarvis and Gill Drew.

Funerals: The funeral of Jean Jarvis is on Thursday 4 April 11am in Milton Church.
The funeral of Gill Drew is on Wednesday 3 April 2pm in Shipton Church.

Mid-Week Communion Wednesdays, 10am in Milton Church.

NB There is no Mid-Week Communion on 3 April.

Ministry Team News

Karen and Clare are on leave the week after Easter.

If you need to contact a priest urgently, please contact Anne.

Care Homes

Tuesday 2 April 10.30am Holy Communion The Paddocks

Monday 8 April 2.15pm Holy Communion Tall Trees

Tuesday 16 April 11am Holy Communion Old Prebendal House

Tuesday 23 April 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.

Meetings

Sunday 21 April Milton APCM after the 9.30am Service.

Sunday 28 April Shipton APCM after the 11.00am Service.

Next Planning Meeting Date: Monday 22 April 9am

We will look at Services from June to September, 9am in the Benefice Centre.

Vacancy Update:

The advert is in the Church Times from 22 March for a month plus on the Diocesan website. Shortlisting will be the next stage, followed by interviews on 1 May. www.oxford.anglican.org/vacancies/vicar-for-the-wychwood-benefice-west-oxfordshire.php

Celebrating 50 Years of Peter Silva

On Saturday 23rd March, Peter Silva marked the 50th anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood.

On **Saturday 6 April at 3pm in St Kenelm's Church, Enstone**, there will be a service to celebrate the many people who have worshipped and worked with him over the years. You are warmly invited to join with him and his family in that celebration by attending the service and enjoying refreshments together afterwards.

If you are going to attend, please confirm by emailing Peter on silvapete@gmail.com. It will help with catering arrangements.

Fifield-with-Idbury take "Care for Creation" very seriously and do not have laminated notices in the noticeboards - most particularly when the poster is going to be "up" for a few weeks at most and then polluting the ground for a hundred years or more.



Grand Jumble Sale

Milton Village Hall

*Saturday 6th April
10.30am till 12.30pm*



*Ladies, Gents & Children's
preloved clothing
Raffle, Cake stall &
Refreshments!*



Proceeds towards the upkeep of Milton Church.

Call 830381 for more details.



Maundy Thursday Money Award

On Maundy Thursday the sovereign awards Maundy Money to pensioners who have given long service to their church and community. This is given to 2 people in the country for each year of the sovereign's life - so this year to 150 people. One of those receiving the award this year is Catherine Hitchens! She will go to Worcester Cathedral to receive hers from Queen Camilla. She was nominated for this by the Bishop of Oxford.

SUNDAY 7 APRIL - EASTER 2

11.00am Shipton United Benefice Holy Communion

First Reading: Acts 4. 32-35, **Gospel:** John 20.19-31

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