



# Wychwood Benefice

Church News 14 – 21 April 2024

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

## **SUNDAY 14 APRIL – EASTER 3**

9.30am Milton Holy Communion

11.00am Fifield BCP Morning Prayer

11.00am Shipton BCP Morning Prayer with choir

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

**Collect** Risen Christ, you filled your disciples with boldness and fresh hope: strengthen us to proclaim your risen life and fill us with your peace, to the glory of God the Father. **Amen**

**Post Communion** Living God, your Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread: open the eyes of our faith, that we may see him in all his redeeming work; who is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **Amen**

**First Reading:** Acts 3.12-19, **Gospel:** Luke 24. 36b-48.

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

**Deanery:** 14 April: All Saints, Churchill. Please pray for David Salter, James Kennedy, Martha Simpson, Matt White and churchwarden Claire Blackman.  
21 April: Holy Trinity, Finstock with Fowler. Please pray for Paul Mansell, Gail Ward and churchwarden Marian Miller.

**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.  
Sophie and Chris are getting married in Shipton Church on 1 June.

**Banns:** Sophia and Angelos are having their banns read in Milton Church on 14, 21 April and 19 May ahead of their wedding in Hampshire in June. Kitty and Morgan are having banns read in Milton on 21, 28 April and 12 May ahead of their wedding in June in North Yorkshire.

**R.I.P.:** Jean Jarvis, Gill Drew and Joy Stephens

**Funerals:** The funeral of Joy Stephens is on Friday 12 April, 11.30 in Shipton Church.

## **SUNDAY 21 APRIL – EASTER 4**

9.30am Milton United Benefice Holy Communion

*Followed by Milton APCM*

6.00pm Fifield United Benefice Choral Evensong with choir

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

**Collect** Risen Christ, faithful shepherd of your Father's sheep: teach us to hear your voice and to follow your command, that all your people may be gathered into one flock, to the glory of God the Father. **Amen**

**Post Communion** Merciful Father, you gave your Son Jesus Christ to be the good shepherd, and in his love for us to lay down his life and rise again: keep us always under his protection, and give us grace to follow in his steps; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

**First Reading:** Acts 4. 5-12, **Gospel:** John 10.11-18

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

## **Care Homes**

Tuesday 16 April 11am Holy Communion Old Prebendal House

Tuesday 23 April 11am Church Coffee Morning Old Prebendal House

Monday 6 May 2.15pm Holy Communion Tall Trees

Tuesday 7 May 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.

\* Except CANCELLED for 2nd May when Hall is used as Polling Station.

## **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](http://www.oxford.anglican.org/vacancies/vicar-for-the-wychwood-benefice-west-oxfordshire.php)

1st May is Interview Day, when applicants for the role of Vicar will be visiting the Benefice and meeting people from all the parishes as well as being interviewed by the panel with Bishop Gavin and his team.

We will be providing a buffet lunch for approximately 30 people in Milton Village Hall. Claire Bell and Heather Blackman and Catherine Hitchens will coordinate Shipton's, Milton's and Fifield with Idbury's contributions respectively. If you are able to help with this please get in touch with Claire, Heather or Catherine.

## **Cake & Produce Stall Sat 13 April 10.30am-12noon in Fifield Churchyard (or inside if wet)**

All contributions of cakes, scones, biscuits, pies, jams, jellies, chutneys, garden cuttings, seedlings etc gratefully received. More information from Catherine Hitchens. All proceeds for Church Funds.

## **Fifield Little Fishes Sunday 28th April 2-4pm in the church**

The next occasional Sunday afternoon event for children aged 2 – 9, will be on Sunday 28th April, with stories, craft work and activities, and, of course refreshments.

## **Shipton Car Boot Sale Saturday 4 May**

There will be a Car Boot Sale on Saturday 4th May at the New Beaconsfield Hall 10 -12noon on the field.

Pitches will be £10 each. Contact Mary to pay for a pitch: minifan2@gmail.com

Profits will all go to St Marys.

## **Thank You and Fundraising News:**

**Milton's Grand Jumble Sale** raised over £1040! Thank you to Heather and Rod for all their hard work organising it and to all who helped and came along. It was a lovely community occasion.

**The United Benefice Palm Sunday Lent Lunch on 24 March** raised £280 towards Christian Aid's Middle East Appeal.

## **Visiting Bell Ringers Saturday 28 April**

We have a band of visiting ringers from Kent, "The Wealden Wanderers", coming to Shipton on Saturday 27 April at 2pm.

## **SUNDAY 28 APRIL - EASTER 5**

8.15am Shipton BCP Holy Communion

9.30am Milton Worship for All

11.00am Shipton Holy Communion

11.00am Fifield BCP Morning Prayer

**First Reading:** Acts 8. 26-40, **Gospel:** John 15.1-8.

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