



Fortnightly Church News  
Sunday 24 November and 1 December 2024

# Wychwood Benefice

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

## **SUNDAY 24 NOVEMBER – CHRIST THE KING**

9.30am Milton Service of the Word

11.00am Fifield BCP Holy Communion

11.00am Shipton BCP Morning Prayer

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

**Collect** God the Father, help us to hear the call of Christ the King and to follow in his service, whose kingdom has no end; for he reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, one glory. **Amen**

**Post Communion** Stir up, O Lord, the wills of your faithful people; that they, plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good works, may by you be plenteously rewarded; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

**First Reading:** Daniel 7.9-10, 13, 14

**Second Reading:** Rev 1.4b-8

**Gospel:** John 18.33-37

**Prayer List:** Chris Seviour, Jenny Hayward and Stuart Wallace.

**R.I.P.** Rachel Cable.

**Funerals:** Rachel's family and friends will celebrate her life at a Service of Thanksgiving on Wednesday 11 December 2pm in Milton Church followed by tea in Milton Village Hall. Everyone welcome.

**Deanery:** 24 November: St Mary the Virgin, Chastleton. James Kennedy, David Salter, Matt White and churchwarden Tessa Jackson. 1 December: St Peters, Wilcote. Paul Mansell and Gail Ward.

## **SUNDAY 1 DECEMBER – ADVENT SUNDAY**

8.15am Shipton BCP Holy Communion

6.00pm Shipton United Benefice Advent Carols with choir

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

**Collect** Almighty God, as your kingdom dawns, turn us from the darkness of sin to the light of holiness, that we may be ready to meet you in our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. **Amen**

**Post Communion** O Lord our God, make us watchful and keep us faithful as we await the coming of your Son our Lord; that, when he shall appear, he may not find us sleeping in sin but active in his service and joyful in his praise; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

**First Reading:** Jeremiah 33.14-16

**Second Reading:** 1 Thessalonians 3.9-13

**Gospel:** Luke 21.25-36

### **Mid-Week Communion Wednesdays, 10am in Milton**

NB –There will be no Mid-Week Communion on Wednesday 27 November.

### **Rachel Cable**

After a sudden, short illness, Rachel passed away peacefully in Old Prebendal House, on Friday 15th November. She was so well cared for by friends and staff who surrounded her with kindness and love. Rachel was a good friend, thoughtful and generous with her time and dedicated to her work for the churches of our benefice. She always saw beyond the need for efficiency in the office, at which she excelled, to the needs of the people around her. Her insight and sensitivity were attuned to those who might feel left out or lonely, unnoticed or not listened to. Whether she was stapling or dancing, walking or photographing the night sky, chatting with the very young or those much older, she was a gift to this community and will be remembered with love and a smile. We thank God for her.

The bells in Shipton were rung on Saturday 16 November: “in loving memory of Rachel Cable a member of this Church, who contributed to the Bell Restoration Fund”.

## **News from Sarah**

I have made a good dent into visiting members of all three electoral rolls. There are some people I simply can't find and others I haven't got around to yet. There is no rhyme or reason for my choice of visits so please don't take it personally if I haven't called yet. If you would like a visit or you think I may not have been able to find your home, please do invite me around. Sarah

Advent is an important time in the church's calendar. The start of a new year. Please do try and recognise it in some way. We have just begun year C in our lectionary which focuses on Luke's gospel. Luke just happens to have 24 chapters so if you start with one chapter a day on Advent Sunday you will have read the whole gospel by Christmas Day. Alternatively, do join one of the discussion groups as we journey through Lent with New Daylight. There will be an evening session for four weeks at 7pm on Monday Evenings from 25th November in the Benefice Rooms. There are some spare books to borrow or buy for £3.

## **Christmas Shoeboxes 2024- Teams4U**

Thank you to everyone who contributed towards this year's Shoebox campaign. These have now been collected. Like in 2023, this year the shoeboxes will be heading to the Ukraine, Moldova, Georgia, Bosnia and Romania.

## **Christmas Card**

Do look out for your Benefice Christmas Card arriving through your door, with details of the services and events taking place through Advent up to Christmas. This year the card was designed by local youngster Chloe Duester.

## **Care Homes**

Mon 2 December 2.15pm Tall Trees Holy Communion.

Fri 6 December 10.30am The Paddocks Holy Communion.

Mon 9 December 2.15pm Old Prebendal Holy Communion

## **Advent Groups: Homegroups:**

During Advent, the Homegroups will become Advent Groups. These run as follows:

Mondays 10.30am at The Paddocks (in the T.V. lounge), Wednesdays 2pm in The Paddocks. Plus Monday 25 November, Monday 2, 9 & 16 December 7pm in the Benefice Centre. For more details contact Sarah.

## **The Day Centre – help keep this valuable social hub going**

Every Thursday, in the New Beaconsfield Hall, the Day Centre meets, a hive of good company. From 10am-2pm a range of mainly elderly people, often those living on their own, come together for tea, coffee, and homemade lunch plus a variety of entertainments including music, crafts and trips down Memory Lane. Staffed by the most cheerful bunch of volunteers that you can imagine, time flashes past in a haze of nostalgia, smiles and warmth.

BUT while the Centre can take up to around 22 guests, average attendance hovers at around 12. What a wasted opportunity for those folk who would thoroughly enjoy such an occasion! If you know of somebody who would benefit from the Wychwood Day Centre, contact the organiser, Helen Pratley, at [coord.wdc@gmail.com](mailto:coord.wdc@gmail.com) Mobile 07377202 747.

## **Coffee, Cake & Company in Fifield Parish Hall, Thursdays 10.30-12.**

Contact Amy Schlee 07954794990.

## **Memory Lane Café: Monday 16 December 10am-12pm at Old Prebendal**

For people experiencing memory loss, their carers, family and friends and those who have lost loved ones. Contact [davidensor@mac.com](mailto:davidensor@mac.com) 07836 613540.

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## **SUNDAY 8 DECEMBER – ADVENT 2**

9.30am Milton Holy Communion

11.00am Idbury Holy Communion (Patronal)

11.00am Shipton Holy Communion

**First Reading:** Malachi 3.1-4

**Second Reading:** Philippians 1.3-11

**Gospel:** Luke 3.1-6

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