



Fortnightly Church News 12 –19 January 2025

# Wychwood Benefice

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

## **SUNDAY 12 JANUARY - BAPTISM OF CHRIST**

11.00am Shipton United Benefice Holy Communion with choir

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

**Collect** Heavenly Father, at the Jordan you revealed Jesus as your Son: may we recognize him as our Lord and know ourselves to be your beloved children; through Jesus Christ our Saviour. **Amen**

**Post Communion** Lord of all time and eternity, you opened the heavens and revealed yourself as Father in the baptism of Jesus your beloved Son: by the power of your Spirit complete the heavenly work of our rebirth through the waters of the new creation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading** Isaiah 43.1-7, **2<sup>nd</sup>** Acts 8.14-17, **Gospel** Luke 3.15-17, 21, 22

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

**Deanery:** 12 January Holy Trinity, Ascott-under-Wychwood. Please pray for Mark Abrey and Ilona Cheyne. 19 January SS Simon & Jude, Milton-under-Wychwood. Please pray for Sarah Sharp, Anne Hartley, Karen Rizzello and churchwardens Liz Watts and Mike Hartley.

**Weddings:** Lucie & David who are getting married in Milton in March.

## **SUNDAY 19 JANUARY – SECOND SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY**

9.30am Milton Holy Communion

11.00am Fifield BCP Morning Prayer

11.00am Shipton Holy Communion with choir

## PRAYERS AND READINGS (YEAR C)

**Collect** Eternal Lord, our beginning and our end: bring us with the whole creation to your glory, hidden through past ages and made known in Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen**

**Post Communion** God of glory, you nourish us with your Word who is the bread of life: fill us with your Holy Spirit that through us the light of your glory may shine in all the world. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

1<sup>st</sup> Reading Isaiah 62.1-5, 2<sup>nd</sup> I Corinthians 12.1-11, Gospel John 2.1-11

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

### Diary Dates

**Home Groups** (contact Anne for details)

**Mondays 10.30am in the Paddocks.**

**Wednesdays 2pm in the Paddocks.**

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

Contact Amy Schlee 07954794990.



### **St Mary the Virgin, Shipton Annual Quiz Night!**

Saturday 18 January 7pm New Beaconsfield Hall

Tickets £15 per person (includes supper)  
from [Davidensor@mac.com](mailto:Davidensor@mac.com)

Bar and raffle.

Teams of 6.

### **Memory Lane Café: Monday 20 January 10am-12pm at New Beaconsfield Hall (until further notice)**

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.

### **Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 18-25 January. Download resources here:**

<https://ctbi.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2024/10/WPCU-2025-English-Pamphlet-for-website.pdf.pagespeed.ce.apcKAcRDaN.pdf>

## **Care Homes**

Mon 3 February 2.15pm Tall Trees Holy Communion.

Fri 7 February 10.30am The Paddocks Holy Communion.

## **Notices**

**The Shipton Prize Draw** winning number for December is 41!

## **Raffle donations**

**Thank you** to everyone who contributed to the gift hamper.

We will continue to collect suitable donations for our next fundraising raffle.

Please bring any items to church or give to Sarah or Clare in the office.

## **Empty Pringle tubes.**

We still need over 50 empty pringle tubes. If you have any, please drop off in any of the churches.

## **Congratulations!**

Catherine Hitchens has been awarded the BEM – British Empire Medal.

This has been awarded “for services to the community in Fifield, Oxfordshire.”

We are also delighted to announce that our very own vicar is being awarded for distinguished service to the church. Sarah will be installed as an Honorary Canon at Christ Church Cathedral by the Bishop of Oxford on Saturday 1 February 6pm. Sarah is one of eleven in the Diocese to receive this honour.

## **Invitation & Diary Date to all in the Benefice:**

### **The Big Thank You Sunday 23 February**

An invitation from Sarah

The 9.30am United Benefice Service in Milton on Sunday 23 February will be followed by a light brunch to thank everyone for their support and service within our churches. From cleaners to bell ringers; to flower arrangers & refreshment providers and to all those who support our churches with their prayers, time, talents and treasures.

Please come and extend the invitation to anyone who contributes in any way.

## February Services 2025

### Sunday 2 February

8.15am BCP Holy Communion **Sipton**

9.30am Worship for All **Milton**

11.00am BCP Holy Communion **Fifield**

6.00pm Service to celebrate Candlemas with choir **Sipton**

### Sunday 9 February

11.00am United Benefice Holy Communion  
with choir **Sipton**

### Sunday 16 February

9.30am Holy Communion **Milton**

11.00am Morning Prayer **Fifield**

11.00am Holy Communion with choir **Sipton**

### Sunday 23 February

9.30am United Benefice Holy Communion  
with choir **Milton**

*followed by "The Big Thank You" brunch -  
a celebration of ministry across the benefice, for everyone.*

10.00am Mid-week Holy Communion Wednesdays **Milton**

## SUNDAY 26 JANUARY – THIRD SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY

11.00am Sipton United Benefice Holy Communion with choir

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading** Nehemiah 8.1-3, 5-6, 8-10, **2<sup>nd</sup> Reading** | Corinthians 12.12-31a,  
**Gospel** Luke 4.14-21

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