

Wishing everyone Peace & Joy this Christmas



Fortnightly Church News for Christmas 2025
21 December - 4 January 2026



Wychwood Benefice

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



SATURDAY 20 DECEMBER

The Angels' Story
told through carols & drama 6pm **Milton**
starting with drinks & mulled wine

SUNDAY 21 DECEMBER – ADVENT 4

9.30am Holy Communion **Milton**

4.00pm Carols by Candlelight **Idbury**



6.00pm Lessons & Carols by Candlelight with choir **Shipton**
followed by mince pies & mulled wine.

Please bring mince pies to the service - table & plates at the back of church

PRAYERS & READINGS ADVENT 4 - YEAR A

Collect Eternal God, as Mary waited for the birth of your Son, so we wait for his coming in glory; bring us through the birth pangs of this present age to see, with her, our great salvation in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Post Communion Heavenly Father, who chose the Blessed Virgin Mary to be the mother of the promised saviour: fill us your servants with your grace, that in all things we may embrace your holy will and with her rejoice in your salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

1st Reading Isaiah 7.10-16, **2nd Romans** 1.1-7, **Gospel** Matthew 1.18-end.

Prayer List: Jenny Hayward, Stuart Wallace, Marian Clarke & Yvonne Cole.

WEDNESDAY 24 DECEMBER - CHRISTMAS EVE



4.00pm Crib & Christingle **Fifield**

4.00pm Crib Service **Milton**

4.00pm Crib Service **Shipton**

11.00pm Midnight Mass with choir **Milton**

PRAYERS AND READINGS CHRISTMAS NIGHT (YEAR A)

Collect Eternal God, in the stillness of this night you sent your almighty Word to pierce the world's darkness with the light of salvation: give to the earth the peace that we long for and fill our hearts with the joy of heaven through our Saviour, Jesus Christ. **Amen**

Post Communion God our Father, in this night you have made known to us again the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ: confirm our faith and fix our eyes on him until the day dawns and Christ the Morning Star rises in our hearts. To him be glory both now and for ever. **Amen**

Christmas night readings: Isaiah 52:7-10, Hebrews 1:1-4, John 1:1-14

THURSDAY 25 DECEMBER - CHRISTMAS DAY



Christmas Communion with Carols & Children's talk



9.30am **Milton**

11.00am **Fifield**

11.00am **Shipton**

PRAYERS AND READINGS CHRISTMAS DAY (YEAR A)

Collect Lord Jesus Christ, your birth at Bethlehem draws us to kneel in wonder at heaven touching earth: accept our heartfelt praise as we worship you, our Saviour and our eternal God. **Amen**

Post Communion God our Father, whose Word has come among us in the Holy Child of Bethlehem: may the light of faith illumine our hearts and shine in our words and deeds; through him who is Christ the Lord. **Amen**

Christmas morning readings Isaiah 9:2-7, Titus 2:11-14, Luke 2:1-14

SUNDAY 28 DECEMBER - CHRISTMAS I

9.30am United Benefice Holy Communion **Milton**

PRAYERS AND READINGS CHRISTMAS I (YEAR A)

Collect God in Trinity, eternal unity of perfect love: gather the nations to be one family, and draw us into your holy life through the birth of Emmanuel, our Lord Jesus Christ. **Amen**

Post Communion Heavenly Father, whose blessed Son shared at Nazareth the life of an earthly home: help your Church to live as one family, united in love and obedience, and bring us all at last to our home in heaven; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

1st Reading Isaiah 63.7-9, **2nd** Hebrews 2.10-end, **Gospel** Matthew 2.13-end

SUNDAY 4 JANUARY 2026 - EPIPHANY

8.15am BCP Holy Communion **Shipton**

9.30am Worship for All **Milton**

11.00am BCP Holy Communion **Fifield**

6.00pm Epiphany Carols with choir **Shipton**

PRAYERS AND READINGS EPIPHANY (YEAR A)

Collect Creator of the heavens, who led the Magi by a star to worship the Christ-child: guide and sustain us, that we may find our journey's end in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Post Communion Lord God, the bright splendour whom the nations seek: may we who with the wise men have been drawn by your light discern the glory of your presence in your Son, the Word made flesh, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

1st Reading Isaiah 60.1-6, **2nd** Ephesians 3.1-12, **Gospel** Matthew 2.1-12

Mid-Week Communion Wednesdays, 10am in Milton (not on 24 December)

Carols at Old Prebendal House - Friday 19 December, 3pm-4pm

Please do come along and help us sing all the old favourites.

Carols at Tall Trees - Tuesday 23 December 2.30-3.30pm

Singers welcome! Come and join member of local choirs.

Care Homes:

Fri 2 January 10.30am The Paddocks Holy Communion.

Mon 5 January 2.15pm Tall Trees Holy Communion.

Mon 12 January 2.30pm Old Prebendal Holy Communion.

Meeting Dates:

Milton PCC Thurs 15 January 10.15am, Milton church room.

Shipton PCC Thurs 15 January 6.30pm, the Vicarage.

Fifield with Idbury PCC Thurs 12 February 4pm.

Quiet Day – Saturday 28 February 10am-3pm

We are planning a quiet day at the House of Bread in Shipston-on-Stour. The theme will be 'Reflections at the Well.' There are limited spaces, and we will need to pool cars. There is no charge. If you are interested, please contact Reverend Karen by email at revkaren@rizzello.co.uk.



Quiz Night – fundraising for St Mary's, Shipton: Saturday 17 January Milton Village Hall 7pm.

Hot Food and cash bar and raffle, Come as a team of 6 or join one on the night. Tickets £12 per person from David: davidensor@mac.com

Coffee, Cake & Company, Fifield Parish Hall, Thursdays 10.30-12.30.

Back on 8 January 2026.

Memory Lane Café: Mon 19 January 10am-12pm Old Prebendal

House. For people experiencing memory loss, their carers, family, friends and those who have lost loved ones. Contact davidensor@mac.com 07836 613540.

SUNDAY 11 JANUARY BAPTISM OF CHRIST / 1ST SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY

11.00am United Benefice Holy Communion **Shipton**

1st Reading Isaiah 42.1-9, **2nd Acts** 10.34-43, **Gospel** Matthew 3.13-end .

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