



Fortnightly Church News for
22 February and 1 March 2026

Wychwood Benefice

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

WEDNESDAY 18 FEBRUARY – ASH WEDNESDAY

10.00am Ash Wednesday Holy Communion
with imposition of ashes **Milton**

7.00pm Ash Wednesday Holy Communion
with imposition of ashes **Sipton**

SUNDAY 22 FEBRUARY – LENT I

9.30am United Benefice Holy Communion **Milton**

PRAYERS & READINGS – LENT I YEAR A

Collect Heavenly Father, your Son battled with the powers of darkness, and grew closer to you in the desert: help us to use these days to grow in wisdom and prayer that we may witness to your saving love in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Post Communion Lord God, you have renewed us with the living bread from heaven; by it you nourish our faith, increase our hope, and strengthen our love: teach us always to hunger for him who is the true and living bread, and enable us to live by every word that proceeds from out of your mouth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

1st Reading Genesis 2.15-17; 3.1-7, Romans 5.12-19, **Gospel** Matthew 4.1-11

Prayer List: Marian Clarke & Yvonne Cole.

R.I.P.: Stuart Wallace, June French, Rosemary Colbeck and Gwen Elliott.

Funerals: The funeral of Rosemary Colbeck is on Wednesday 18 February 12noon in Milton church. The funeral of Stuart Wallace is on Friday 20 February 12noon in Milton Church.

Deanery: 22 February St Andrew's, Kingham. David Salter, James Kennedy, Matt White and Ollie Shaw. 1 March St Mary's, Charlbury. Fergus Butler-Gallie and churchwardens Dine Glasgow and Paddy Gallagher.

SUNDAY 1 MARCH - LENT 2

8.15am BCP Holy Communion **Shipton**

9.30am Worship4All **Milton**

11.00am BCP Holy Communion **Fifield**

followed by Lent Lunch of soup

6.00pm Evening Service with choir **Shipton**

PRAYERS AND READINGS – THE 2nd SUNDAY OF LENT YEAR A

Collect Almighty God, by the prayer and discipline of Lent may we enter into the mystery of Christ's sufferings, and by following in his Way come to share in his glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Post Communion Almighty God, you see that we have no power of ourselves to help ourselves: keep us both outwardly in our bodies, and inwardly in our souls; that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

1st Reading Genesis 12.1-4a, **2nd Reading** Romans 4.1-5, 13-17, **Gospel** John 3.1-17.

Mid-Week Communion Wednesdays, 10am in Milton

Care Homes:

Mon 2 March 2.15pm Holy Communion Tall Trees.

Fri 6 March 10.30am Holy Communion The Paddocks.

Mon 9 March 2.30pm Holy Communion Old Prebendal.

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

Shipton PCC Monday 16 March 6.30pm at the Vicarage.

Milton PCC Thursday 26 March 10.15am in Milton Church Room.

Fifield with Idbury PCC Thursday 11 June 4.30pm at The Old Farmhouse.

Lent & Easter in the Benefice

Look out for the Lent & Easter leaflets with details of services. Or if you can help deliver some, there will be lists in church to indicate which areas need covering.



LENT LUNCHES FRIDAYS

12.30 - 1.30pm

There will be a simple soup and bread lunch on Fridays during Lent in the Benefice Centre. Lunch will be at 12.30 with a short reflection from Sarah afterwards. Donations to Christian

Aid. **On Friday 27 February, 6, 13, 20 & 27 March.**

HOMEGROUPS: During Lent anyone is welcome to come along to the homegroups – even if you don't usually come. These run on Mondays at 10.30 in The Paddocks – contact Liz for details elizabethw@bfocus.co.uk And Wednesdays at 2pm in The Paddocks – contact Anne for details anne@wychwoodbenefice.org.uk

DAILY REFLECTIONS DURING LENT

You can also sign up to receive daily reflections by email:

[Watch and Pray - Lent reflections | The Church of England](#)

Quiet Day - Reflections at the Well Saturday 28 Feb. 10am-3pm, the House of Bread in Shipston-on-Stour.

Those who have signed up should have received an email with details of the day. All queries call Revd. Karen 07882055878 or email revkaren@rizzello.co.uk.

ST MARYS PRIZE DRAW Relaunching after Easter. Each month there will be **two prizes of £50**. The cost is £48 per year (£4 a month). We hope you will join us in this new improved monthly draw. If you are already a member you do not need to fill in a new form, but please pay £48 per ticket (you can have as many tickets as you like) either by bank transfer with your name and DRAW as the reference.

Shipton under Wychwood PCC - Sort code 40-52-40

Account number 00032492 or give a cheque to Hilary Matthews.

If you are not already a member and would like to support the Church in this way, please ask Clare in the office or Hilary for a form.

**TALK BY
WILDLIFE PHOTOGRAPHER
SIMON BOOKER
"STOKERPIX"**

7pm Friday 13th March 2026

New Beaconsfield Hall,
Shipton-u-Wychwood OX76BQ



Tickets £10 - Raffle - Bar
Tickets from davidensor@mac.com
07836 613540

Simon will also be selling cards
Fundraising for St Mary's Church, Shipton u Wychwood
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SUNDAY 8 MARCH – LENT 3

11.00am United Benefice Holy Communion **Shipton**

1st Reading Exodus 17.1-7, **2nd** Romans 5.1-11, Gospel John 4.5-42

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