



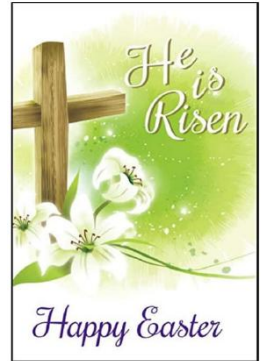
Fortnightly Church News for  
Holy Week & Easter 2026

**Wychwood**Benefice

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**Our Vision:**

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



## **HOLY WEEK & EASTER WEEKEND**

There are stations for reflection in Shipton and Milton churches

**Wednesday 1 April:** 10am Milton Church Holy Communion

**Maundy Thursday 2 April:** 7pm Shipton Church - a celebration of the Institution of Holy Communion

**Good Friday 3 April** – *join at any point:*

- ❖ Leave Shipton church at **9am** for a prayer walk to Milton church.
- ❖ **10am Service of Reflection in Milton Church**
  - ❖ There will be Prayer Stations in Milton Church
- ❖ Bring a picnic lunch for a walk to Fifield arriving 11.30/12. Coffee and hot cross buns.
- ❖ Leave Fifield around 1pm to walk to **Idbury** for the **Last Hour Service of Reflection at 2pm**

**Easter Day Sunday 5 April**

9.30am All Age Communion Service  
with refreshments in **Milton**

11am Choral led Communion Service  
followed by refreshments in **Shipton**

11am Communion Service  
with Easter egg hunt & refreshments in **Fifield**

## **PRAYERS & READINGS EASTER DAY YEAR A**

**Collect** God of glory, by the raising of your Son you have broken the chains of death and hell: fill your Church with faith and hope; for a new day has dawned and the way to life stands open in our Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen**

**Post Communion** God of Life, who for our redemption gave your only-begotten Son to the death of the cross, and by his glorious resurrection have delivered us from the power of our enemy: grant us so to die daily to sin, that we may evermore live with him in the joy of his risen life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

**Easter Day readings** are Acts 10:34-43, Colossians 3:1-4 and John 20:1-18 or Matthew 28:1-10.

**Prayer List:** Yvonne Cole, Emma Gridley and Ann Rose.

**Baptisms:** Arlo who is being baptised on 4 April in Shipton. Isla, who is being baptised on 18 April in Shipton.

**Weddings:** Emily and Dan are getting married in Milton on 28 May.

**R.I.P.:** Pat Foster.

**Deanery:** 12 April: Holy Trinity, Ascott-under-Wychwood. Mark Abrey and Ilona Cheyne.

### **SUNDAY 12 APRIL – EASTER 2**

11.00am United Benefice Holy Communion **Shipton**

## **PRAYERS & READINGS – EASTER 2 YEAR A**

**Collect** Risen Christ, for whom no door is locked, no entrance barred: open the doors of our hearts, that we may seek the good of others and walk the joyful road of sacrifice and peace, to the praise of God the Father. **Amen**

**Post Communion** Lord God our Father, through our Saviour Jesus Christ you have assured your children of eternal life and in baptism have made us one with him: deliver us from the death of sin and raise us to new life in your love, in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, by the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ. **Amen**

**Readings:** Acts 2.14a, 22-32, 1 Peter 1.3-9, John 20.19-end.

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

### **Care Homes:**

Fri 10 April 10.30am Holy Communion The Paddocks.

Mon 13 April 2.15pm Holy Communion Tall Trees.

Mon 13 April 2.30pm Holy Communion Old Prebendal.

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

With a special pre-Easter party morning on 2 April.

**Produce Sale Fifield Church - Saturday 11 April from 10.30am.**

**Lent Lunches:** Thanks to all who helped run the Lent Lunches and all who came. £450 was raised for Christian Aid with over 30 different people attending the lunches across the weeks.

### APCMs

You are warmly invited to our **Annual Parochial Church Meetings** Fifield 6pm in church on Monday 13 April, Shipton after 11am service in church on 19 April, Milton after 9.30am service in church on 26 April. These are very important meetings in which the Church wardens and PCC are elected for the coming year. Perhaps you would like to give it a go or consider electing someone. Please speak to your church wardens.

**Planning Meeting Monday 11 May: 10am Benefice Centre**

To look at services from Pentecost to Christmas.

**“Give What You Can”  
Fundraising Concerts 2026**



**St Mary the Virgin,  
Shipton-u-Wychwood**

**St Simon and St Jude,  
Milton-u-Wychwood**

Concert Season leaflets are **now available**. Please take to any groups/clubs/venues you belong to or visit.

Welcome to our first season of “give what you can” concerts, fundraising together for Milton and Shipton churches. There are six exciting and diverse concerts to enjoy from April through to September and we believe that by offering them as ‘give what you can’ invitations we will enable everyone to be able to enjoy them. These are all sponsored events so we should be able to raise a large amount of

money to keep our churches open and in good order.

The First concert is: **The Sage String Quartet** – an afternoon concert in **Milton church on Sunday 26 April 4pm.**



Formed in 2023 at the Royal Northern College of Music, Manchester, the Sage Quartet has been a finalist in no less than 3 Chamber Music Prizes and in the summer of 2025 participated and performed at the IV International String Quartet Seminar, City of Guadix, Spain.

The Sage Quartet will perform for us as part of an educational project run by Gina and Michael Bochmann.

#### Programme

Borodin; String Quartet No. 2 (mvt. 1 & 2)

Trotignon; Quatuor à Cordes 'Empreintes' (mvt. IV 'Pulsation')

Haydn; String Quartet Op. 20 No. 4

### **SUNDAY 19 APRIL – EASTER 3**

9.30am Holy Communion **Milton**

11.00am BCP Morning Prayer **Fifield**

11.00am Holy Communion **Shipton**

**followed by APCM**

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