



Fortnightly Church News for 26 July & 2 August 2026

**Wychwood**Benefice

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

## **SUNDAY 26 JULY – TRINITY 8**

9.30am United Benefice Holy Communion **Milton**

### **PRAYERS & READINGS - TRINITY 8 YEAR A**

**Collect** Lord God, your Son left the riches of heaven and became poor for our sake: when we prosper save us from pride, when we are needy save us from despair, that we may trust in you alone; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

**Post Communion** Strengthen for service, Lord, the hands that have taken holy things; may the ears which have heard your word be deaf to clamour and dispute; may the tongues which have sung your praise be free from deceit; may the eyes which have seen the tokens of your love shine with the light of hope; and may the bodies which have been fed with your body be refreshed with the fullness of your life; glory to you for ever. **Amen.**

**Readings (Related):** 1 Kings 3.5-12 Psalm 119.129-136 Romans 8.26-end Matthew 13.31-33, 44-52

### **Prayer List:**

**Banns:** Laura and Marcus (Milton). Lydia and Alex (Shipton).

**Baptisms:** Matilda on 9 August in Shipton.

**Weddings:** Emily and Conrad are getting married in Shipton on 26 July. Abi and Matt are getting married in Milton on 15 August.

## **SUNDAY 2 AUGUST – TRINITY 9**

*N.B. There is no 8.15am service today in Shipton*

9.30am Worship for All **Milton**

11.00am BCP Holy Communion (Lammas) **Fifield**

6.00pm Evening Service with Choir **Shipton**

### **PRAYERS & READINGS - TRINITY 9 YEAR A**

**Collect** Gracious Father, revive your Church in our day, and make her holy, strong and faithful, for your glory's sake in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

**Post Communion** Holy Father, who gathered us here around the table of your Son to share this meal with the whole household of God: in that new world where you reveal the fullness of your peace, gather people of every race and language to share in the eternal banquet of Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen**

**Readings (Related):** Isaiah 55.1-5 Psalm 145.8-9, 15-22\* Romans 9.1-5  
Matthew 14.13-21

**Mid-Week Communion Weds 10am Milton**

### **Care Homes:**

Mon 3 August 2.15pm Holy Communion Tall Trees.

Fri 7 August 10.30am Holy Communion The Paddocks.

Mon 10 August 2.30pm Holy Communion Old Prebendal.

### **Confirmation 22 November**

If anyone would like to be prepared for Confirmation on 22 November in Charlbury please let Sarah know ASAP.

### **Thank you from Julie Hemming, Wychwood Primary School**

Please pass on my heartfelt thanks to the members of the Parish Churches for the beautiful pen and contribution to my other gifts. It was very kind.

### **Memory Lane Café: Mon 17 August 10am-12pm Old Prebendal.**

For people experiencing memory loss, their carers, family, friends. Contact [davidensor@mac.com](mailto:davidensor@mac.com) 07836 613540.

**Recycle Your Ink  
Cartridges to Help Us  
Raise Funds!**

Collection boxes are in all the churches. Please donate your used small printer ink cartridges

**Sponsor Heather!** Heather Blackman is doing a walk for the Leprosy Mission on Saturday 1 August starting at Westcote Chapel. If you would like to sponsor her, call 01993 830381.

**SAVE THE DATE: Weds 9 September Dame Fiona Reynolds, author of “The Fight for Beauty” is giving a talk on just that in Fifield Church.**

Tickets £20 to include drinks at Fifield House afterwards. Contact Catherine Hitchens [catherine.lordlandry@gmail.com](mailto:catherine.lordlandry@gmail.com) – 01993 831881.

## Wychwood Benefice Cook

**Book:** We are proposing creating a Wychwood Benefice Cookery Book and we need everyone's help. Perhaps you make a deliciously light scone or a perfect Victoria sponge, or maybe you are famous for a particular dish. If you would be happy to share recipes for a cookbook to raise funds for the Benefice, we'd love to hear from you. If you would like to join the small team compiling this, Cook Book, then do please let us know, and it would be helpful to us to hear from you by the end of July with initial recipes and expressions of interest. Our aim is to have the book on sale by half way through November to be ready for Christmas. Please contact Claire Bell [clairelizbell@gmail.com](mailto:clairelizbell@gmail.com);

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We really hope to hear from you.



## From Milton Biodiversity and Monitoring Action Group:

**Take part in the Big Butterfly Count between 17th July and 9th August** We recommend that you *start making counts early*, as the flower season has come earlier than usual this year.

And when you complete a count, don't forget to share your results with us following these steps...

1. Using the 'Big Butterfly Count' App, follow the prompts up to the point at which you submit your results
2. Then, immediately after you submit your results, you will get a page headed 'Success!' and offering three choices i.e.
  - Visit the website
  - Share now
  - Create wild spaces
3. Choose 'Share now' and enter the following email address...  
[nicolabouton1973@gmail.com](mailto:nicolabouton1973@gmail.com)
4. Then continue to the end.



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## Dan Chambers, Organ Recital

**4pm Sunday 16 August, 2026**

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### **SUNDAY 9 AUGUST – TRINITY 10**

**11.00am United Benefice Holy Communion Shipton**

**Readings (Related):** 1 Kings 19.9-18 Psalm 85.8-13 Romans 10.5-15 Matthew 14.22-33

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