



Fortnightly Church News for 9, 16 & 23 August 2026

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

## **SUNDAY 9 AUGUST – TRINITY 10**

11.00am United Benefice Holy Communion **Shipton**

### **PRAYERS & READINGS - TRINITY 10 YEAR A**

**Collect** Lord of heaven and earth, as Jesus taught his disciples to be persistent in prayer, give us patience and courage never to lose hope, but always to bring our prayers before you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

**Post Communion** God of our pilgrimage, you have willed that the gate of mercy should stand open for those who trust in you: look upon us with your favour that we who follow the path of your will may never wander from the way of life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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

**Prayer List:** Bill Hare.

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

**Baptisms:** Matilda on 9 August in Shipton. Rosie on 16 August in Milton.

**Weddings:** Abi and Matt are getting married in Milton on 15 August.

**R.I.P.:** Kath Keslake and David Johnson.

**Funerals:** The funeral of Kath Keslake is on Thursday 27 August 11am at North Oxfordshire Crematorium. The funeral of David Johnson is on Thursday 3 September, 12noon in Shipton church.

## **SUNDAY 16 AUGUST – TRINITY 11**

9.30am Holy Communion **Milton**

11.00am BCP Morning Prayer **Fifield**

11.00am Holy Communion **Shipton**

### **PRAYERS & READINGS - TRINITY 11 YEAR A**

**Collect** God of glory, the end of our searching, help us to lay aside all that prevents us from seeking your kingdom, and to give all that we have to gain the pearl beyond all price, through our Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen**

**Post Communion** Lord of all mercy, we your faithful people have celebrated that one true sacrifice which takes away our sins and brings pardon and peace: by our communion keep us firm on the foundation of the gospel and preserve us from all sin; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

**Readings (Related):** Isaiah 56.1, 6-8 Psalm 67 Romans 11.1-2a, 29-32 Matthew 15.[10-20] 21-28

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| <p><b>SUNDAY 23 AUGUST – TRINITY 12</b><br/>9.30am United Benefice Holy Communion <b>Milton</b></p> |
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**PRAYERS & READINGS - TRINITY 12 YEAR A**

**Collect** God of constant mercy, who sent your Son to save us: remind us of your goodness, increase your grace within us, that our thankfulness may grow, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

**Post Communion** God of all mercy, in this eucharist you have set aside our sins and given us your healing: grant that we who are made whole in Christ may bring that healing to this broken world, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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

**Care Homes:** Fri 4 September 10.30am Holy Communion The Paddocks.  
Mon 7 September 2.15pm Holy Communion Tall Trees.  
Mon 14 September 2.30pm Holy Communion Old Prebendal.

**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.

**Shipton Village Fair: 31 Aug 12-4.30, New Beaconsfield Hall**

**Recreation Ground** Shipton church is running stalls at the Village Fair including games (for all ages), and a stall with toys, books and family games. Plus, Christmas cards and pens etc.

**Ride & Stride 12 September 2026**

Heather and Liz are once again taking part, raising funds for Milton church. You can sponsor Liz online at:

<https://www.goodhub.com/go/lizwattsrideandstride-2026>

**Harvest – Save the dates!**

**Benefice Harvest Supper** Saturday 26 September 6pm Milton Village Hall

**Fifield's village Harvest Supper** on 3 October in the Parish Hall

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

**Shipton Prize Draw!** Winning Numbers are 13 and 61 for July.



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*No tickets. All welcome.*

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"Give what you can"*

## Dan Chambers, Organ Recital



**4pm Sunday 16 August, 2026**

St Mary's, Shipton under  
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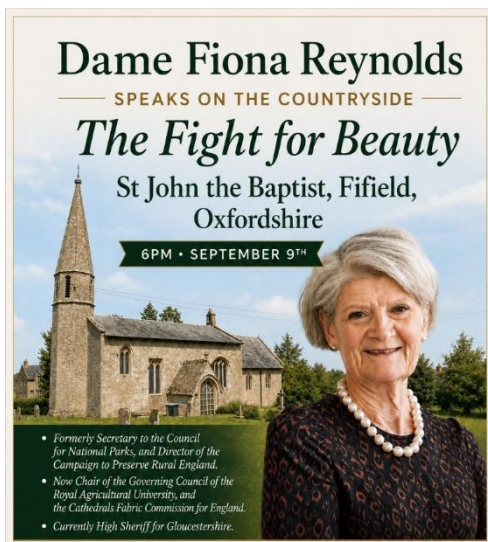


**SONGS & STORIES  
AROUND THE FIREPIT**

**FOR ALL AGES**

St Simon & St Jude church grounds,  
Milton-u-Wychwood, OX7 6LJ  
Saturdays 4pm  
20 June, 18 July  
15 August, 19 September.

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**Dame Fiona Reynolds**  
— SPEAKS ON THE COUNTRYSIDE —  
*The Fight for Beauty*  
St John the Baptist, Fifield,  
Oxfordshire  
6PM • SEPTEMBER 9<sup>TH</sup>

- Formerly Secretary to the Council for National Parks, and Director of the Campaign to Preserve Rural England.
- Now Chair of the Governing Council of the Royal Agricultural University, and the Cathedral's Fabric Commission for England.
- Currently High Sheriff for Gloucestershire.

### Weds 9 Sep 6pm Fifield Church

Dame Fiona Reynods, author of *The Fight for Beauty*, is coming to Fifield

Church on 9th September to talk about Protecting the English Countryside and its Heritage. Dame Fiona is widely recognised as one of the UK's most respected leaders in conservation, public service, and education. Over several decades she has shaped national thinking on heritage, landscape protection, and rural policy, and continues to play an influential role across public and charitable institutions. Tickets are £20 to include Drinks at Fifield House after the Talk. Tickets go to [Goodhub.com](http://Goodhub.com) (and search for Dame Fiona and you can opt out at every stage of paying for more than the price of the tickets) or from Catherine Hitchens 01993 831881 email: [catherine.lordlandry@gmail.com](mailto:catherine.lordlandry@gmail.com)

### SUNDAY 30 AUGUST – TRINITY 13

11.00am United Benefice Holy Communion **Fifield**

**Readings (Related):** Jeremiah 15.15-21 Psalm 26.1-8 Romans 12.9-end Matthew 16.21-end

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