



Fortnightly Church News for 13 & 20 Sep 2026

WychwoodBenefice

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

SUNDAY 13 SEPTEMBER – TRINITY 15

11.00am United Benefice Holy Communion **Shipton**

PRAYERS & READINGS - TRINITY 15 YEAR A

Collect Lord God, defend your Church from all false teaching and give to your people knowledge of your truth, that we may enjoy eternal life in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Post Communion Keep, O Lord, your Church, with your perpetual mercy; and, because without you our human frailty cannot but fall, keep us ever by your help from all things hurtful, and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Readings (Related): Genesis 50.15-21, Romans 14.1-12 Matthew 18.21-35

Weddings: Kelly and Daniel in Milton on 18 September. Alex and Ieva in Shipton on 19 September.

SUNDAY 20 SEPTEMBER – TRINITY 16

9.30am Harvest Festival Holy Communion **Milton**

11.00am Harvest Festival followed by lunch **Idbury**

11.00am Holy Communion **Shipton**

PRAYERS & READINGS - TRINITY 16 YEAR A

Collect Lord of creation, whose glory is around and within us: open our eyes to your wonders, that we may serve you with reverence and know your peace at our lives' end, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Post Communion Almighty God, you have taught us through your Son that love is the fulfilling of the law: grant that we may love you with our whole heart and our neighbours as ourselves; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Readings (Related): Jonah 3.10-end of 4, Philippians 1.21-end Matthew 20.1-16

Mid-Week Communion Weds 10am Milton



Ride & Stride 12 September 2026

Heather and Liz are once again taking part, raising funds for Milton church.

You can sponsor Liz online goodhub.com/go/lizwattsrideandstride-2026

Or if you'd like to take part yourself, all details are here: <https://ohct.org.uk/ride-and-stride/>

Care Homes:

Mon 14 September 2.15pm Holy Communion Tall Trees.

Mon 14 September 2.30pm Holy Communion Old Prebendal.

Fri 2 October 10.30am Holy Communion The Paddocks.



Harvest Festivals

Milton: Sun 20 Sep 9.30am Harvest Festival Communion.

Idbury: Sun 20 Sep 11am Harvest Festival followed by lunch in the church (£10). Please book with Mary 07854 252208 or Jenny 07968 956298.

Fifield: Sun 4 Oct 11am Harvest Festival.

Shipton: Sun 4 Oct 6pm Harvest Festival.

Wychwood Primary School Harvest Fri 2 Oct 9.30am Shipton church.

Fifield Harvest Supper Saturday 3 October Parish Hall 7 for 7.30pm.

Harvest donations – produce, store cupboard items etc will go to the Life Larder:

<https://wychwoodlife.org/whats-on/Cost-Of-Living-Support>



Meetings

Milton PCC: Thurs 24 Sep 10.45am Milton Church Room.

Shipton PCC: Thurs 24 Sep 6.30 in church.

Fifield with Idbury PCC: Thurs 8 Oct 2.30pm, The Old Farmhouse, Fifield.

Planning Meeting: Monday 19 October 10am in Milton Church Room.

To look at services and events for next year up to the end of April.

Fellowship of St Birinus On Sunday 20th September James Walmsley and Catherine Hitchens will be entered into the Fellowship of St Birinus by Bishop Gavin at Dorchester Abbey. The service at 5pm is open to all. The Fellowship is a modest way in which people who have given exceptional service in some way or other to their church and community over a number of years can be honoured.



Celebrating Sarah's 25th Anniversary of Priesthood 26 & 27 September

Sarah will be undertaking a reading of the Gospel across the benefice on Saturday 26 September.

Starting in Idbury church at 8.30am with Matthew (the following times are approximate start times): 10.30/11am in Fifield (Mark); 1-1.30pm in Milton (Luke); and 3-3.30pm in Shipton (John). Everyone welcome to come to part of all of the day. It will finish in time to come together at the Benefice Harvest Supper at 6.30pm in Milton Village Hall. See Harvest notice above for booking details.

Then on Sunday 27 September we will celebrate Sarah's anniversary at the United Benefice service in Milton.

Shipton Prize Draw: August winning numbers this month were 15 and 132.

Memory Lane Café: Mon 21 September 10am-12pm Old Prebendal.

For people experiencing memory loss, their carers, family, friends. Contact davidensor@mac.com 07836 613540.

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

Final "encore"
concert in our
"Give What you
Can" season of
concerts 2026



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No tickets. All welcome.

"Give what you can"

The Sterna String Quartet

7pm Friday 2 October, 2026

St Simon & St Jude Church

Milton under Wychwood OX7 6LJ



Fauré String Quartet

Beethoven Op.59

No.3 In C Major

"Razumovsky"

with refreshments



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This energetic, young ensemble dedicated to giving vibrant performances brimming with passionate musical connection was formed in Manchester in 2025 at the RNCM (Royal Northern College of Music). As well as working towards recitals and several competitions, they have performed in masterclasses and received coaching from numerous esteemed professional ensembles such as the NOVO, Elias and Brodsky Quartets.

THIS CONCERT IS PART OF A PROJECT IN WHICH THE STERNA QUARTET WILL ALSO BE GIVING A WORKSHOP FOR PUPILS AT A LOCAL PRIMARY SCHOOL. GINA & MICHAEL BOCHMANN WOULD LIKE TO THANK THEIR SPONSORS, THE ASPINWALL EDUCATIONAL TRUST, AND ARCHITECTURAL HERITAGE.

Raising funds for St Mary the Virgin, Shipton under Wychwood
& St Simon & St Jude, Milton under Wychwood
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SUNDAY 27 SEPTEMBER – TRINITY 17

9.30am United Benefice Holy Communion Milton

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Readings(Related): Ezekiel 18.1-4, 25-end, Philippians 2.1-13 Matthew 21.23-32

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