



Fortnightly Church News for 11 & 18 Oct 2026

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

SUNDAY 11 OCTOBER – TRINITY 19

11.00am United Benefice Holy Communion **Shipton**

PRAYERS & READINGS - TRINITY 19 YEAR A

Collect Faithful Lord, whose steadfast love never ceases and whose mercies never come to an end: grant us the grace to trust you and to receive the gifts of your love, new every morning, in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Post Communion Holy and blessed God, you have fed us with the body and blood of your Son and filled us with your Holy Spirit: may we honour you, not only with our lips but in lives dedicated to the service of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Readings (Related): Isaiah 25.1-9 Philippians 4.1-9 Matthew 22.1-14

SUNDAY 18 OCTOBER – TRINITY 20

9.30am Holy Communion **Milton**

11.00am BCP Holy Communion **Fifield**

11.00am Holy Communion **Shipton**

PRAYERS & READINGS - TRINITY 20 YEAR A

Collect God, our light and our salvation: illuminate our lives, that we may see your goodness in the land of the living, and looking on your beauty may be changed into the likeness of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Post Communion God our Father, whose Son, the light unailing, has come from heaven to deliver the world from the darkness of ignorance: let these holy mysteries open the eyes of our understanding that we may know the way of life, and walk in it without stumbling; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Readings (Related): Isaiah 45.1-7 1 Thessalonians 1.1-10 Matthew 22.15-22

Mid-Week Communion Weds 10am Milton

Prayer List: Alistair.

Confirmations: Montague who is currently preparing for confirmation.

Weddings: Charlotte and Charlie who are having a Blessing in Shipton church on Friday 16 October.

Care Homes:

Mon 12 October 2.30pm Holy Communion Old Prebendal.

Mon 2 November 2.15pm Holy Communion Tall Trees.

Fri 6 November 10.30am Holy Communion The Paddocks.

Meetings

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

Shipton PCC: Monday 23 November 6pm at the Vicarage.

Milton PCC: Thurs 3 December 10.45am Milton Church Room.

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.

Memory Lane Café: Mon 19 October 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.

Thank you from Sarah - 25th Anniversary of Priesthood

A huge thank you to you all for making the weekend so special for me. The gifts were incredibly generous but more importantly for me were the warmth and good wishes from you all.

I was also challenged to read again the words of my ordination service. The enormity of the promises I made was tempered by the fact that I am so well supported by you all. Your thoughts and prayers are hugely important and I pray that together we can continue to grow the Body of Christ in our communities over the next few years.

I feel very spoiled and shall enjoy spending my theatre tickets and enjoying a meal out. Thank you once again Sarah

"Give What You Can"

Fundraising Concerts 2026



THANK YOU!

We will announce the total amount raised (which will be shared between Milton and Shipton churches) shortly. In the meantime, a huge thank you to

everyone who worked so hard to help put on SIX concerts (plus encore concert) this year. There is a lot of work behind the scenes from cleaning the churches, organising refreshments, helping promote the events and then welcoming audiences and clearing up afterwards.

Thanks to all who came and supported them and enjoyed the wonderful mix of music and donated generously.

Thank you to all the musicians who delighted us with their talents. We had a diverse mix of musical styles but all had worked so hard to give such incredibly professional performances.

Finally thank you to our sponsor **YAP (Young Artists Platform)**. Putting on a concert is expensive. Without the help of our sponsor, we wouldn't have been able to run 6 + 1 concerts as *Give What You Can* events, making them inclusive events for all. We certainly wouldn't have raised as much money without sponsorship.

What next? We are currently looking into next year's season. Because of the tremendous amount of work they take, we've decided to run just 4 *Give What You Can* concerts next year. If you have any suggestions of local choirs/bands/groups who would be willing to come and be part of our 2027 fundraising season please let Clare Harper know asap.

David Ensor's next walk: The Via Francigena Pilgrim Route

The 250mile walk has begun!

My endeavour is to raise a few bob for the church heating installation in St Mary's, but I totally understand that this year everyone has contributed to the concerts and may not feel able to continue making donations.

However, if you can make a donation, please make it through my fundraising page below by either entering the link in your browser or using the QR Code.

<https://microul.app/kr7Qzm>



If you're interested in my progress, I shall be writing a daily blog of my trip which can be found at: davidscamino26.wordpress.com/
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Sunday 25 October 6pm
Service of Prayer & Reflection
to Commemorate All Souls

St Mary the Virgin,
Shipton under Wychwood



There will be an opportunity to light a candle in memory of loved ones who have died.

We will read out the names of those who have died recently. You can add names of other loved ones you would like to be remembered on arrival in church or beforehand.



SUNDAY 25 OCTOBER – BIBLE SUNDAY

9.30am United Benefice Holy Communion **Milton**

6.00pm All Souls' Service of Prayer and Reflection **Shipton**

Readings (Bible Sunday): Nehemiah 8:1-4a, 8-12, Colossians 3:12-17, Matthew 24:30-35

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