

Welcome to our first season of *give what you can* concerts supporting the parish churches of St Mary the Virgin, Shipton-under-Wychwood and St Simon and St Jude, Milton-under-Wychwood.

Our beautiful buildings not only reflect the heritage of our villages but the history of our country. Built to the glory of God, these magnificent places of worship have been spaces for community and hospitality for centuries. They now rely on the general public to keep them in good shape as we receive no national funding.

Music is a diverse but universal language that unites people across all divides. It has been shown to touch people with dementia, soothe those in distress and provide connection in sports stadiums and places of worship alike, spanning all generations around the world. What better place to enjoy the rich variety of music than these beautiful spaces.

Shipton and Milton Churches warmly thank their sponsor, **Young Artists' Platform**, for making these concerts possible and for supporting musical talent in our community. We are also grateful to our musicians and supporters, whose generosity helps keep our churches open to visitors and worshippers alike.

Please feel free to visit us again or join us for worship. Visit our website for more information at: achurchnearyou.com/wychwood-benefice

We hope this programme will provide something for everyone. Please give generously and spread the word.

Sarah Sharp

Rev Canon Sarah Sharp,
Vicar of Wychwood Benefice
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Give what you can fundraising concerts

How to Donate:

1. You can donate when you attend a concert or beforehand using the QR code below.
2. All donations will be split equally between Shipton and Milton churches.
3. If you can't attend a concert but would still like to support the upkeep of our churches you can donate at any time.



THANK YOU FOR YOUR DONATION!

There will be refreshments at all concerts: Tea, Coffee and cake/biscuits at the afternoon concerts; and wine and soft drinks at the evening concerts (donations bar).

All concerts take place in either Shipton or Milton under Wychwood parish churches:

St Mary the Virgin, Church Street, Shipton under Wychwood, Chipping Norton, Oxon OX7 6BP.

St Simon & St Jude, Church Road, Milton under Wychwood, Chipping Norton, Oxon OX7 6LJ

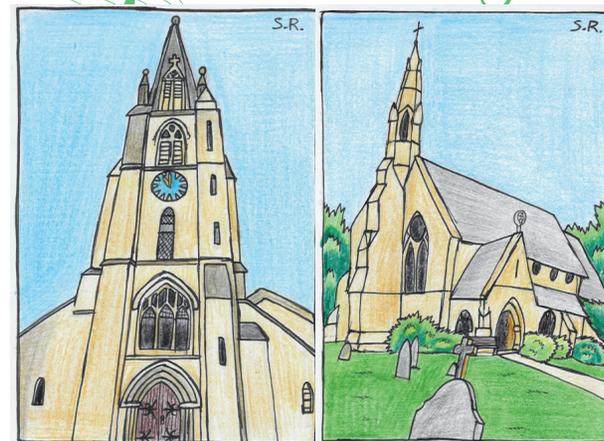
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“Give What You Can” Fundraising Concerts 2026



St Mary the Virgin,
Shipton-u-Wychwood

St Simon and St Jude,
Milton-u-Wychwood

The Sage String Quartet Sun 26 April 4pm

Deddington Brass Sat 16 May 7pm

Craig Ogden Fri 26 June 7pm

Wychcraft Rock & Pop Choir Fri 17 July 7pm

Dan Chambers Organist Sun 16 Aug 4pm

Eight in a Bar Sat 5 Sep 7pm

Sunday 26 April 4pm Milton Church
The Sage String Quartet

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. As part of an educational project run by Gina and Michael Bochmann, the Sage Quartet will perform for us Borodin String Quartet No. 2 and Haydn String Quartet Op. 20 No. 4.

Saturday 16 May 7pm Milton Church
Deddington Brass

Around the World
in 80 minutes

An evening of light music to entertain the whole family.



Deddington Brass have been performing in the local area for over 12 years in its current form, though Deddington is recorded as having a brass band back in the 1890s!

Bring a pen and join in our interactive quiz to guess from where in the world each piece of music in our concert comes from.



Friday 26 June 7pm Shipton Church
Craig Ogden

“A natural heir to John Williams”
Michael White, leading music critic

A household name to listeners of Classic FM and BBC Radio 3, both critically and popularly acclaimed with a string of No.1 recordings to his name, Australian born Craig Ogden is one of the most successful classical guitarists of his generation. Craig’s relaxed style of concert presentation, the diversity of his chosen repertoire and his virtuosity have made him a firm favourite with audiences. He has an international career as a soloist and chamber musician in recital, as a prolific recording artist and as a concerto soloist with orchestras around the world. His programme reflects the wonderful variety within the guitar repertoire and includes music by Torroba, Dyens, Llobet, Neil Gow, Piazzolla, Rameau and Bach.



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“A polished soloist”
New York Times

Friday 17 July 7pm Milton Church
Wychcraft Rock & Pop Choir

Wychcraft Rock & Pop Choir from The Wychwoods have been singing for eight years. They have fun while performing popular songs from the 60’s to modern hits. Featuring songs from Elvis, The Beatles, Queen, Mamas & Papas and many more. Don’t be surprised if you are encouraged to join in!



Sun 16 August 4pm
Shipton Church
Dan Chambers, Organ
Fireworks! Festival music for organ by English, French and Norwegian composers

Dan is the Director of Music and Sixth Form Academic Lead at The Kingsley School, Leamington Spa. Prior to taking over as Director of Music at Shipton church in 2024 he had been the Chapel Music Tutor and Organist of St Hugh's College, Oxford, for 15 years, as well Head of Music at Kingham Hill School. After graduating from Oxford, with an Organ Scholarship, and before moving into teaching full-time, he taught A Level & GCSE Music at schools in Oxford, as well as teaching organ & piano (classical & jazz) as a Visiting Music Teacher in the city.

Sat 5 Sep 7pm
Shipton Church
Eight in a Bar



Following their very successful concert in Shipton church in 2023, *Eight in a Bar* return to provide another splendid evening of varied choral music, again joined by Reuben West on harp. Formed over 20 years ago under the direction of our former Musical Director, Bernard West, the choir has consistently received *Distinction* and *Outstanding* at the Chipping Norton Music Festival.