

Building God's Kingdom on Earth

Food Bank

The churches in the Benefice have become collection points for the North Cotswold Food Bank. Sadly, this has become a vital lifeline for many in these times of financial strain.

There are stories of all kinds of people benefitting from this service, from a soldier back from Afghanistan struggling to readjust, to a schoolboy skipping school because he was embarrassed about his lack of lunch after his Dad left the family penniless. There are collection boxes in Shipton, Milton, Fifield and Idbury churches and if you are able to donate packets or tins that would be brilliant.

Pastoral Care Team

The churches in the Benefice have a pastoral care team. These are people who are trained and supported to visit people who are in any kind of need, or feeling lonely and isolated. If you know someone who would appreciate a listening ear, contact us on: 01993 832467.

As the church in this community, we are constantly thinking about how we can contribute more. We are, of course, a prayerful, worshipping community, praying about the concerns of the village and individuals within it. There are wider essential roles, which are our privilege to fulfil, such as being with people at significant moments; for example, births, marriages and deaths. However, we do not simply want to 'keep the show on the road', although that is very important. We



want to continue serving our children both in school and beyond. We want to develop our pastoral care team, so they are trained and able to serve those in our nursing homes, day centre and community.

Help Us Serve this Community

We want to continue to offer support for all kinds of people at their various points of need; recently bereaved, parents, people who are lonely, anyone whom we can serve. Our vision: to build God's Kingdom here on earth as in heaven, is infinite - but our resources are not.

We depend entirely upon voluntary contributions raised within the community to keep our churches open and a vicar in place. There is no central funding from the wider church or government. Would you be willing to help us to continue to serve this community?

If you were able to give the cost of a coffee a month, £2.50, that would make a huge difference. If you were able to give the cost of a bottle of wine a month, we could think beyond 'keeping the show on the road' and towards a secure future for our parish churches. Whatever you can afford would be much appreciated. Please contact us at the Centre on: 01993832467. Thank you for being part of what makes this a special community. I pray that, together, we can see this place flourish and grow. With love,

Rev'd Kate