

THE BENEFICE OF TETBURY, BEVERSTON, LONG NEWNTON & SHIPTON MOYNE

Presentation of Christ in the Temple: 2nd February 2020

We are delighted to welcome all visitors and those who are new to our Churches. Please make yourself known to us.

The hymn numbers are shown on our display board(s).

For services of Holy Communion, if you would require a gluten-free wafer, or would like us to bring communion to you, please speak to our Welcomers at the door of the church.

WORSHIP TODAY

Tetbury	8.30am	Holy Communion
	10.00am	Parish Communion The Revd Ian Aveyard
Beverston	10.00am	Matins Wardens
Long Newton	9.30am	Holy Communion The Revds Richard and Margaret Maslen
Shipton Moyne	11.15am	Holy Communion The Revds Richard and Margaret Maslen

Prayers for this Sunday

Almighty and ever-living God, clothed in majesty, whose beloved Son was this day presented in the Temple, in substance of our flesh: grant that we may be presented to you with pure and clean hearts, by your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Lord, you fulfilled the hope of Simeon and Anna, who lived to welcome the Messiah: may we, who have received these gifts beyond words, prepare to meet Christ Jesus when he comes to bring us to eternal life; for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **Amen.**



BENEFICE NEWS

Volunteer needed to manage our gift aid claims. This is an essential role. When people donate to our Church through Gift Aid, it means we can claim an extra 25p on every £1 donated. This means our Gift Aid Claims Manager plays a vital role in supporting the finances of the church. You will need to be confident in computer skills – training, support and software provided. Please talk to Mike Hardwick (Treasurer) or Poppy for more information. Thank you!

The **Second Sunday** cash collection in Tetbury Church next week is in aid of Hope for Tomorrow.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Christian Aid staff member, Emma Nutbrown, is coming to **Christ Church** on **TODAY** to speak about her recent visit to Israel and the Occupied Palestinian Territories. Emma is speaking at the service, then after the service, we will have coffee and Palestinian-style light refreshments in the foyer at 11.30am, and then at 11.45am anyone who wishes to will go back into church to hear Emma tell some more stories and show pictures of Palestinian Christians, life in a refugee camp and the situation in Bethlehem today. We will finish by 12.15pm. We welcome all our friends in Tetbury churches to come and join us from 11.30am after their own services if they are able to.

Wednesday 12th February, 7-8pm, in St Marys' Church. I am so grateful for all the kind support for my sabbatical leave. If you are interested, please do come along to hear a little about my experiences during that time, focussing particularly on the 30-day retreat. Everyone is welcome. With thanks, Poppy

Sunday 16th February - something new for Valentine's. This year, at 10am in Tetbury we have a special service of Love and Commitment. Our theme is love in all its wonderful shapes and sizes – from marriage, friendships and parenting, to our commitment to caring for others and for the world. And of course God's wonderful and faithful love for us. There will be favourite hymns, readings and prayers on the theme, with special activities for our Little Fishes Sunday School. Please do invite friends, neighbours and family. We are also sending invitations to couples of who have been married at St Marys' recently ... so do tell anyone you know who was married here. And there's bubbly and cake afterwards, to continue the celebration.

Time to book your tickets for our **3rd Murder Mystery extravaganza!** This year you'll meet all sorts of familiar faces in very unfamiliar guises as we challenge you to deduce WHO KILLED THE FEOFFEE? Lots of local colour and scandal – eat, drink and be entertained. **SATURDAY 15TH FEBRUARY @ 1430 & 1900** in church. Tickets £10 each inc some great refreshments from Church Office or Tourist Information. Tetbury as you've never seen it before...

When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favour of God was upon him.

Gospel

Luke 2.22-40

When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, Mary and Joseph brought Jesus up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord. (as it is written in the law of the Lord, ‘Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord’), and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, ‘a pair of turtle-doves or two young pigeons.’

Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord’s Messiah. Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying, ‘Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel.’ And the child’s father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, ‘This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed – and a sword will pierce your own soul too.’ There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshipped there with fasting and prayer night and day. At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem.

As our beautiful churchyard in Beverston is bursting forth with snowdrops, proving that Spring is on the way, we will be having Teas & Homemade Cakes **1.30 to 3.30 in the Church.** Do come and enjoy these and maybe a stroll around the Village and Churchyard.

There will be a meeting for the Tetbury Church flower team on **Wed 12th Feb at 10am** in Church. Anyone wishing to join us will be very welcome.

Introductory presentation on Children's Mental Health. You are welcome to attend any of the dates/times. You don't need to have a child at St Mary's or SWR to attend the presentations at those venues. If you know a parent, carer, grandparent or someone who works with children who would like to come they too are more than welcome to any of the presentations
Please see poster at the back of church for further details of times and venues.



REQUESTS AND THANK YOUS

Help! A team of willing volunteers is required to help out at social events. The first one being the Murder Mystery Saturday 15th Feb. There will be two sittings 2.30pm with afternoon tea & 7pm a ploughman supper. Please speak to Michèle, Margo or Diana Sharp for further details.

iSingPop Celebrate Please sign up at the back of St Marys' Church if you can help us at our next session on **Sunday 9th February.** St Marys will be supplying the food for this session so please sign the food request sheet if you can provide this. Thank you.



PRAYER DIARY

Praying for St Mary's School: Year 5 Ash Class with Mr Jones - Mrs Rudge

Benefice Cycle of Prayer: Chalice Assistants

Tetbury Praying the Town: Beech Tree Gardens, Gastrell Court, Courthouse Road & The Retreat

Prayer List (please pray for the sick and departed)

Monday: Robert, David, Emma

Tuesday: Wally, Alex, Sophie, Janet and Derek

Wednesday: Peter Parkhouse, Anne

Thursday: Derek, Lisa, Patrick, Janet

Friday: Freya, Thomas, Stuart

Departed: Georgina “Betty” Oakley

Years Mind: Edwin Gillman (7/2), Anthony Hawkins (9/2)

(“Year’s Mind” is to mark the first anniversary of a death – often a difficult time for family and friends)

BENEFICE DIARY FOR THE WEEK BEGINNING MONDAY 3rd FEBRUARY 2020

Wednesday	9.30am	Tetbury	Holy Communion
	7.30pm	Tetbury	Choir Practice
Friday	1.00pm	Long Newton	Funeral of Georgina "Betty" Oakley

WORSHIP NEXT WEEK

Tetbury	8.30am	Holy Communion
	10.00am	Parish Communion
		The Revds Richard and Margaret Maslen
Primary School	4.00pm	ISingPop Celebrate
		The Revd Poppy Hughes, Rector
Beverston	10.00am	Holy Communion
		The Poppy Hughes, Rector
Long Newton	11.15am	Matins
		Martin Green, Reader
Shipton Moyne	11.15am	Matins
		The Poppy Hughes, Rector

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Please contact our Benefice Office with **notices and prayer requests**. Weekly deadline: 8.30am, Thursday.
75 words max please.

Presentation of Christ in the Temple

Old Testament

Malachi 3.1-5

Thus says the Lord God: See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight – indeed, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the LORD in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the LORD as in the days of old and as in former years.

Then I will draw near to you for judgement; I will be swift to bear witness against the sorcerers, against the adulterers, against those who swear falsely, against those who oppress the hired workers in their wages, the widow, and the orphan, against those who thrust aside the alien, and do not fear me, says the LORD of hosts.

New Testament

Hebrews 2.14-18

Since the children share flesh and blood, Jesus himself likewise shared the same things, so that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death. For it is clear that he did not come to help angels, but the descendants of Abraham. Therefore he had to become like his brothers and sisters in every respect, so that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make a sacrifice of atonement for the sins of the people. Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.