

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

Second Sunday of Lent: 8th March 2020

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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.

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## WORSHIP TODAY

Tetbury	8.30am	Holy Communion
	10.00am	Parish Communion The Revd Rob Church
Beverston	10.00am	Holy Communion The Revd Canon Barry Raven
Long Newnton	11.15am	Matins Martin Green, Reader
Shipton Moyne	11.15am	Matins Sarah Parton, Reader

## Prayers for this Sunday

Almighty God, by the prayer and discipline of Lent may we enter into the mystery of Christ's sufferings, and by following in his Way come to share in his glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Almighty God, you see that we have no power of ourselves to help ourselves: keep us both outwardly in our bodies, and inwardly in our souls; that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



## BENEFICE NEWS

**LENT 2020.** Our Lent home groups continue this week reflecting on The Beatitudes, and all Jesus is showing us as the essence of the Christian faith and life. Booklets are available at the back of church if you wish to study the material at home rather than joining a home group.

**WaterAid, Jars of Change, Lent Appeal 2020** During Lent you will find a large jar at the back of Tetbury Church at the Sunday Services for donations which **WaterAid** will use to fund New Water Facilities. Pick up a paper jar sleeve to put into an empty jar at home to collect your change, before bringing it to church. Try making a penny donation to your jar each time you use your toilet, have a bath or make a cup of tea. The jar sleeve is also the gift aid form which can make your donation worth an extra 25% if you pay tax. For more information please look at the notice board at the back of St Marys' Church.

YMCA President, the Archbishop of York, **Dr John Sentamu** is calling on church congregations to sign a petition in support of YMCA's campaign for the **restoration of Youth Services**. You can sign the petition online at [ymca.org.uk/churchesforyouth](http://ymca.org.uk/churchesforyouth)

The **Second Sunday cash collection** in Tetbury Church today is in aid of **Fairtrade**.

The **Traidcraft** stall will be open in Tetbury church after the 10am service.



## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

On **Fri 20th March** the choir will be joining 9 other parish choirs to sing a performance of 'St Cuthbert' in Cheltenham. A poster can be found on the notice board at the back of the church and tickets are available from Margaret Greenwood. Please support the choir as they grow and develop.

You are all invited to a breakfast on **Saturday 28th March** at 9am in Tetbury Church to help **Mary Hinton's** fundraising for the London marathon. Please sign the list at the back of church as we need to know numbers for catering purposes. Mary, "Hedgehog Mary", is running the her first ever marathon at this year's London Marathon. Mary is running for **Christian Aid** and hopes to raise **£3000**. If you would like to help Mary reach her target the details are on her just giving page <https://www.justgiving.com/Mary-Hinton1>

After Mary's breakfast on **Saturday 28th March** at about 10.30am we will be **Spring cleaning** Tetbury Church. Please sign the list at the back of church if you can help. Thank you!

everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.'

nations'). Abraham believed in the presence of the God who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

## Gospel

### John 3.1-17

There was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, 'Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.' Jesus answered him, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.' Nicodemus said to him, 'How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?' Jesus answered, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, "You must be born from above." The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.'<sup>9</sup> Nicodemus said to him, 'How can these things be?' Jesus answered him, 'Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?

'Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that



## REQUESTS AND THANK YOU

**Cheltenham Science and Literature Festivals** A team from the Diocese of Gloucester runs family activities at the Cheltenham Festivals each year. They are aiming to give people a good experience of the Church of England, even if they would not normally step into a church building. It's a great chance to connect with new people. They would love to recruit some more volunteers to their fun and friendly team - if you can chat confidently with children and their parents and teachers and would like to be involved, get in touch with Kerry Pateman [kpateman@glosdioc.org.uk](mailto:kpateman@glosdioc.org.uk) for details.

**iSingPop Celebrate** Please sign up at the back of St Marys' Church if you can help us at our next session on **Sunday 15th March**. 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

**Benefice Cycle of Prayer:** Lent Home Group leaders and hosts  
**Praying for St Mary's School** Year 1 Pear Class with Mr Foster - Mrs Amor

**Tetbury Praying the Town:** Chavenage Lane & Five Trees Close

**Prayer List** (please pray for the sick and departed)

Monday: Robert, David, Emma, Ella

Tuesday: Wally, Alex, Sophie, Janet and Derek

Wednesday: Peter Parkhouse, Anne, Maria, Ivor

Thursday: Derek, Lisa, Patrick, Janet

Friday: Freya, Thomas, Stuart

Departed: David Holborow

**Years Mind:** Madeleine Hassall (5/3), Kenyth Pride (13/3),  
Patricia Gibbons (14/3)

*("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 9th March 2020

Tuesday	2.00pm	Tetbury	Funeral of David Holborow
Wednesday	9.30am	Tetbury	Holy Communion
	7pm for 7.30pm	RAU	Deanery Synod
	7.30pm	Tetbury	Choir Practice
Thursday	8.00pm	St Michael's	Taize
Friday	10.00am	Tetbury	Choir Vocal workshop
Saturday	2.00pm	Tetbury	Choir Practice

### LENT GROUPS CONTINUE THIS WEEK

### WORSHIP NEXT WEEK

Tetbury	8.30am	Holy Communion
	10.00am	Parish Communion
		Presiding: The Revd Julie Nicholson
		Preaching: The Revd Poppy Hughes, Rector
Primary School	4.00pm	ISingPop Celebrate
		The Revd Poppy Hughes, Rector
Beverston	10.00am	Holy Communion
		The Revd Rob Church
Long Newnton	6.00pm	Evensong
		The Revd Rob Church
Shipton Moynes	11.15am	Holy Communion
		The Revd Canon Barry Raven

### BENEFICE CONTACT DETAILS

**Rector:** The Revd Poppy Hughes, The Vicarage, 6 The Green, Tetbury GL8 8DN ♦ Email: [poppy\\_hughes@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:poppy_hughes@hotmail.co.uk)  
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## Second Sunday of Lent

### Old Testament

### Genesis 12.1-4a

The LORD said to Abram, 'Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.' So Abram went, as the LORD had told him; and Lot went with him.

### New Testament

### Romans 4.1-5,13-17

What are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh? For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. For what does the scripture say? 'Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness.' Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due. But to one who without works trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness.

For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation. For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, 'I have made you the father of many