

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

Third Sunday before Lent: 9th February 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 Revds Richard and Margaret Maslen
Primary School	4.00pm	ISingPop Celebrate The Revd Poppy Hughes, Rector
Beverston	10.00am	Holy Communion The Revd Poppy Hughes, Rector
Long Newnton	11.15am	Matins Martin Green, Reader
Shipton Moyne	11.15am	Matins The Revd Poppy Hughes, Rector

## Prayers for this Sunday

Almighty God, who alone can bring order to the unruly wills and passions of sinful humanity: give your people grace so to love what you command and to desire what you promise, that, among the many changes of this world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Merciful Father, who gave Jesus Christ to be for us the bread of life, that those who come to him should never hunger: draw us to the Lord in faith and love, that we may eat and drink with him at his table in the kingdom, where he is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **Amen.**



## BENEFICE NEWS

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

**LENT 2020.** Our Lent home groups start in the week of **Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> March**, and this year we will be reflecting on The Beatitudes, and all Jesus is showing us as the essence of the Christian faith and life. More details next week about the sessions, and how to sign up.

This morning **John Saynor and Jo Ruiz**, supported by the **choir**, will be singing 'The Old Rugged Cross' during communion in Tetbury Church.



## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> Feb, 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 16<sup>th</sup> 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 **3<sup>rd</sup> 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 FEOFEE? Lots of local colour and scandal – eat, drink and be entertained. **SATURDAY 15<sup>TH</sup>**

**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...

On **Friday 20th March** the choir will be joining 9 other parish choirs from across the diocese to sing a performance of 'St Cuthbert' in Cheltenham. This cantata features the story of St Cuthbert's life's journey to Lindisfarne and also captures his association with Iona. 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 as part of the wider diocesan choral community.

lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven. Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfil. For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, will be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.'

## New Testament

## Corinthians 2.1-12

When I came to you, brothers and sisters, I did not come proclaiming the mystery of God to you in lofty words or wisdom. For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and him crucified. And I came to you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling. My speech and my proclamation were not with plausible words of wisdom, but with a demonstration of the Spirit and of power, so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God. Yet among the mature we do speak wisdom, though it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to perish. But we speak God's wisdom, secret and hidden, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. None of the rulers of this age understood this; for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. But, as it is written, 'What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the human heart conceived, what God has prepared for those who love him' – these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. For what human being knows what is truly human except the human spirit that is within? So also no one comprehends what is truly God's except the Spirit of God. Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit that is from God, so that we may understand the gifts bestowed on us by God.

## Gospel

## Matthew 5.13-20

Jesus went up the mountain and was joined by his disciples. Then he began to teach them: 'You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot. You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hidden. No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the

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 on **Sunday 16th February**. 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.

The next **Taize** service will be on **Thursday 13th February** at St Michael's Church at 8pm. All are welcome to this candlelight service of song and prayer.

**Introductory presentation on Children's Mental Health.** You don't need to have a child at St Mary's or SWR to attend the presentations. Please see poster at the back of church for further details of times and venues.

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## REQUESTS AND THANK YOUS

**Thank you!** Audrey would like to thank everyone at St Marys' for their loving, prayerful and practical support for herself and Brian during her time of immobility. It has helped and meant so much to us both.

**The Children's Society. Thank you** to all our box holders and their continued support. We raised **£1117** in total. How many of us are aware so many of our youngsters needing our help are right under our nose? If anyone would like to have a house box for their loose change to help these vulnerable young people please ask Lynn George.

**The Prayer Circle** is part of the Prayer Ministry of the church. It provides confidential prayer by a group of people who see prayer as one of the ways to serve. To request prayer or to join our Circle please contact Barbara Ball.

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## PRAYER DIARY

**Praying for St Mary's School:** Year 5 Elm Class with Miss Snell - Mrs Lee

**Benefice Cycle of Prayer:** Benefice Administrator

**Tetbury Praying the Town:** Berkeley Way and Talboys Walk

**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: Elisabeth Harvey, Julia Clapton

**Years Mind:** 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 10th FEBRUARY 2020

Tuesday	7.00pm	Shipton Moyne	PCC meet
Wednesday	9.30am	Tetbury	Holy Communion
	10.00am	Tetbury	Flower team meet
	7.00pm	Tetbury	Poppy's talk on her Sabbatical
Thursday	7.00pm	Beverston	PCC meet
	8.00pm	St Michael's	Taize
Saturday	2.30pm	Tetbury	Murder Mystery
	7.00pm	Tetbury	Murder Mystery

### WORSHIP NEXT WEEK

Tetbury	8.30am	Holy Communion The Revd Rob Church
	10.00am	Service of Love and Commitment The Revd Poppy Hughes, Rector
Beverston	10.00am	Holy Communion The Revd Rob Church
Long Newnton	6.00pm	Evensong The Revd Poppy Hughes, Rector
Shipton Moyne	11.15am	Holy Communion The Revd Rob Church

### BENEFICE CONTACT DETAILS

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

75 words max please.

## Third Sunday before Lent

### Old Testament

### Isaiah 58.1-12

Thus says the Lord: Shout out, do not hold back! Lift up your voice like a trumpet! Announce to my people their rebellion, to the house of Jacob their sins. Yet day after day they seek me and delight to know my ways, as if they were a nation that practised righteousness and did not forsake the ordinance of their God; they ask of me righteous judgements, they delight to draw near to God. 'Why do we fast, but you do not see? Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?' Look, you serve your own interest on your fast-day, and oppress all your workers. Look, you fast only to quarrel and to fight and to strike with a wicked fist. Such fasting as you do today will not make your voice heard on high. Is such the fast that I choose, a day to humble oneself? Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush, and to lie in sackcloth and ashes? Will you call this a fast, a day acceptable to the LORD? Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the thongs of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke? Is it not to share your bread with the hungry, and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover them, and not to hide yourself from your own kin? Then your light shall break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up quickly; your vindicator shall go before you, the glory of the LORD shall be your rearguard. Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer; you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am. If you remove the yoke from among you, the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil, if you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted, then your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom be like the noonday. The LORD will guide you continually, and satisfy your needs in parched places, and make your bones strong; and you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water, whose waters never fail. Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt; you shall raise up the foundations of many generations; you shall be called the repairer of the breach, the restorer of streets to live in.