

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

Fourth Sunday of Easter: 12th May 2019

glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honour and power and might be to our God for ever and ever! Amen.' Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, 'Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?' I said to him, 'Sir, you are the one that knows.' Then he said to me, 'These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them. They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; for the Lamb at the centre of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.'

### **Gospel**

**John 10.22-30**

At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, 'How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly.' Jesus answered, 'I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. The Father and I are one.'

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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 Poppy Hughes, Rector
St Michael's	6.00pm	Service of Reflection and Prayer
Beverston	10.00am	Holy Communion The Revd Ursula Gray
Long Newnton	11.15am	Matins Martin Green, Reader
Shipton Moyne	11.15am	Matins Wardens

### **Prayers for this Sunday**

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life: raise us, who trust in him, from the death of sin to the life of righteousness, that we may seek those things which are above, where he reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Merciful Father, you gave your Son Jesus Christ to be the good shepherd, and in his love for us to lay down his life and rise again: keep us always under his protection, and give us grace to follow in his steps; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



**Thy Kingdom Come** invites all Christians to light up the world in prayer during Ascension to Pentecost praying together that more people will come to faith in Jesus Christ. It was started by the Archbishops of Canterbury and York in 2016 and is now a worldwide and ecumenical call to prayer. We are invited each to pray for five individuals to come to faith in Jesus Christ. This year we will begin Thy Kingdom Come with our Ascension Day Service at 7pm on 30th May and mark the end at Pentecost on Sunday 9th June. Find out more about how you can join in this witness by going online: [www.thykingdomcome.global](http://www.thykingdomcome.global)

**Sue Sherwood is joining our team of Pastoral Assistants.** Many congratulations to Sue who has completed her training as a Pastoral Assistant. Sue will be commissioned at our 10am service today in Tetbury Church and will join Valerie, Michele and Sarah in the work that they do as Pastoral Assistants.

**This Sunday's cash collection in Tetbury Church** will be for **Christian Aid** as it's the start of **Christian Aid Week**. Please note that it is the loose cash collection only. If you wish to give to Christian Aid by cheque or gift aid your donation please make sure that you put your donation into a Christian Aid Envelope, available at the back of the church, before putting it on the collection plate. And do come to the Churches Together Service **tonight at St Michaels at 6pm**.

**"Prayer Ministry** is offered during the time of Communion in Tetbury church this morning. You are invited to have a short time of prayer for yourself, or those you are concerned about, with members of our congregation who are experienced in praying for people. Anything you mention will be confidential and there are leaflets at the back of church explaining more about this ministry. If you would like to receive prayer ministry today, please go to the seating by the side altar during Communion."

The Parish Office will be **closed** on Tuesday 14th May.



## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

The **next Prayer for Tetbury** meeting is on **Saturday, 18th May** 9.30-10.30 in Christ Church back hall. If you would like to come for a simple breakfast at 9.00 please let Gwyneth know by Thursday, 16th May. Our purpose is to "pray for God's transforming touch on the community of Tetbury that it might increasingly become stronger, healthier and more inclusive, built on principles of honesty, integrity, love and understanding, supported by the Body of Christ acting in unity by standing in the gap. If you would like to join us in this please do come along on Saturday morning.

## Fourth Sunday of Easter

### First Reading

### Acts 9.36-43

In Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, 'Please come to us without delay.' So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, 'Tabitha, get up.' Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

### Second Reading

### Revelation 7.9-17

After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying, 'Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!' And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshipped God, singing, 'Amen! Blessing and

## BENEFICE DIARY FOR THE WEEK BEGINNING MONDAY 13th May 2019

Wednesday	9.30am	Tetbury	Holy Communion
	1.00pm	Tetbury	Funeral of June Booy
Friday	7.15am	Tetbury	Choir rehearsal
Saturday	9.00am	Christ Church	Prayer for Tetbury

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Shipton Moyne	11.15am	Holy Communion The Revd Canon Barry Raven

### BENEFICE CONTACT DETAILS

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Website: www.tetburychurch.co.uk

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



## REQUESTS AND THANK YOUS

We had lots of families at **iSingPop Celebrate** on Sunday 28th April, with 32 children and about 20 adults, reflecting together on the theme of love. Many thanks to all who supported this as volunteers helping with the crafts and the tea. Please sign up at the back of St Marys' Church if you can help us at our next session on **Sunday 26th May**.

**The AGM of the Friends of the St Marys' Church Choir and Music** will be held on **Sunday 2nd June** at 7.15pm, following Choral Evensong at St Marys' at 6pm. This year it will be held at the Vicarage and a Light Supper will be provided for the Friends. We do hope you will come and bring anybody who would like to become a Friend. Please let me know if you will be attending in order to identify numbers for catering purposes. There will also be a Raffle and donations would be very welcome and can be given to Diana Challis or placed in the wooden chest by the font in Church. Many thanks. Carol Van-Sloots

**Cirencester Foodbank** are looking for a new Part-time Operations Manager. Please see poster at the back of church for more details.

**Only 3 slots left to fill at Tesco on Saturday 18th** to show our support for the women in Sierra Leone where 10 mothers die every day in childbirth. Can you be one of the 3? The list is at the back of the church. Thank you. And I hope to see you tonight at the service at 6pm at St Michael's when you can hear more about how Christian Aid is trying to address this problem.



## PRAYER DIARY

**Praying for St Mary's School** Year 5/6 Oak Class with Mrs Cartledge and Mrs Weston

**Tetbury Praying the Town:** Cheviot Close and Suffolk Close

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

Monday: Graham Kean, Kirsty and Dean, Chris, Honora Bateman

Tuesday: Sue, David, Liz Eaton, Oscar, Sophie & Jay

Wednesday: Sheila Little, George and Jemer, Peter Parkhouse

Thursday: Joyce and Joe, John Lye, Robert, Barbara Hartree

Friday: Freya, Clive and Tony, Victor, Daphne

Departed: June Booy, Syv Dibben, Harold Baker

**Years Mind:** Leonard Smith (10/5) ("Year's Mind" is to mark the first anniversary of a death – often a difficult time for family and friends)