

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

Third Sunday of Lent: 15th March 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 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 Moyne	11.15am	Holy Communion The Revd Canon Barry Raven

Prayers for this Sunday

Almighty God, whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain, and entered not into glory before he was crucified: mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace; 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 Lord, grant your people grace to withstand the temptations of the world, the flesh and the devil, and with pure hearts and minds to follow you, the only God; 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. For more information please look at the notice board at the back of St Marys' Church.

Planning for Holy Week. Do please think ahead about your commitments in Holy Week, and make time to come to services through the week at 7pm Monday - Thursday, then 2pm on Good Friday with the Evensong of the Burial of Christ at 7pm in Shipton Moyne. Please see the leaflets at the back of church for more details.

With great disappointment it has been decided that, in line with guidance regarding coronavirus, **the choir will no longer** be participating in the Gloucester RSCM performance of St Cuthbert on Friday 20th March. Please hold the choir in your prayers as they continue to support our worship at St Marys.

Request for help from Poppy. As Chair of St Marys' PCC (Parochial Church Council) I **urgently need someone please to take minutes** at our five PCC meetings over the coming year, and also at our annual general meeting in April. I am happy to distribute the agenda and papers, while we try to recruit a PCC Secretary. However it would be incredibly helpful to have someone just to take minutes for the time being. The meetings are all held at St Mary's School at 7/7.30pm. The upcoming dates are: Tue 28 April, Tue 26 May, Thu 23 July, Tue 13 Oct, Thu 14 Jan & Tue 9 March. Please talk to me (Poppy) if you think you can help out. Thank you so much.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Come and Pray for Tetbury on **Saturday 21st March** at 9.30 in Christ Church Hall, The Chipping. All are very welcome. If you would like to come for breakfast at 9.00 please let Gwyneth know by Wednesday, 18th March

Come to a breakfast on **Saturday 28th March** at 9am in Tetbury Church to help **Mary Hinton's** fundraising for the London marathon. In aid of Christian Aid. Please sign the list at the back of church as we need to know numbers.

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.

Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, 'What do you want?' or, 'Why are you speaking with her?' Then the woman left her water-jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, 'Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?' They left the city and were on their way to him.

Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, 'Rabbi, eat something.' But he said to them, 'I have food to eat that you do not know about.' So the disciples said to one another, 'Surely no one has brought him something to eat?' Jesus said to them, 'My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work. Do you not say, "Four months more, then comes the harvest"? But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting. The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. For here the saying holds true, "One sows and another reaps." I sent you to reap that for which you did not labour. Others have laboured, and you have entered into their labour.'

Many Samaritans from that city believed in Jesus because of the woman's testimony, 'He told me everything I have ever done.' So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there for two days. And many more believed because of his word. They said to the woman, 'It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Saviour of the world.'

that, we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

Gospel

John 4.5-42

Jesus came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon.

A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, 'Give me a drink.' (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) The Samaritan woman said to him, 'How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?' (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) Jesus answered her, 'If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, "Give me a drink," you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water.' The woman said to him, 'Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?' Jesus said to her, 'Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life.' The woman said to him, 'Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water.'

Jesus said to her, 'Go, call your husband, and come back.' The woman answered him, 'I have no husband.' Jesus said to her, 'You are right in saying, "I have no husband"; for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!' The woman said to him, 'Sir, I see that you are a prophet. Our ancestors worshipped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem.' Jesus said to her, 'Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.' The woman said to him, 'I know that Messiah is coming' (who is called Christ). 'When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us.' Jesus said to her, 'I am he, the one who is speaking to you.'



REQUESTS AND THANK YOUS

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 for details.

The woman of Zimbabwe planned a beautiful service for the **World Day of prayer** on 6th March. They asked that people make commitments which should then be prayed about. Some commitments made by folk attending the service at Christ Church were that we pass on God's love and pray for the UK and Tetbury, and to continue the work and growth of the "Greening Tetbury" Group. We ask that you please pray about the commitments made, as we all share in life in Tetbury.



PRAYER DIARY

Benefice Cycle of Prayer: Experience Easter" organiser, story tellers and helpers

Praying for St Mary's School Year 2 Holly Class with Mrs Miller/Mrs Spencer - Mrs S Smith/Mrs Avis

Tetbury Praying the Town: Cherry Orchard Road & Hodges 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, Billy

Departed: All those we remember with love

Years Mind: George Dowson (18/3)

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

<p align="center">BENEFICE DIARY FOR THE WEEK BEGINNING MONDAY 16th March 2020</p>

Monday	3.00pm	Tetbury	Visiting ringers
Wednesday	9.30am	Tetbury	Holy Communion
Saturday	9.30am	Christ Church	Prayer for Tetbury
	10.30am	Tetbury	Visiting ringers
	3.00pm	Tetbury	FEST Choir Practice

LENT GROUPS CONTINUE THIS WEEK

WORSHIP NEXT WEEK

Tetbury	8.30am	Holy Communion	
	10.00am	Parish Communion	
		The Revd Poppy Hughes, Rector	
Beverston	10.00am	Matins	
		The Revd Rob Church	
Long Newnton	11.15am	Holy Communion	
		The Revd M Maslen and The Revd R Maslen	
Shipton Moyne	11.15am	Family Service	
		The Revd Rob Church and the Family Worship Team	

BENEFICE CONTACT DETAILS

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Third Sunday of Lent

Old Testament

Exodus 17.1-7

From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the LORD commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. The people quarrelled with Moses, and said, 'Give us water to drink.' Moses said to them, 'Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the LORD?' But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, 'Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?' So Moses cried out to the LORD, 'What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me.' The LORD said to Moses, 'Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink.' Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarrelled and tested the LORD, saying, 'Is the LORD among us or not?'

New Testament

Romans 5.1-11

Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person – though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. Much more surely then, now that we have been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life. But more than