

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

Second Sunday of Epiphany: 19th January 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

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| Tetbury | 8.30am | Holy Communion |
| | 10.00am | Parish Communion The Revd Ian Aveyard |
| Primary School | 4.00pm | ISingPop Celebrate The Revd Poppy Hughes, Rector |
| Beverston | 10.00am | Holy Communion |
| | | Presiding: The Revd Peter Hyson |
| | | Preaching: The Revd Poppy Hughes, Rector |
| Long Lewnton | 6.00pm | Evensong Revd Poppy Hughes, Rector |
| Shipton Moyne | 11.15am | Holy Communion |
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Prayers for this Sunday

Almighty God, in Christ you make all things new: transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace, and in the renewal of our lives make known your heavenly glory; 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.**

God of glory, you nourish us with your Word who is the bread of life: fill us with your Holy Spirit that through us the light of your glory may shine in all the world. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



BENEFICE NEWS

You will be pleased to know that **Tetbury Church's Organ Scholar**, Rachel Mapp, after one year's teaching, gained **distinction** in the Grave V examination in December.

The **Traidcraft** stall will be in Tetbury church next Sunday, 26th January after the 10am service

Prayer Calendars for the first four months of the year are available at the back of Tetbury church. These are designed for those who are not always able to attend regular worship at church but are not forgotten. If you would like one of these for their devotions please take one. If you know of someone who would like one of these regularly please contact the Parish Office.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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 FEOFEE? 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...

Sunday 26th January TACT AGM and Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Service at St Michael's Church. The TACT AGM is at 4.30pm, followed by tea at 5.30pm and the Service is at 6pm. The service is a wonderful way to celebrate our life together and pray for the Church throughout the world. Do please make a commitment to join us.

Greening meeting on **Wednesday 22nd January** at 7.30pm at Christ Church. Together we can make Tetbury greener. www.greeningtetbury.org

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.

him, 'Rabbi' (which translated means Teacher), 'where are you staying?' He said to them, 'Come and see.' They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon. One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. He first found his brother Simon and said to him, 'We have found the Messiah' (which is translated Anointed). He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, 'You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas' (which is translated Peter).

together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind – just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you – so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Gospel

John 1.29-42

John the Baptist saw Jesus coming towards him and declared, 'Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! This is he of whom I said, "After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me." I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel.' And John testified, 'I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, "He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit." And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God.' The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, 'Look, here is the Lamb of God!' The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, 'What are you looking for?' They said to



REQUESTS AND THANK YOU'S

There is a planning meeting on **Wednesday 29th January** at 2pm in Christ Church for the **World Day of Prayer** service on **6th March**, and **2 people** are needed to represent Tetbury Church. Please let Poppy or Diana Sharp know if you would like to do this.

Judith would like to **thank** everyone for their prayers and messages following the death of Alan. Thank you to all those who attended his funeral and helped to make his last service in St Marys' Church so special and memorable.

Thanks so much to every one who left Christmas Messages on the '**Jesse Tree**'. It was great that so many people supported the project instead of sending individual cards. By doing this you helped to protect the environment, and raised funds for The Children's Society. We have been able to send **£113.05** to this wonderful charity, and we will certainly put the tree up again next year. Many thanks Margo and Roger.

A volunteer is needed to distribute the **Tetbury praying the town leaflets** in Bath Road (26th January). Please contact the Parish Office to arrange.

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.



PRAYER DIARY

Praying for St Mary's School Year 4 Chestnut Class with Mrs Danton/Mrs Wheeler - Miss Rush

Benefice Cycle of Prayer: Prayer Circle organiser, leaders and members; people delivering Praying the Town leaflets

Tetbury Praying the Town: Alexander Gardens, Bartley Croft & Malthouse 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: Christopher Weston, Allen Mosdell, Rose Rice, Cicely "Dinah" Smith

BENEFICE DIARY FOR THE WEEK BEGINNING MONDAY 20th January 2020

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| Monday | 2.00pm | Westerleigh | Funeral of Christopher Weston |
| Tuesday | 3.30pm | The Vicarage | Clergy and Reader team meet |
| Wednesday | 9.30am | Tetbury | Holy Communion |
| | 7.00pm | Christ Church | Greening Tetbury |
| Thursday | 7.00pm | Tetbury | Murder Mystery rehearsal |
| Friday | 10.00am | Tetbury | Choir Vocal Workshop |
| | 2.00pm | Tetbury | Funeral of Cicely "Dinah" Smith |
| Saturday | 10.00am | Tetbury | Wedding Preparation & Planning day |
| Sunday | 4.30pm | St Michael's | TACT AGM |

WORSHIP NEXT WEEK

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| | 10.00am | Parish Communion |
| St Michael's | The Revd Poppy Hughes, Rector | |
| | 6.00pm | Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Service |
| Beverston | The Revd Noel Sharp | |
| | 10.00am | Matins |
| Long Lewnton | Wardens | |
| | 11.15am | Holy Communion |
| Shipton Moyne | The Revd Canon Barry Raven | |
| | 11.15am | Family Service |
| | | The Family Worship Team |

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.

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Old Testament

Isaiah 49.1-7

Listen to me, O coastlands, pay attention, you peoples from far away! The LORD called me before I was born, while I was in my mother's womb he named me. He made my mouth like a sharp sword, in the shadow of his hand he hid me; he made me a polished arrow, in his quiver he hid me away. And he said to me, 'You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified.' But I said, 'I have laboured in vain, I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity; yet surely my cause is with the LORD, and my reward with my God.' And now the LORD says, who formed me in the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him, and that Israel might be gathered to him, for I am honoured in the sight of the LORD, and my God has become my strength – he says, 'It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to restore the survivors of Israel; I will give you as a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.' Thus says the LORD, the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One, to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nations, the slave of rulers, 'Kings shall see and stand up, princes, and they shall prostrate themselves, because of the LORD, who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you.'

New Testament

Corinthians 1.1-9

From Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes, To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints,