

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

Fifth Sunday of Easter: 19th May 2019

Second Reading

Revelation 21.1-6

I, John, saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, 'See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away.' And the one who was seated on the throne said, 'See, I am making all things new.' Also he said, 'Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.' Then he said to me, 'It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life.'

Gospel

John 13.31-35

During the supper, when Judas had gone out, Jesus said, 'Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, "Where I am going, you cannot come." I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.'

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 The Revd Ian Aveyard
Beverston	10.00am	Holy Communion The Revd Ursula Gray
Long Newnton	6.00pm	Evensong Churchwardens
Shipton Moyne	11.15am	Holy Communion The Revd Canon Barry Raven

Prayers for this Sunday

Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ have overcome death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: grant that, as by your grace going before us you put into our minds good desires, so by your continual help we may bring them to good effect; through Jesus Christ our risen Lord. **Amen.**

Eternal God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life: grant us to walk in his way, to rejoice in his truth, and to share his risen life; who is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **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

The Peace, Justice and Integrity of Gods Creation, sub group of Tetbury Area Churches Together are challenging the residents of Tetbury to try and reduce their plastic usage during the month of June. Over the next two weeks there will be a display at the back of Tetbury church giving hints and tips on how to reduce plastic usage in our lives. We don't expect you to do them all, but if everyone could commit to doing one or two of the things on the list, think of all the plastic we could stop going to landfill. There are also leaflets to take away including a list of where you can get alternatives to plastic. If you are willing to take up the challenge, please fill in a commitment slip and pop it in the box.

The **Traidcraft stall** will be open this morning at the front of Tetbury church.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Mothers' Union will meet this week at 2:30 pm on **Tuesday 21st May**. Please feel free to come and join us for an afternoon of fun and fellowship.

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

Fifth Sunday of Easter

First Reading

Acts 11.1-18

The apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, saying, 'Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?' Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, 'I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. I also heard a voice saying to me, "Get up, Peter; kill and eat." But I replied, "By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth." But a second time the voice answered from heaven, "What God has made clean, you must not call profane." This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, "Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved." And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, "John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit." If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?' When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, 'Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life.'

**BENEFICE DIARY FOR THE WEEK BEGINNING
MONDAY 20th May 2019**

Tuesday	2.30pm		MU meeting
	4.00pm		Visiting Group meeting
Wednesday	9.30am	Tetbury	Holy Communion
Thursday	7.30pm	Tetbury	Archdeacon Visitation Service
Friday	3.00pm	Long Newnton	Wedding rehearsal
	7.15pm	Tetbury	Choir rehearsal
Saturday	2.00pm	Long Newnton	Wedding of William Ford and Harriet Sampson

WORSHIP NEXT WEEK

Tetbury	8.30am	Holy Communion
	10.00am	Parish Communion
Primary School	4.00pm	ISingPop Celebrate The Revd Poppy Hughes, Rector
Beverston	10.00am	Matins The Revd Rob Church
Long Newnton	11.15am	Holy Communion The Revd Rob Church
Shipton Moyne	11.15am	Family Service 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.

Tetbury Church bell tower will be open on **Monday 27th May for Woolsack Day** from 10am until 2pm. £5 adults, £1 children over 8. No children under 8 allowed. Children between 8 and 16 must be accompanied by an adult. Coffee will be served in Church. Places are limited, so to book, please contact the Parish Office (office@tetburychurch.co.uk) or the tower captain (bells@tetburychurch.co.uk). We are also looking for volunteers to help chaperone visitors up and down the tower. If you are able to assist, please contact the office or tower captain. **Last tour starts at 1.20.**

Thursday 30th May is Ascension Day. There will be a Benefice Communion Service in Tetbury Church at 7.00pm

The **Evening fete** will be on **Sunday June 9th** from 2pm and includes duck races, fun dog show, raffle, tombola, cakes and much more. See poster for more details.



PRAYER DIARY

Praying for St Mary's School Year 5/6 Ash Class with Mr Godfrey and Mrs Rudge

Tetbury Praying the Town: Court Field

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: Sylvia Dibben, Harold Baker, Catherine Freeth

Years Mind: Stefan Cherreson (26/5) (*"Year's Mind"* is to mark the first anniversary of a death – often a difficult time for family and friends)