

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

Sunday next before Lent: 23rd February 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
		The Revd Poppy Hughes, Rector
Beverston	10.00am	Matins Wardens
Long Newnton	11.15am	Holy Communion The Revd Rob Church
Shipton Moyne	11.15am	Family Service The Family Worship Team

Prayers for this Sunday

Almighty Father, whose Son was revealed in majesty before he suffered death upon the cross: give us grace to perceive his glory, that we may be strengthened to suffer with him and be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Holy God, we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ: may we who are partakers at his table reflect his life in word and deed, that all the world may know his power to change and save. This we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



BENEFICE NEWS

LENT 2020. Our Lent home groups start in the week of **Mon 2nd 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. Please pick up a leaflet and sign up if you don't already belong to a group, and would like to join one.

My next chapter... Even though it feels like I have only just arrived, my curacy with you comes to an end in July. I am delighted to say that after this, I have been offered a Commission to serve as a Chaplain in the Royal Navy (subject to the usual DBS and legal procedures). We will circulate more details when we have them. Please do pray for Frankie and Clarissa as we all prepare to move and begin this next stage. Rob Church.

The **Traidcraft stall** will be open in Tetbury church after the 10am service.

Good hygiene practices. On Government advice, this is a reminder of the usual best practice for good hygiene in church: anyone with coughs and sneezes should refrain from handshaking during The Peace, and receive Communion in one kind only (intinction – dipping the host in the wine - is *not* advised as this represents an infection transmission route). We also have hand sanitiser available, including for use by the priest presiding at the Eucharist. Please speak to Poppy if you have any concerns. Thank you.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

On **Fri 20th March** the choir will be joining 9 other parish choirs to sing a performance of 'St Cuthbert' in Cheltenham. 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.

Our lent Observance begins with our **Ash Wednesday Service** in Tetbury Church at 7pm on **Wednesday 26th February**.

World Day of Prayer on **Friday 6th March** at 2.00pm at Christ Church. All are welcome.

You are all invited to a breakfast on **Saturday 28th March** at 9am in Tetbury Church to help **Mary Hinton's** fundraising for the London marathon. Please sign the list at the back of church as we need to know numbers for catering purposes. Mary, "Hedgehog Mary", is running the her first ever marathon at this year's London Marathon. Mary is running for **Christian Aid** and hopes to raise **£3000**. If you would like to help Mary reach her target the details are on her just giving page <https://www.justgiving.com/Mary-Hinton/>

After Mary's breakfast 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. Thank you!

So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation, because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

Gospel

Matthew 17.1-9

Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. Then Peter said to Jesus, 'Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.' While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!' When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, 'Get up and do not be afraid.' And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone.

As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, 'Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead.'



REQUESTS AND THANK YOUS

A **big thank** you to all those who have welcomed visitors to the Church and stewarded in the shop over the last year. **Church Stewarding 2020** will commence at the beginning of April. **All Stewards are invited to a Coffee Morning in Church on Tuesday March 3rd at 10.30 am.** This is an opportunity for our Stewards to meet each other to hear a review of 2019 and the plans for the year ahead.. We hope as many Stewards as possible will be able to come . **We do need more stewards** so, anyone interested is very welcome to come along, without obligation, just two and a half hours once a month (or more!) is a great help. If you have any questions please ask Diana Challis.

Sharing a book with a young person is a rewarding experience. The children at St Mary's Primary School would welcome the opportunity to read, one to one with an adult volunteer. Please see Poppy if you are interested.

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the 2nd Sunday Cash collection in Tetbury Church in February which raised **£99** for Hope for Tomorrow.

A volunteer is needed to distribute the **Tetbury praying the town leaflets** in Chavenage Lane and Five Trees Close (1st March). Please contact the Parish Office to arrange.



PRAYER DIARY

Baptisms: Please pray for **Thomas King** who will be baptised in Tetbury Church next Sunday and his parents and God parents.

Praying for St Mary's School: Reception / year 1 Cherry Class with Mrs Boswell - Mrs Bell

Benefice Cycle of Prayer: All who maintain rotas

Tetbury Praying the Town: Braybrooke 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

Departed: Julia Clapton, David Holborow, Stephen Kirkby

Years Mind: Jennifer Bridgeman (23/2), Isobel "Liz" Harrison (24/2) ("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 24th FEBRUARY 2020</p>
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Monday	1.30pm	Cheltenham Crematorium	Funeral of Julia Clapton
Ash Wednesday	9.30am	Tetbury	Holy Communion
	7.00pm	Tetbury	Holy Communion with ashing
Saturday	3.00pm	Tetbury	Choir practice

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BENEFICE CONTACT DETAILS

Rector: The Revd Poppy Hughes, The Vicarage, 6 The Green, Tetbury GL8 8DN ♦ Email: poppy_hughes@hotmail.co.uk
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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

Exodus 24.12-18

The LORD said to Moses, 'Come up to me on the mountain, and wait there; and I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction.' So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God. To the elders he had said, 'Wait here for us, until we come to you again; for Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them.'

Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. The glory of the LORD settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the cloud. Now the appearance of the glory of the LORD was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the people of Israel. Moses entered the cloud, and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

New Testament

2 Peter 1.16-21

We did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. For he received honour and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, 'This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.' We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain.