

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

Third Sunday of Epiphany: 26th 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

Tetbury	8.30am	Holy Communion
	10.00am	Parish Communion The Revd Poppy Hughes, Rector
St Michael's	6.00pm	Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Service Dave Nelson, Five Valleys
Beverston	10.00am	Matins
		The Revds Richard and Margaret Maslen
Long Lewnton	11.15am	Holy Communion The Revd Canon Barry Raven
Shipton Moyne	11.15am	Family Service The Family Worship Team

Prayers for this Sunday

Almighty God, whose Son revealed in signs and miracles the wonder of your saving presence: renew your people with your heavenly grace, and in all our weakness sustain us by your mighty power; 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.**

Almighty Father, whose Son our Saviour Jesus Christ is the light of the world: may your people, illumined by your word and sacraments, shine with the radiance of his glory, that he may be known, worshipped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **Amen.**



BENEFICE NEWS

Volunteer needed to manage our gift aid claims. This is an **essential** role. When people donate to our Church through Gift Aid, it means we can claim an extra 25p on every £1 donated. This means our Gift Aid Claims Manager plays a vital role in supporting the finances of the church. You will need to be confident in computer skills – training, support and software provided. Please talk to Mike Hardwick (Treasurer) or Poppy for more information. Thank you!

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



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

This afternoon 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.

Christian Aid staff member, Emma Nutbrown, is coming to **Christ Church** on **Sunday 2nd February** to speak about her recent visit to Israel and the Occupied Palestinian Territories. Emma is speaking at the service, then after the service, we will have coffee and Palestinian-style light refreshments in the foyer at 11.30am, and then at 11.45am anyone who wishes to will go back into church to hear Emma tell some more stories and show pictures of Palestinian Christians, life in a refugee camp and the situation in Bethlehem today. We will finish by 12.15pm We welcome all our friends in Tetbury churches to come and join us from 11.30am after their own services if they are able to.

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.

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 FEOFFEE? 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...

For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

Gospel

Matthew 4.12-23

When Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the lake, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: 'Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali, on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles – the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned.' From that time Jesus began to proclaim, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.'

As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the lake – for they were fishermen. And he said to them, 'Follow me, and I will make you fish for people.' Immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him.

Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

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 **another person** needed to represent Tetbury Church. Please let Poppy or Diana Sharp know if you would like to do this.

There will be a meeting for the Tetbury Church flower team on **Wednesday 12th February at 10am** in Church. Anyone wishing to join us will be very welcome.



REQUESTS AND THANK YOUS

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.

Thank you to everyone who contributed to January's Second Sunday Cash Collection in Tetbury Church, which raised **£77.40** for Tetbury Men in Sheds.



PRAYER DIARY

Praying for St Mary's School Year 4 Maple Class with Mrs Royle - Mrs Healey

Benefice Cycle of Prayer: Our Vergers, supporting families coming for baptisms, weddings and funerals

Tetbury Praying the Town: Bath Road

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: Allen Mosdell, Georgina Oakley

Years Mind: Nigel Smith (1/2), John Newman (1/2)

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

BENEFICE DIARY FOR THE WEEK BEGINNING MONDAY 27th January 2020

Monday	10.30pm	Tetbury	Funeral of Allen Mosdell
Wednesday	9.30am	Tetbury	Holy Communion
Thursday	10.00am		Prayer Circle leaders meet
	4.00pm		Visiting Group meet
	7.00pm	Tetbury	Murder Mystery rehearsal

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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.

Third Sunday of Epiphany

Old Testament

Isaiah 9.1-4

But there will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations. The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness – on them light has shined. You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian.

New Testament

1 Corinthians 1.10-18

I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you be in agreement and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same purpose. For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters. What I mean is that each of you says, 'I belong to Paul,' or 'I belong to Apollos,' or 'I belong to Cephas,' or 'I belong to Christ.' Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, so that no one can say that you were baptized in my name. I did baptize also the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else. For Christ did not send me to baptize but to proclaim the gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power.