

Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. Nothing accursed will be found there any more. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him; they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign for ever and ever.

Gospel

John 14.23-29

Jesus said to his disciples: 'Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; and the word that you hear is not mine, but is from the Father who sent me. 'I have said these things to you while I am still with you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. You heard me say to you, "I am going away, and I am coming to you." If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I. And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur, you may believe.'

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

Sixth Sunday of Easter: 26th May 2019

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
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

Prayers for this Sunday

God our redeemer, you have delivered us from the power of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of your Son: grant, that as by his death he has recalled us to life, so by his continual presence in us he may raise us to eternal joy; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord.

Amen.

God our Father, whose Son Jesus Christ gives the water of eternal life: may we thirst for you, the spring of life and source of goodness, through him who is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **Amen**



BENEFICE NEWS

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.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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

Tetbury Church bell tower will be open **tomorrow** 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. **Last tour starts at 1.20pm.** Offers of help to bells@tetburychurch.co.uk

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

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

Quiz night in aid of Hope for Justice on **Saturday 15th June** in the Dolphins Hall at 7pm. See poster at the back of church for more details.

Sixth Sunday of Easter

First Reading

Acts 16.9-15

During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, 'Come over to Macedonia and help us.' When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them.

We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days. On the sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer; and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. A certain woman named Lydia, a worshipper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, 'If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home.' And she prevailed upon us.

Second Reading

Revelation 21.10,22-22.5

In the spirit the angel carried me away to a great, high mountain and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God.

I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God is its light, and its lamp is the Lamb. The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it. Its gates will never be shut by day – and there will be no night there. People will bring into it the glory and the honour of the nations. But nothing unclean will enter it, nor anyone who practises abomination or falsehood, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life.

BENEFICE DIARY FOR THE WEEK BEGINNING MONDAY 27th May 2019

Monday	10.00am	Tetbury	Tower trips and teas in Church
Tuesday	7.00pm	Tetbury	PCC meeting
Wednesday	9.30am	Tetbury	Holy Communion
Thursday	4.00pm	Tetbury	Wedding rehearsal
	7.00pm	Tetbury	Ascension Day Holy Communion
Friday	12.30pm	Tetbury	Wedding of Christian Laing and Kirsty Blake
	1.15pm	Westerleigh	Funeral of Harold Baker
	3.00pm	Long Newnton	Thanksgiving for Sylvia Dibben
Saturday	3.00pm	Tetbury	Festival Chorus Choir rehearsal

WORSHIP NEXT WEEK

Tetbury	8.30am	Holy Communion
	10.00am	Family Communion with Baptism The Revd Poppy Hughes, Rector
	6.00pm	Friends of the Choir Evensong Leading: The Revd Rob Church Preaching: The Revd Poppy Hughes
Beverston	10.00am	Matins The Revd Ursula Gray
Long Newnton	9.30am	Holy Communion The Revd Rob Church
Shipton Moyne	11.15am	Holy Communion The Revd Rob Church

BENEFICE CONTACT DETAILS

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Website: www.tetburychurch.co.uk

Please contact our Benefice Office with **notices and prayer requests**. Weekly deadline: 8.30am, Thursday.

75 words max please.



REQUESTS AND THANK YOUS

Tesco Christian Aid Collection: Fantastic! Thanks to our collectors **we raised £696.82** at the Tesco Collection last Friday and Saturday. More will be added from those people who gift aided their donations. I will let you know in due course how much materialised from the envelope collection. The final tally make take some weeks due to people taking time to hand in their envelopes to Perry Bishop or the Post Office. Thank you to those who made this possible.

Volunteers needed to help deliver the **TACT Welcome packs** to new homes in Tetbury. Please meet at Christ Church at 5.00pm on **Tuesday 18th June**. Please let Rob know if you can help.

A volunteer is needed to distribute the **Tetbury praying the town leaflets** in Grove Gardens, Upton Gardens & Highfield Road (2nd June) and Hampton Street and Cornwall Close (16th June). Offers of help to the Parish Office.

St. Marys' Church Fete Saturday July 6th 2.00 - 4.30 pm in the Vicarage garden. As well as the **Fun Dog Show, Cream Teas, Ice Creams and a Raffle** we propose to have the following stalls: **General Tombola, Unwrap a Bottle Tombola(wine), Produce, Books, Yellow Stall with Children's activity, Toys and Children's books, Gift Stall, Pimms stall and Pimms game**. Others invited to provide a stall (see Diana Challis). Tours up the Tower will also be available. To make this a success **Your Help is needed!** If you can help to run one of these stalls or help in some way (see Diana Challis). Good quality items for sale or for the raffle would be welcome. These can be put in the chest by the font or if perishable brought on the day. Thank you. Diana Challis



PRAYER DIARY

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

Praying for St Mary's School Year 5/6 Elm Class with Miss Snell and Mrs Lee
Tetbury Praying the Town: Cutwell

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*)