

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

Presentation of Christ in the Temple : 28th January 2018

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 Parish Eucharist
	10.00am	The Revd Poppy Hughes, Rector
Beverston	10.00am	Matins Wardens
Long Newnton	11.15am	Holy Communion The Revd Poppy Hughes, Rector
Shipton Moyne	11.15am	Family Service The Family Worship Team

Prayers for this Sunday

Almighty and ever-living God, clothed in majesty, whose beloved Son was this day presented in the Temple, in substance of our flesh: grant that we may be presented to you with pure and clean hearts, by your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Lord, you fulfilled the hope of Simeon and Anna, who lived to welcome the Messiah: may we, who have received these gifts beyond words, prepare to meet Christ Jesus when he comes to bring us to eternal life; for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **Amen.**



BENEFICE NEWS

At present, particularly while Bill recovers from his accident, we are not planning **Saturday morning prayers** in Tetbury church until further notice. Christchurch have a bi-monthly Saturday prayers at 9am led by Gwyneth and others, with the next one on **Saturday 17th March**.

LENT HOME GROUPS start meeting in the week of **Monday 18th February**. We are again using “Immeasurably deeper”, with daily readings. Our home groups will explore the Christian disciplines of silence, humility, confession, sacrifice and hope. Please see the leaflet at the back of church for more details.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Tetbury Community Choir is staging a concert to support **Tetbury Church West Door Appeal** on **Friday 2nd February** and to include guest soprano soloist Gillian Wells. Gillian is a professional singer with a beautiful voice and has recordings on her website gillianwells.co.uk. Under the direction of Richard George there is no doubt that this will be a feast of good music to suit all tastes. Tickets are now on sale from Michele Maund, John Saynor or the Parish Office and are priced at just £8. Even if you are unable to come to the concert the purchase of a ticket will help the **West Door Appeal**. Thank you.

Murder Mystery Play TICKETS NOW ON SALE. *Who Killed The Vicar?* Carnage, Chaos and Comedy comes to St Mary's Church. Polish your sleuthing skills to identify the miscreants and absolve the righteous. **Saturday 10th February** at 2.30pm and 7.00pm. Limited number available, £10 including refreshments – from the Parish Office and Tourist Information. All proceeds to the Tetbury Foodbank.

Revd Rob Church will be ordained to the priesthood in Gloucester Cathedral on **Saturday 30th June** and will be celebrating his first Mass on **Tuesday 3rd July** in Tetbury Church at 7pm. Please make a note of these dates.

The **Julian Group** will meet on **Tuesday 30th January** at 2.30pm for 3.00pm. All are welcome.



REQUESTS AND THANK YOUS

Can you knit or crochet? Tetbury Town Council are hoping to make poppy displays for **Remembrance Sunday** and need volunteers to make thousands of poppies which will be displayed in various locations throughout the town. If you would like to get involved or donate balls of wool please contact - Tara 01666 504670. Collection boxes for poppies and wool can be found at Tetbury Town Council Offices or The Goods Shed. The patterns are available from the Parish Office.

A volunteer is needed to distribute the **Tetbury praying the town leaflets** in Chavenage Lane & Five Trees Close (11th February) and Cherry Orchard Road & Hodges Close (18th February). Please contact the Parish Office to arrange.



PRAYER DIARY

Baptisms: Please pray for **Dylan Taylor** who will be baptised in Tetbury church next Sunday and his parents and godparents.

Praying for St Mary's School Year 3/4 Chestnut Class with Mrs Danton / Mrs Wheeler and Miss Rush

Tetbury Praying the Town: Berrells Road & The Berrells

Prayer List (please pray for the sick and departed)

Monday: Graham Kean, Anne and Josephine

Tuesday: Lynne and Adrian, Bill Geers

Wednesday: Fergus Persse with Sandy, Liz, Lauren and Isobel

Thursday: Laetitia Hardie, Sanitta

Friday: James, Kelly

Departed: Anthony "Tony" Williams

Years Mind: Norman Weatherup (28,1)

("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 29th January 2018			
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Tuesday	Noon	Tetbury	Funeral of Anthony Williams
	2.30pm		Julian Group meet
	4.00pm		Visiting group meet
Wednesday	9.30am	Tetbury	Holy Communion
Friday	7.30pm	Tetbury	Community Choir Concert

WORSHIP NEXT WEEK

Tetbury	8.30am	Holy Communion
	10.00am	Family Eucharist with Baptism The Revd Poppy Hughes, Rector
Beverston	10.00am	Matins The Revd Christopher Mulholland
Long	9.30am	Holy Communion
Newnton		The Revd Maslen
Shipton	11.15am	Holy Communion
Moyne		The Revd Kim Brown

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.

The Presentation of Christ in the Temple

Old Testament Reading

Malachi 3.1-5

Thus says the Lord God: See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you see will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight – indeed, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the LORD in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the LORD as in the days of old and as in former years.

Then I will draw near to you for judgement; I will be swift to bear witness against the sorcerers, against the adulterers, against those who swear falsely, against those who oppress the hired workers in their wages, the widow, and the orphan, against those who thrust aside the alien, and do not fear me, says the LORD of hosts.

New Testament Reading

Hebrews 2.14-18

Since the children share flesh and blood, Jesus himself likewise shared the same things, so that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death. For it is clear that he did not come to help angels, but the descendants of Abraham. Therefore he had to become like his brothers and sisters in every respect, so that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make a sacrifice of atonement for the sins of the people. Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.

Gospel

Luke 2.22-40

When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, Mary and Joseph brought Jesus up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord. (as it is written in the law of the Lord, 'Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord'), and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, 'a pair of turtle-doves or two young pigeons.' Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying, 'Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel.' And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, 'This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed – and a sword will pierce your own soul too.'

There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshipped there with fasting and prayer night and day. At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem. When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favour of God was upon him.