

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

Seventh Sunday after Trinity: 30th July 2017

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 Eucharist (The Revd Poppy Hughes, Rector)
Shipton	11.15am	Family Service
Moyne		Family Worship Team

On the 5th Sunday, our church communities in Beverston and Long Newnton are invited to worship at St Mary's Tetbury

Prayers for this Sunday

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: graft in our hearts the love of your name, increase in us true religion, nourish us with all goodness, and of your great mercy keep us in the same; 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.**

Lord God, whose Son is the true vine and the source of life, ever giving himself that the world may live: may we so receive within ourselves the power of his death and passion that, in his saving cup, we may share his glory and be made perfect in his love; for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **Amen.**



BENEFICE NEWS

Prayer Calendars for the three months beginning in August are available at the back of Tetbury church. These are designed for those who are not always able to attend regular worship at church but are not forgotten. If any others would like to have one of these for their devotions please take one. If you know of someone who would like one of these regularly please contact Richard Glanville or the Parish Office.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Tetbury Open Gardens—This afternoon 2pm—6pm. Tickets and maps available from the Market hall or any open garden. For more details visit www.tetburyinbloom.org.uk

First Saturday in the month prayer half-hour: the next Saturday prayer half-hour will take place in the church on **Saturday 5th August** from 10.00am – 10.30am. All are very welcome to join us in this opportunity for reflection and prayer. Geraldine and Bill Geers

Walk the Labyrinth at Christ Church - organised by Tetbury and Area Churches Together, during the week of **15-20 August**. Do take a few moments to come along and walk it for yourself. Tuesday 15th August 10-2pm ; Wednesday 16th August 10-4; Thursday 17th August 4-9; Friday 18th August 10-4

Ride and Stride - The Gloucestershire Historic Churches Trust are encouraging Parishes to participate in the forthcoming Ride and Stride on **Saturday 9th September**. It is simple to do – decide how many churches you'd like to visit on bike, foot or horseback, plan your route and then spend an enjoyable day out in the towns and villages. For more information please email rideandstride@ghct.org.uk



REQUESTS AND THANK YOUS

FOOD BANK. Thank you to everyone who places food in the food box in the side aisle, it is very much appreciated. It is collected on a Wednesday morning every week and taken to Cirencester together with the food donated at Tesco and the empty cartons from St Mary's Day Centre. On the return run full cartons are brought back and placed in the cupboard at the Day Centre ready for the following Tuesday Food Bank session. **We still really need one or two more drivers to join the rota.** Is there anyone who can help? For more

information contact Alison Hesketh. The Foodbank are in need of tinned tomatoes, tinned vegetables, tinned fruit, long-life sponge pudding, instant mash and tinned rice pudding. **Your continued support is important to the long-term success of the Foodbank.**

This year **Holiday@Home** will be held on **Thursday 3rd and Friday 4th August**. The theme this year is “Stars of Stage and Screen” We thought cup cakes would be a good idea for tea. Please could we have 2 volunteers from St Marys’ for THURSDAY 3rd AUGUST to make 24 cup cakes each. Plain or as glam as you like! Could you let me know by tomorrow if you can help by tomorrow. Many thanks. The cakes can be taken direct to Christchurch or if more convenient drop them off with Margo Smith

Church fete Thank you! The Tetbury Church fete last Saturday raised **£2,101.19**, including £1,167 raised by the grand draw for the west door project. This compares with £1,253.60 last year. This is an excellent result and thanks are due to all who helped to make the fete such a success despite the weather.

Grand Draw winner Do you know **Joyce Smith** or did you sell her a Grand Draw ticket? If so please contact the Parish Office so we can give Joyce her prize.

St Marys’ Festival chorus needs you to sing at the **Tetbury Music Festival** Eucharist on **Sunday 1st October** at 10:30 am. No auditions! Rehearsals on 7th, 14th, 21st Sept. in St Marys’ church at 7:15 pm. All welcome – contact Sue Thomas Choir Secretary



PRAYER DIARY

Baptisms: Please pray for Max Robertson who will be baptised in Tetbury Church next Sunday and his parents and godparents.

Tetbury Praying the Town: Northfield Close and Northleaze

Prayer List (please pray for the sick and departed)

Monday: Brian Underwood William Dyson, Tommy & Tabitha
 Tuesday: Emma, Lynne and Adrian, Jon Penny, Roy and Carol
 Wednesday: Kate and Mike, John, Deb, Kai, Rae
 Thursday: Doreen Riley, Finn Millard, Sam & Teddy
 Friday: Grahame Steele, Richard and Moira, Harriet
Departed: Audrey Bateman, Anthony “Tony” Bayes

BENEFACTORY DIARY FOR THE WEEK BEGINNING

MONDAY 31st JULY 2017

Wednesday	9.30am	Tetbury	Holy Communion
Thursday	10.00am	Christ Church	Holiday @ Home
Friday	10.00am	Christ Church	Holiday @ Home
Saturday	10.00am	Tetbury	Saturday Morning Prayers

WORSHIP 6th August 2017

Tetbury	8.30am	Holy Communion
	10.00am	Family Service with Holy Communion with Baptism (The Revd Poppy Hughes, Rector, Preside) (The Revd Rob Church, Preach)
Beverston	10.00am	Matins (The Revd. Ursula Gray)
Long Newnton	9.30am	Holy Communion (The Revd Ian Aveyard)
Shipton Moyne	11.15am	Holy Communion (The Revd Kim Hartshorne, Preside)

BENEFACTORY 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.

Seventh Sunday after Trinity

Old Testament

1 Kings 3.5-12

At Gibeon the LORD appeared to Solomon in a dream by night; and God said, 'Ask what I should give you.' And Solomon said, 'You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant my father David, because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart towards you; and you have kept for him this great and steadfast love, and have given him a son to sit on his throne today. And now, O LORD my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David, although I am only a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. And your servant is in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a great people, so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted. Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil; for who can govern this your great people?' It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. God said to him, 'Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches, or for the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, I now do according to your word. Indeed I give you a wise and discerning mind; no one like you has been before you and no one like you shall arise after you.'

New Testament

Romans 8.26-39

The Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God. We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to

the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified. What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written, 'For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered.' No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Gospel

Matthew 13.31-33,44-52

Jesus put before the crowd another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches.' He told them another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened. The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he

had and bought it. Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Have you understood all this?' They answered, 'Yes.' And he said to them, 'Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.'