

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

First Sunday of Advent: 2nd December 2018

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heavens will be shaken. Then they will see “the Son of Man coming in a cloud” with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.’ Then he told them a parable: ‘Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.’

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.

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## WORSHIP TODAY

Tetbury	8.30am	Holy Communion
	10.00am	Parish Communion The Revd Poppy Hughes, Rector
	6.00pm	Advent Carols The Revd Rob Church
Beverston	10.00am	Matins The Revd Ursula Gray
Long Lewnton	9.30am	Holy Communion The Revd Maslen
Shipton Moyne	11.15am	Holy Communion The Revd Maslen

## Prayers for this Sunday

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and to put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility; that on the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

O Lord our God, make us watchful and keep us faithful as we await the coming of your Son our Lord; that, when he shall appear, he may not find us sleeping in sin but active in his service and joyful in his praise; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



## BENEFICE NEWS

**The Posada.** Mary and Joseph will set off on their travels around Tetbury leaving St Marys' at the 10am service this morning. As well as host families, the Posada will also visit Christchurch, The 5 Valleys Church and St Michael's Church as well as The Mayor of Tetbury.

The **Second Sunday cash collection** in Tetbury Church next week is in aid of the Children's Society.

**Advent Home Groups continue this week.** Our theme is the questions Journeying to God. Please see leaflet for further details.

**Shipton Moyné Advent Group.** Following email exchanges, in fact the group sessions on Mon 3rd & Mon 10th December are now cancelled. People are very welcome to attend one of the other groups. Please contact Diana Sharp



## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

The **Tetbury congregational choir** will next be singing on **Sunday 9th December** and on **Sunday 23rd December**. Please contact Margaret Greenwood if you would like to sing with us.

The next **Taize service** will be in Christ Church on **Thursday 6th December** at 8pm.

The Little Fishes and their parents are invited to help decorate the Christmas tree after the 10am service on **Sunday 16th December** in Tetbury Church

The **Julian Group** will meet on **Thursday 6th December** at 2.30pm. All are welcome.



## REQUESTS AND THANK YOU'S

**Many thanks** to all those who have already contributed to the **St Marys' Church West Door Appeal**. Our fundraising continues. The appeal letter is available at the back of the church for all those still wishing to contribute. You can donate through Just Giving - [www.justgiving.com/tetburypcc](http://www.justgiving.com/tetburypcc)

**TESCO Bags of Help**—Please save your blue counters. During January & February 2019 Tesco will include our **West Door Appeal** in our local shop. Can everyone make sure they get the blue counters when purchasing goods and put them in the collecting tub for our appeal.

## First Sunday of Advent

### Old Testament Reading

**Jeremiah 33. 14-16**

The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will fulfil the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: 'The LORD is our righteousness.'

### New Testament Reading

**Thessalonians 3. 9-13**

How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith. Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

### Gospel

**Luke 21. 25-36**

Jesus said to his disciples: 'There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the

**BENEFICE DIARY FOR THE WEEK BEGINNING  
MONDAY 3rd December 2018**

Monday	2.00pm	Tetbury	Funeral of William Jones
Wednesday	9.30am	Tetbury	Holy Communion
	7.00pm	The Vicarage	Church Wardens meeting
Thursday	9.00am	Tetbury	Experience Christmas
	2.30pm		Julian Group meet
	8.00pm	Christ Church	Taize
Saturday	5.30pm	St Saviours	Christmas Tree Carol Service
Sunday	7pm for 7.30pm	Tetbury	We Three: Songs for a King

**WORSHIP NEXT WEEK**

Tetbury	8.30am	Holy Communion
	10.00am	Parish Communion
		The Revd Poppy Hughes, Rector
	4.00pm	Christingle
		The Revd Rob Church
Beverston	10.00am	Holy Communion
		The Revd Ursula Gray
Long Lewnton	11.15am	Matins
		Martin Green, Reader
Shipton Moyne	11.15am	Matins
		Wardens

**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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Website: www.tetburychurch.co.uk

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

75 words max please.

**£100,000 for Refugees.** At different times our 15 walkers have tested out the route before they set off together on 12 January to undertake the whole **100 mile walk over nine days**. Please take a leaflet from the back of the church to find out who they are and all other details. Please do sponsor the walk if you can either on line through the Just Giving page or by signing up on the sponsorship sheet at the back of the church. **The aim is to raise £100,000 for refugees.** Please help.

**Can you help?** Friendly volunteer drivers are needed to transport people to church services on Sundays. Please speak to the church wardens for details

**Coat wanted.** Does anyone have a large warm winter coat or anorak for someone who has nothing suitable to keep out the winter cold. Please contact Alison Hesketh

The **Iona** village shop are auctioning art postcards to raise money to build a village hall. <https://www.ionacraftshop.com/pages/welcome-and-auction-info>

A volunteer is needed to distribute the **Tetbury praying the town leaflets** in Trubshaw Close, Andrews Close & Dormer Close (10th December), and Wheat Hill, Wisteria Road & Woodward Close (17th December) Please contact the Parish Office to arrange.



**PRAYER DIARY**

**Praying for St Mary's School** Year 1 Cherry Class with Mr Foster and Mrs Bell

**Tetbury Praying the Town:** The Green

**Prayer List** (please pray for the sick and departed)

Monday: Graham Kean, Kirsty and Dean, Chris

Tuesday: Bill Geers, Jill, Sue, David, Liz Eaton

Wednesday: Sheila Little, George and Jemer

Thursday: Joyce and Joe, John Lye, Robert

Friday: Baby Freya, Clive and Tony, Jenny & Victor

Departed: William "Ginger" Jones

**Years Mind:** Jean Fenney (27/11), Mary Cuff (29/11), Christine

Stuart (3,12), Berta Fryer (7/12), Gordon Keitley (8/12)

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