

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

Presentation of Christ in the Temple: 3rd February 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 The Revd Poppy Hughes, Rector
Beverston	10.00am	Matins The Revd Ian Aveyard
Shipton Moyne	11.15am	Holy Communion The Revd Poppy Hughes, Rector

Our church community in Long Newnton is invited to the services in Tetbury, Beverston or Shipton Moyne

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

iSingPop CELEBRATE. Building on the contacts with families through the concerts last week, the churches in Tetbury (TACT) are starting “iSingPop CELEBRATE”, meeting in St Mary’s School Hall once a month on Sunday afternoons, 4.00-5.30pm. With a different theme each month, families are invited to explore best-loved Bible stories and ask questions, big and little; enjoy time together with crafts, chatting, learning iSingPOP songs, and prayers. Each session will finish with teatime for everyone. **iSingPop CELEBRATE meets first on Sunday 24th February at 4pm.** Pick up an invitation today to pray for all we are doing – and spread the news!

New Electoral Roll. 2019 sees the preparation of new church electoral rolls, which means that everyone must come off the roll and re-apply. This takes place only once in every six years. The last preparation of new rolls was in 2013, and the next will be in 2025. What is the Electoral Roll? Under the Church Representation Rules (CRR) each parish must have a church electoral roll (“the roll) which qualifies the person to attend the Annual Parochial Church Meeting. You can be on the roll if you are (a) lay not ordained (b) aged 16 or over (c) a member of the Church of England or of a Church in communion (d) resident in the parish OR if not resident, habitually attending church meaning at least once a month for six months or more. Please take your envelope from the back of church.

The West gate entrance to Tetbury Church will be closed for six weeks from 11th February.

Following an audition held last week we are very pleased to announce the appointment of **Rachel Mapp** as our new organ scholar. Rachel is very keen to learn to play the organ and already has Grade 8 on the piano. She is 15 and lives in Wotton-under-Edge. We look forward to welcoming her here



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

SHIPTON MOYNE BEER & HYMNS **SUNDAY 10th FEBRUARY 2019 6PM** – 7PM AT THE CAT and CUSTARD POT Sing away the Winter blues with traditional hymns and old favourites among friends and neighbours, with Ian, Chrissy & James. Suitable for all the family.

Please come for tea and homemade cakes on the **10th February** and enjoy a stroll around Beverston Village and Churchyard to see the Snowdrops and anything else that might be appearing to herald Spring

No experience needed! Tetbury church and town are putting on a **MURDER MYSTERY** play in APRIL 2019. No scripts to learn so we’ll only need a

handful of rehearsals and the willingness to have and share bags of fun. If you can read in front of around 60 people, this could be for you. Tell your friends. Tell your neighbours. Then come and find out more without commitment: Tuesday 12th February at 1900 in St Mary's Church or speak to Peter Hyson. We need around 7 reader-performers & some behind-the-scenes help.

Service for the World Day of Prayer on Friday 1st March. Please could we have a volunteer to represent St Marys' in preparing for this service being held this year at St Michael's. Talk to Poppy for details.



REQUESTS AND THANK YOU

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.

They did it! They walked 100 miles through mud, wind, rain and sun. They laughed, they sang they talked and they had fun. There were no mishaps but aching legs, tiredness and total relief when they arrived in Tetbury behatted and singing. **What an achievement! What a fitting end!** To date they have raised 73% of their target for Syrian Refugees - and the fund is still open. Can you help them to achieve their aim of £100.000? Thank you, to them and also to all those who have worked so hard to make Donna's 50th birthday such a special one. And, let us not forget the Syrian Refugees for whom this walk took place.

A **big thank you** to all the knitters, givers of wool and “things” for the mission school and hospital in Zambia. I continue to send 2 parcels a month—Zambia was once British, my contact there is Tamalco who is Japanese. Pam Scott



PRAYER DIARY

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

Tetbury Praying the Town: Berrells Road and The Berrells

Prayer List (please pray for the sick and departed)

Monday: Graham Kean, Kirsty and Dean, Chris

Tuesday: Sue, David, Liz Eaton, Oscar, Sophie & Jay

Wednesday: Sheila Little, George and Jemer, Peter Parkhouse

Thursday: Joyce and Joe, John Lye, Robert

Friday: Freya, Clive and Tony, Jenny & Victor

Departed: Those we remember with love

Years Mind: Col Tony Davis (07/02) (*“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 4th February 2019

Monday	3.00pm		Social committee meet
Tuesday	4.00pm		Visiting Group meet
	7.00pm	Shipton Moune	PCC meet
Wednesday	9.30am	Tetbury	Holy Communion
	7.00pm	Long Newnton	PCC meet
Thursday	7.00pm	Beverston	PCC meet
Sunday	6.00pm	Cat & Custard Pot	Beer and hymns

WORSHIP NEXT WEEK

Tetbury	8.30am	Holy Communion
	10.00am	Parish Communion
		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

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

75 words max please.

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 seek 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.