

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

First Sunday of Advent : 3rd December 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	Family Eucharist with Baptism (The Revd Poppy Hughes, Rector) Advent Carol Service
	6.00pm	(The Revd Rob Church)
Beverston	6.00pm	Evensong (The Revd Ursula Gray)
Long	9.30am	Holy Communion (The Revd Ian Aveyard)
Shipton	11.15am	Holy Communion (The Revd Kim Brown)

Prayers for this Sunday

Almighty God, as your kingdom dawns, turn us from the darkness of sin to the light of holiness, that we may be ready to meet you in our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ .**Amen.**



BENEFICE NEWS

Churchyard Trees A recent survey of Tetbury churchyard trees have identified a number of candidates for felling. Most are, unfortunately, Cherry trees but they are either dangerous or diseased. A plan showing the trees due to be felled is now displayed on the new illuminated notice board under the tower.

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 Jesus asks. Please see leaflet for further details.

Those who make their **weekly donations** in Tetbury church through the **Envelope Scheme** will find their pack of Envelopes for 2018 in the box at the rear of the Church. Any new donor wishing to join the Scheme should please contact Ros Tildesley



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

There will be an **Advent Carol Service this evening** at 6pm at Tetbury Church.

There is a **Christingle Service** next Sunday at 4pm at Tetbury Church in aid of the Children's Society.

There will be a **Taize Service** next **Thursday, 7th December** at Christ Church at 8pm

Churches Together in Tetbury are holding a **Christmas Tree Festival Carol Service** next **Saturday 9th December** at 5.30pm.



REQUESTS AND THANK YOU

Wanted! Home-Start Cotswolds is a local charity that recruits and trains volunteers to help families with young children. Volunteers are wanted to help support local families facing difficulties. If you have parenting experience and can spare a few hours each week we would like to hear from you. Contact 01285 885391 or office@home-start-cotswolds.org.uk

Thank you to all those who have **volunteered to help with the Christian Aid Tesco Collection on Friday 22 or Saturday 23 December.** Ideally two people are needed each hour so there are still some spaces to fill. Please sign up on the sheet at the back of the church if you can help. All money collected will be matched by the Government and it will all go directly to **support refugees** who have had to flee their homes. **Please help if you can.** Any queries to Alison Hesketh

A volunteer is needed to distribute the **Tetbury praying the town leaflets** in **Windsor Gardens & Elizabeth Gardens** (17th December). Please contact the Parish Office to arrange.



PRAYER DIARY

Baptisms: Please pray for **Saskia Jones** who will be baptised in Tetbury Church today and her parents and godparents.

Praying for St Mary's School Reception Class Cherry with Mr Foster and Mrs Bell

Tetbury Praying the Town: West Street and Cottons Lane

Prayer List (please pray for the sick and departed)

Monday: Mandy, Wendy Sharpe, Graham Kean, James

Tuesday: Lynne and Adrian, Sue, Emma, Alice Porter

Wednesday: Norma Rainbow and family, Matthew

Thursday: Chris Tracey and family, Pete and Di's and family

Friday: Neena and Ricky Lakhani and family

Departed: Jean Fenney, Primrose "Mary" Cuff

Years Mind: Patricia Ricketts (7/12)

("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 December 2017

Tuesday	9.20am	Tetbury	Experience Christmas
Wednesday	9.30am	Tetbury	Holy Communion
	7.00pm	The Vicarage	Church wardens meeting
Thursday	3.30pm	The Vicarage	Clergy & Reader Team meet
	5.25pm	Tetbury	Torchlight procession
	8.00pm	Christ Church	Taize
Friday	4.30pm	Tetbury	Wedding rehearsal
Saturday	1.00pm	Tetbury	Wedding of Michael Hart and Kirsty Williams
	5.30pm	St Saviours	TACT Carol Service

WORSHIP NEXT WEEK

Tetbury	8.30am	Holy Communion
	10.00am	Parish Communion (The Revd Kim Brown)
	4.00pm	Christingle (The Revd Poppy Hughes)
Beverston	10.00am	Holy Communion (The Revd Ursula Gray)
Long	11.15am	Matins (Martin Green, Reader)
Shipton Moyne	11.15am	Matins (The Revd Poppy Hughes, Rector)

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,

The First Sunday of Advent

First Reading

Isaiah 64.1-9

O that you would tear open the heavens and come down, so that the mountains would quake at your presence – as when fire kindles brushwood and the fire causes water to boil – to make your name known to your adversaries, so that the nations might tremble at your presence! When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect, you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence. From ages past no one has heard, no ear has perceived, no eye has seen any God besides you, who works for those who wait for him. You meet those who gladly do right, those who remember you in your ways. But you were angry, and we sinned; because you hid yourself we transgressed. We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth. We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away. There is no one who calls on your name, or attempts to take hold of you; for you have hidden your face from us, and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity. Yet, O LORD, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand. Do not be exceedingly angry, O LORD, and do not remember iniquity for ever. Now consider, we are all your people.

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 1.3-9

My brothers and sisters: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind – just as the testimony of Christ has been

strengthened among you – so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Gospel

Mark 13.24-37

Jesus said to his disciples: ‘In those days, after that suffering, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see “the Son of Man coming in clouds” with great power and glory. Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven. ‘From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

‘But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. Therefore, keep awake – for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake.’