

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

Second Sunday before Lent : 4th February 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
	10.00am	Family Eucharist with Baptism The Revd Poppy Hughes, Rector
Beverston	10.00am	Matins The Revd Christopher Mulholland
Long Newnton	9.30am	Holy Communion The Revd Maslen
Shipton Moyne	11.15am	Holy Communion The Revd Kim Brown

Prayers for this Sunday

Almighty God, give us reverence for all creation and respect for every person, that we may mirror your likeness in Jesus Christ our Lord.
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.

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



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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.

Our lent Observance begins with our **Ash Wednesday Service** in Tetbury Church at 7pm on **Wednesday 14th February**.

Join us on **Wednesday 14th February at 3.30pm** at Christ Church to put together the Tetbury Area Churches Together Welcome Packs for the new housing in Tetbury .

The next Taize service will be on **Thursday 8th February** at Christ Church at 8pm. All are welcome to this candlelight service of song and prayer.

St Marys' Festival Chorus will be singing for Good Friday (2 pm) and Easter Sunday (10 am). Practices will be on 9th, 16th, 23rd Feb, and 9th,

16th, 23rd March. Anyone who wishes to join this choir please contact Sue Thomas



REQUESTS AND THANK YOUS

Andrea and Ian Aveyard would like to thank everyone for their support, prayers, enquiries and cards after Ian's heart attack three weeks ago. His progress is inconsistent but generally in the right direction. Please continue to pray for his full recovery.

Are you looking for a rewarding volunteering experience that will change a child's life? **Beanstalk** is a national children's literacy charity new to Gloucestershire. Local schools are asking for Beanstalk reading helpers now. See the leaflets at the back of church for more details.

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.



PRAYER DIARY

Baptisms: Please pray for **Dylan Taylor** who will be baptised in Tetbury church today and his parents and God parents.

Praying for St Mary's School Year 3/4 Class Maple with Mrs Royle and Mrs Healey

Tetbury Praying the Town: Charlton Road

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: Jean Francis, Craig Taylor

BENEFICE DIARY FOR THE WEEK BEGINNING MONDAY 5th February 2018

Tuesday	5.30pm	Shipton Moyne	PCC meet
	7.00pm	Beverston	PCC meet
Wednesday	9.30am	Tetbury	Holy Communion
	11.30am	Tetbury	Funeral of Craig Taylor
	7.00pm	Long Newnton	PCC meet
Thursday	8.00pm	Taize	Christ Church
Saturday	2.30pm	Tetbury	Murder Mystery Play
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WORSHIP NEXT WEEK

Tetbury	8.30am	Holy Communion
	10.00am	Parish Eucharist
		The Revd Kim Brown (Preside)
Beverston	10.00am	Holy Communion
		The Revd Poppy Hughes, Rector
Long Newnton	11.15am	Matins
		Martin Green, Reader
Shipton Moyne	11.15am	Matins
		The Revd Poppy Hughes, Rector

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.

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Old Testament Reading

Proverbs 8.1,22-31

Does not wisdom call, and does not understanding raise her voice? The LORD created me at the beginning of his work, the first of his acts of long ago. Ages ago I was set up, at the first, before the beginning of the earth. When there were no depths I was brought forth, when there were no springs abounding with water. Before the mountains had been shaped, before the hills, I was brought forth – when he had not yet made earth and fields, or the world's first bits of soil. When he established the heavens, I was there, when he drew a circle on the face of the deep, when he made firm the skies above, when he established the fountains of the deep, when he assigned to the sea its limit, so that the waters might not transgress his command, when he marked out the foundations of the earth, then I was beside him, like a master worker; and I was daily his delight, rejoicing before him always, rejoicing in his inhabited world and delighting in the human race.

New Testament Reading

Colossians 1.15-20

Christ is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers – all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him

God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

Gospel

John 1.1-14

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.