

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

Third Sunday of Lent : 4th March 2018

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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 Eucharist
		The Revd Poppy Hughes, Rector
Beverston	10.00am	No Service
Long Newnton	9.30am	No service
Shipton Moyne	11.15am	Holy Communion
		The Revd Poppy Hughes, Rector

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## Prayers for this Sunday

Almighty God, whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain, and entered not into glory before he was crucified: mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace; 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.**

Merciful Lord, grant your people grace to withstand the temptations of the world, the flesh and the devil, and with pure hearts and minds to follow you, the only God; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



## BENEFICE NEWS

**LENT HOME GROUPS** continue this week. 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.

**Lent running group** each Wednesday during Lent at 7pm. We meet in St Marys' church for welcome and prayer before setting off for our run across town. We won't be fast, but rather enjoy the time of movement together with mindful conversation. We come back to church for tea, biscuits and contemplation.

**WaterAid, Jars of Change, Lent Appeal 2018** Throughout Lent you will find a large jar at the back of Tetbury Church at the Sunday Services for donations of your loose change which **WaterAid** will use to fund New Water Facilities. Please pick up a paper jar sleeve to put into an empty jar at home to collect your change, before bringing it to church. Try making a penny donation to your jar each time you use your toilet, have a bath or make a cup of tea. The jar sleeve is also the gift aid form which can make your donation worth an extra 25% if you pay tax. For more information please look at the notice board at the back of St Marys' Church.

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## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**Soup Lunches** continue at St Michaels Church hall at 12.30pm on Fridays. St Marys' will be providing soup on 9th and 16th March. Please see the form on the notice board where you can sign up to provide soup, bread and /or volunteer to serve. Thank you. Princess.

Haiti: Hurricanes and Hope—**Thursday 8th March** 7.30pm Methodist Church, Purton SN5 4DP. Evening of information and inspiration with guest speaker Nick Guttmann. Doors open 7pm for tea, coffee and cake.

**St Marys' Festival Chorus** will be singing for Good Friday (2 pm) and Easter Sunday (10 am). Practices will be on 16th, 23rd Feb, and 9th, 16th, 23rd March. Anyone who wishes to join this choir please contact Sue Thomas

**Servers' Day** will be on **Saturday March 17th** at St Marys' meeting at 10am and finishing by 1pm. We will be exploring what it means to serve during our worship, and thinking about the future. This is for all current members of the serving team, as well as for anybody potentially interested in joining them.

**April 22nd:** our 10am Eucharist at St Marys' will be a special service to mark National Vocations Sunday. We will be joined by Father Matthew Cashmore

from BBC2's 'A Vicar's Life', who will share his story of God's calling. If you didn't see the programme you can catch up with it on iPlayer!

The **Barber of Seville** comes to Shipton Moyne with professional opera company, Opera a la Carte. Presented under a marquee on **Friday 1st** and **Saturday 2nd June**. Bring a picnic or book a sumptuous meal in the barn for the interval. Ticket information at [shiptonmoyneopera.org](http://shiptonmoyneopera.org) or [shiptonmoyne-opera@gmail.com](mailto:shiptonmoyne-opera@gmail.com)

**Tetbury Church Stewarding 2018** will commence at the beginning of April. All stewards are invited to a **Coffee Morning in Church on Tuesday March 20th at 10.30 am**. This is an opportunity for our Stewards to meet each other to hear a review of 2017 and the plans for the year ahead.. We hope as many Stewards as possible will be able to come **We do need more stewards** so, anyone interested is very welcome to come along, without obligation, just two and a half hours once a month ( or more!) is a great help. If you have any questions please ask Diana Challis.



## REQUESTS AND THANK YOUS

A volunteer is needed to distribute the **Tetbury praying the town leaflets** in Church Street and Market Place (11th March), and Cirencester Road and Hardie Close (18th March) Please contact the Parish Office to arrange.



## PRAYER DIARY

**Praying for St Mary's School** Year 5/6 Elm Class with Mr Meadows and Mrs Lee

**Tetbury Praying the Town:** Chipping Street

Monday: Graham Kean, Dawn and Robin

Tuesday: Bill Geers, George, Russell Chilvers

Wednesday Fergus Persse with Sandy, Liz, Lauren and Isobel

Thursday: Laetitia Hardie, Sanitta, Darren Maskell

Friday: James, Kelly, Stan O'Brien, James O'Sullivan

**Departed:** Beryl Alley, Edith Hunt, Harry Kershaw

**Years Mind:** Barbara "Topsy" Seal (2,3)

*("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 5th March 2018

Monday	2.00pm	Tetbury	Funeral of Beryl Alley
Tuesday	7.00pm	Tetbury	PCC meet
Wednesday	9.30am	Tetbury	Holy Communion
	7pm for 7.30pm	RAU	Deanery Synod meet
Thursday	8.00pm	St Michaels	Taize
Friday	12.30pm	St Michael's	Lent Lunches
Friday	3.00pm	Tetbury	Thanksgiving Service for Patricia Eddy

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	10.00am	Parish Communion
Beverston	10.00am	Holy Communion The Revd Ursula Gray
Long Newnton	11.15am	Matins
Shipton Moyne	11.15am	Matins/ Mothering Sunday Service The Revd Kim Brown

### BENEFICE CONTACT DETAILS

**Rector:** The Revd Poppy Hughes, The Vicarage, 6 The Green, Tetbury GL8 8DN ♦ Email: [poppy\\_hughes@hotmail.co.uk](mailto: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.

## **Old Testament Reading**

### **Exodus 20.1-17**

Then God spoke all these words: I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; you shall have no other gods before me. You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, punishing children for the iniquity of parents, to the third and the fourth generation of those who reject me, but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments. You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the LORD your God, for the LORD will not acquit anyone who misuses his name.

Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. Six days you shall labour and do all your work. But the seventh day is a sabbath to the LORD your God; you shall not do any work – you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your livestock, or the alien resident in your towns. For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore the LORD blessed the sabbath day and consecrated it.

Honour your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you. You shall not murder. You shall not commit adultery. You shall not steal. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbour. You shall not covet your neighbour's house; you shall not covet your neighbour's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbour.

## **New Testament Reading      I Corinthians 1.18-25**

The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written, 'I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.' Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling-block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

## **Gospel**

### **John 2.13-22**

The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money-changers seated at their tables. Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money-changers and overturned their tables. He told those who were selling the doves, 'Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father's house a market-place!' His disciples remembered that it was written, 'Zeal for your house will consume me.' The Jews then said to him, 'What sign can you show us for doing this?' Jesus

answered them, 'Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.' They then said, 'This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?' But he was speaking of the temple of his body. After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.