

wisdom of God in its rich variety might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, in whom we have access to God in boldness and confidence through faith in him.

Gospel

Matthew 2.1-12

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, 'Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage.' When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, 'In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet:

"And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel." Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, 'Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage.' When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure-chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

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

Epiphany: 6th January 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

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| Tetbury | 8.30am | Holy Communion |
| | 10.00am | Family Service with Holy Communion and Baptism The Revd Poppy Hughes, Rector |
| Beverston | 10.00am | Matins |
| Long | 9.30am | Holy Communion |
| Lewnton | | The Revds Richard and Margaret Maslen |
| Shipton | 11.15am | Holy Communion |
| Moyne | | The Revds Richard and Margaret Maslen |

Prayers for this Sunday

O God, who by the leading of a star manifested your only Son to the peoples of the earth: mercifully grant that we, who know you now by faith, may at last behold your glory face to face; 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.**



BENEFICE NEWS

iSingPop. St Marys' PCC is supporting the return of the iSingPop team to St Mary's School. They will be in school in the week of Monday 28th January, teaching the children new contemporary worship songs. Then there will be a concert in church on Thursday 31st January, in the afternoon and evening. Everyone is invited – please save the date. More details to follow.

For your prayers. To build on the contact with parents and children during iSingPop, I am working with Tetbury Area Churches Together to then invite families to *iSingPop Sunday Worship* (working title) to be held in school once a month, 4.00-5.30pm. We will need volunteers to help support us in this endeavour, so again please save the dates for the first six sessions: Sunday 24th February, Sunday 24th March, Sunday 28th April, Sunday 26th May, Sunday 30th June and Sunday 21st July. With thanks, Poppy

Those who make their **weekly donations** in Tetbury church through the **Envelope Scheme** will find their pack of Envelopes for 2019 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

On **Sunday 20th January** come to St Marys' at 3.30pm to welcome home our 100 Mile Walkers with a celebration tea, followed by a short service to mark the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity at about 4.30pm.



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

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.

You are invited to a **Big Brekkie at Christ Church** at 7.30 am on **Saturday 12 January** to celebrate Donna's 50th birthday and to cheer on Donna and 14 other core walkers as they set out on their **100 Mile Walk** the

Epiphany

Old Testament

Isaiah 60.1-6

Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you. For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the LORD will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you. Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn.

Lift up your eyes and look around; they all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from far away, and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms. Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and rejoice, because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you. A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come. They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall proclaim the praise of the LORD.

New Testament

Ephesians 3.1-12

I, Paul, am a prisoner for Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles - for surely you have already heard of the commission of God's grace that was given me for you, and how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I wrote above in a few words, a reading of which will enable you to perceive my understanding of the mystery of Christ. In former generations this mystery was not made known to humankind, as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: that is, the Gentiles have become fellow-heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

Of this gospel I have become a servant according to the gift of God's grace that was given me by the working of his power. Although I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given to me to bring to the Gentiles the news of the boundless riches of Christ, and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things; so that through the church the

**BENEFICE DIARY FOR THE WEEK BEGINNING
MONDAY 7th January 2019**

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| Wednesday | 9.30am | Tetbury | Holy Communion |
| Thursday | 8.00pm | St Michael's | Taize |
| Friday | 4.30pm | Tetbury | Wedding rehearsal |
| Saturday | 7.30am | Christ Church | Big brekkie |
| | 8.30am | Christ Church | 100 mile walk begins |
| | 2.00pm | Tetbury | Wedding of Brian Cardwell and Bethany Wright |

WORSHIP NEXT WEEK

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|-----------------|---------|------------------------------------------|
| Tetbury | 8.30am | Holy Communion |
| | 10.00am | Parish Communion The Revd Ian Aveyard |
| Beverston | 10.00am | Holy Communion The Revd Rob Church |
| Long Lewnton | 11.15am | Matins Martin Green, Reader |
| | | Matins Sarah Parton, Reader |

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.

purpose of which is **to raise £100,000 for Syrian Refugees**. Please come to see them off and **please do sponsor them** so that they can achieve their target. (£14,286 needs to be raised through sponsorship which will be match funded 6 to 1 making £100,000). There is a sponsorship form at the back of each of our churches or you can do it on line <https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/hundred-mile-walk> (if you can gift aid please do.) **AND** if you would like to come to the Big Brekki let me know. Alison Hesketh



PRAYER DIARY

Baptisms: Please pray for **Harrison Bendle** who will be baptised in Tetbury Church today and his parents and God parents.

Praying for St Mary's School Year 2 Holly Class with Mrs Miller/Mrs Peacock and Mrs S Smith

Tetbury Praying the Town: Alexander Gardens, Bartley Croft and Malthouse Walk

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, Peter Parkhouse

Thursday: Joyce and Joe, John Lye, Robert

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

Departed: Those we remember with love

Years Mind: Edward Snell (5,1)

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