

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

Epiphany : 7th January 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 Ursula Gray)
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, in Christ you make all things new: transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace, and in the renewal of our lives make known your heavenly glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen



BENEFICE NEWS

The **Second Sunday cash collection** in Tetbury Church next week is in aid of The Wednesday/Friday club at St Mary's Day centre

The Parish Office will be **closed** on Wednesday 10th January.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Tetbury Community Choir Concert 2nd February 2018. The choir has agreed to stage a concert to support our **Church West Door Appeal** on Friday 2nd February and to include guest soprano soloist Gillian Wells. Gillian is a professional singer with a beautiful voice and has recordings on her website gillianwells.co.uk. The choir also continues to go from strength to strength under the direction of Richard George and so there is no doubt that this will be a feast of good music to suit all tastes. Tickets are now on sale from Michele Maund, John Saynor or the Parish Office and are priced at just £8. Even if you are unable to come to the concert the purchase of a ticket will help the **West Door Appeal**. Thank you.

The next **Taize** service will be on **Thursday 11th January** in St Michaels Church at 8pm. All are welcome



REQUESTS AND THANK YOU'S

Christian Aid: Thank you to all those who gave time to help collect for **Christian Aid** immediately before Christmas. Tesco shoppers were very generous and we collected the amazing amount of **£1,000.61**. This

will be doubled by the Government and so **£2,001.22** will go to help the poorest people around the world including refugees.



PRAYER DIARY

Baptisms: Please pray for **Samuel Davis, Tyson Davis, Charmaine Finney** and **Erica Crowe** who will be baptised in Tetbury Church today and their parents and godparents.

Praying for St Mary's School Year I Plum Class with Mr Hainsworth and Mrs Sujeewon

Tetbury Praying the Town: Beech Tree Gardens, Gastrell Court, Courthouse Road & The Retreat

Prayer List (please pray for the sick and departed)

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: Geoffrey Haines, Shirley Kister, Raymond Clifford

BENEFICE DIARY FOR THE WEEK BEGINNING MONDAY 8th January 2018

Monday	9.30am	Tetbury	Shop Stock take in Church
Wednesday	9.30am	Tetbury	Holy Communion
	Noon	Tetbury	Funeral for Geoffrey Haines
Thursday	8.00pm	St Michaels	Taize
Friday	11am	Shipton Moyne	Funeral of Shirley Kister

WORSHIP NEXT WEEK

Tetbury	8.30am	Holy Communion
	10.00am	Parish Communion (The Revd Ian Bussell, Preside) (The Revd Rob Church, Preach)
Beverston	10.00am	Holy Communion (The Revd Ursula Gray)
Long Newnton	11.15am	Matins (Martin Green, Reader)
Shipton Moyne	11.15am	Matins (The Revd Kim Brown)

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.

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 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.