

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

Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity: 8th October 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	Harvest Festival Eucharist (The Revd Poppy Hughes, Rector)
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 Hartshorne)

Prayers for this Sunday

Eternal God, you crown the year with your goodness and you give us the fruits of the earth in their season: grant that we may use them to your glory, for the relief of those in need and for our own well-being; 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**

Lord of the harvest, with joy we have offered thanksgiving for your love in creation and have shared in the bread and wine of the kingdom: by your grace plant within us a reverence for all that you give us and make us generous and wise stewards of the good things we enjoy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**



BENEFICE NEWS

The season of **Harvest Festivals** continues with celebrations today in Tetbury Church. The produce donations will be split between the Community of the Sisters of the Church in Bristol & the Foodbank. Fresh produce will be welcome.

The **2nd Sunday cash collection** in Tetbury Church is in aid of the **Foodbank**.

The **Parish Office** is closed and will reopen on **Tuesday 24th October**.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Monday 9th Oct 7pm in **Beverston Church** Tetbury's Yellow Lighted Bookshop are holding a preview of the book "The Lost Words". Meet the illustrator, Jackie Morris, will be speaking about her work with Robert Macfarlane, the author. For full details and booking see www.ticketsource.co.uk/date/411761

The next **Taize Service** will be in Tetbury Church on **Thursday 12th October** at 8pm. All are welcome to this candlelight service of song and prayer.

Tetbury Church cleaning on **Saturday 14th October 10am until 2pm**

Dying to help? No experience needed! Tetbury church & town are putting on a **MURDER MYSTERY** play in Feb 2018. No scripts to learn just a handful of rehearsal and bags of fun. If you can read to around 60 people this could be for you. Tell your friends & neighbours. Then come and find out more without commitment: **Thursday 26th Oct** at 1900 in St Mary's Church or speak to Peter Hyson.

Advent Quiet Day and Home Groups. Please put a note in your diary! Our Advent Quiet day is on **Friday 24th Nov**, and our Advent House Groups will be held the weeks beginning Monday 27th Nov, Monday 4th & Monday 11th Dec. Our theme will be the questions Jesus asks. More information to follow.

There will be a meeting for **Holiday at Home** volunteers on **Friday 20th Oct** at 2.00 p.m. in Christ Church Hall. This will be to discuss this year's event as well as appoint a committee to plan for next year. The meeting is open to all, a particular welcome will be to people who have not been involved before! For more information, please contact Brian or Sue Cook

Shoebboxes Needed by the end of October, for Operation Christmas Child a project of Samaritan's Purse it's mission to demonstrate God's love in a tangible way to needy children around the world. Over the years you have filled shoeboxes of goodies to send to children overseas. Some people like to fill a whole shoebox and others like to give certain items or contribute to the transport costs. If you would



REQUESTS AND THANK YOU'S

like to help Operation Christmas Child please contact Judith Bailey or Hjordis Halliwell . For more information please see the Mothers' Union notice board at the back of St Marys' Church.

Syrian Refugees Christmas 2016 we collected to do up a house in Tewkesbury for Syrian Refugees. The total of £10,000 for renovating and furnishing the house was surpassed, a family of two parents and three young children have moved in and the surplus money allowed for warm winter clothing and school uniforms to be purchased. Over 400 volunteer hours went into the renovation effort. Churches Together in the area are now looking for further properties in Tewkesbury to provide a safe haven for more Syrian families.

Food Bank: All the food donated at Tetbury Tesco now collected by our volunteers and taken directly to our warehouse in Cirencester. Thank you to all those who give there and/or in our church. Without your donations the Food Bank would not continue to exist. We are helping so many people in the town for all manner of reasons so thank you for your continued support.

Hoe Down on 24 October at Kings Head, Didmarton in aid of our Food Bank. All participants are asked to take an item of food for the Food Bank. Please support them if you can.



PRAYER DIARY

Baptisms: Please pray for **Isaac Jones** who will be baptised in Beverston Church next Sunday and his parents and godparents.

Praying for St Mary's School Year 2 Class Holly with Mrs Peacock / Miss Jackson & Mrs Smith

Tetbury Praying the Town: Shepherds Mead & Cheviot Close

Prayer List (please pray for the sick and departed)

Monday: The Woods and Seddon families, Anne Glanville

Tuesday: Lynne and Adrian, Roy and Carol, Edith

Wednesday: Kate and Mike, Deb, Nathan, Elizabeth, Mandy

Thursday: Rachel and Claire, Ingrid, Ron and Wassila

Friday: Richard and Moira, Harriet, Jack, Tom, Colin Crowther

Departed: Carol Hobday, Alick Whittle

BENEFICE DIARY FOR THE WEEK BEGINNING

MONDAY 9th OCTOBER 2017

Monday	7.00pm	Beverston	Book preview
Tuesday	7.00pm	Tetbury	PCC meet at St Mary's School
Wednesday	9.30am	Tetbury	Holy Communion
	7.00pm	St Michael's	TACT meeting
Thursday	8.00pm	Tetbury	Taize
Saturday	10.00am	Tetbury	Church cleaning

WORSHIP NEXT WEEK 15th October

Tetbury	8.30am	Holy Communion
	10.00am	Parish Eucharist (The Revd Canon Barry Raven)
Beverston	10.00am	Holy Communion with Baptism (The Revd Christopher Mulholland)
Long Newnton	6.00pm	Evensong (The Revd Poppy Hughes, Rector)
Shipton Moyne	11.15am	Holy Communion (The Revd Christopher Mulholland)

8.30am Monday - Friday Morning Prayer in St Marys' Tetbury.
Enter by north-east door (by the kitchen). All welcome, including dogs!

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.

Harvest Year A

Old Testament

Deuteronomy 8.7-18

The LORD your God is bringing you into a good land, a land with flowing streams, with springs and underground waters welling up in valleys and hills, a land of wheat and barley, of vines and fig trees and pomegranates, a land of olive trees and honey, a land where you may eat bread without scarcity, where you will lack nothing, a land whose stones are iron and from whose hills you may mine copper. You shall eat your fill and bless the LORD your God for the good land that he has given you. Take care that you do not forget the LORD your God, by failing to keep his commandments, his ordinances, and his statutes, which I am commanding you today. When you have eaten your fill and have built fine houses and live in them, and when your herds and flocks have multiplied, and your silver and gold is multiplied, and all that you have is multiplied, then do not exalt yourself, forgetting the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, who led you through the great and terrible wilderness, an arid waste-land with poisonous snakes and scorpions. He made water flow for you from flint rock, and fed you in the wilderness with manna that your ancestors did not know, to humble you and to test you, and in the end to do you good. Do not say to yourself, 'My power and the might of my own hand have gained me this wealth.' But remember the LORD your God, for it is he who gives you power to get wealth, so that he may confirm his covenant that he swore to your ancestors, as he is doing today.

New Testament

2 Corinthians 9.6-end

The one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to provide you with

every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work. As it is written, 'He scatters abroad, he gives to the poor; his righteousness endures for ever.' He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity, which will produce thanksgiving to God through us; for the rendering of this ministry not only supplies the needs of the saints but also overflows with many thanksgivings to God. Through the testing of this ministry you glorify God by your obedience to the confession of the gospel of Christ and by the generosity of your sharing with them and with all others, while they long for you and pray for you because of the surpassing grace of God that he has given you. Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!

Gospel

Luke 12.16-30

Jesus told the people a parable: 'The land of a rich man produced abundantly. And he thought to himself, "What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?" Then he said, "I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry." But God said to him, "You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?" So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich towards God.'

He said to his disciples, 'Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat, or about your body, what you will wear. For life is more than food, and the body more than clothing. Consider the ravens: they neither sow nor reap, they have neither storehouse nor barn, and yet God feeds them. Of how much more value are you

than the birds! And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? If then you are not able to do so small a thing as that, why do you worry about the rest? ²⁷Consider the lilies, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin; yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, how much more will he clothe you—you of little faith! And do not keep striving for what you are to eat and what you are to drink, and do not keep worrying. For it is the nations of the world that strive after all these things, and your Father knows that you need them.'