

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

Second Sunday of Advent: 9th December 2018

Gospel

Luke 3. 1-6

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, during the high-priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah, 'The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth; and all flesh shall see the salvation of God."

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	Parish Communion The Revd Poppy Hughes, Rector
	4.00pm	Christingle The Revd Rob Church
Beverston	10.00am	Holy Communion The Revd Ursula Gray
Long Lewnton	11.15am	Matins Martin Green, Reader
Shipton Moyne	11.15am	Matins Wardens

Prayers for this Sunday

O Lord, raise up, we pray, your power and come among us, and with great might succour us; that whereas, through our sins and wickedness we are grievously hindered in running the race that is set before us, your bountiful grace and mercy may speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit, be honour and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Father in heaven, who sent your Son to redeem the world and will send him again to be our judge: give us grace so to imitate him in the humility and purity of his first coming that, when he comes again, we may be ready to greet him with joyful love and firm faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **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



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Mothers' Union will be meeting this week at 2:30 pm on **Tuesday 11th December** at Alan and Judith Bailey's house. Please come along to enjoy an afternoon of **Fireside Festive Treats**

The **Tetbury congregational choir** will next be singing today and on **Sunday 23rd December**. Please contact Margaret Greenwood if you would like to sing with us.

The Little Fishes and their parents are invited to help decorate the Christmas tree after the 10am service on **Sunday 16th December** in Tetbury Church



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.

Can you help? Friendly volunteer drivers are needed to transport people to church services on Sundays. Please speak to the church wardens for details

Thank you to all of you who have helped to provide clothing, rucksacks, food, lifts

Second Sunday of Advent

Old Testament Reading

Malachi 3. 1 – 4

Thus says the LORD God: See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight – indeed, he is coming, saying the Lord of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiners' fire and like fullers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the Lord in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in former years.

New Testament Reading

Philippians 1. 3-11

My brothers and sisters, I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God's grace with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defence and confirmation of the gospel. For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus. And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight to help you to determine what is best, so that in the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

**BENEFICE DIARY FOR THE WEEK BEGINNING
MONDAY 10th December 2018**

Tuesday	2.30pm		Mothers' Union meeting
	3.30pm	The Vicarage	Clergy & Reader team meet
Wednesday	9.30am	Tetbury	Holy Communion
	12.30pm	Tetbury	Funeral of Patricia Andrews
Thursday	2.00pm		Prayer Circle leaders meet
		Tetbury	SWR Carol Service
Saturday	4.00pm	Kingsley House	Carol Service
	7.00pm	Tetbury	Messiah

WORSHIP NEXT WEEK

Tetbury	8.30am	Holy Communion
	10.00am	Parish Communion
		Presiding: The Revd Rob Church
		Preaching: Sarah Parton, Reader
	6.00pm	Nine Lessons and Carols
		The Revd Poppy Hughes, Rector
Beverston	10.00am	Holy Communion
		The Revd Canon Barry Raven
Long Lewnton	6.00pm	Evensong Wardens
Shipton Moyne	4.00pm	Carol Service
		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.

and money to a homeless young man living in a car in Tetbury for the past three and a half months. Your help has been much appreciated by him.

Thankfully he has at last this week found a live-in job so it is very much hoped that he can now move on with his life and put this dreadful experience behind him. Alison.

Thank you to all who have helped with our collection for **Christian Aid at Tesco** on Friday and Saturday. Next week I'll be able to let you know just how much we collected for Christian Aid's work throughout the world.

In addition to this we are of course doing the **100 Mile Sponsored Walk specifically for refugees**. Details are on the big notice board in the church porch. Do sponsor the walk if you can. We aim to raise £100,000. Alison

Volunteers are needed to distribute the **Tetbury praying the town leaflets**) in Trubshaw Close, Andrews Close & Dormer Close (9th December), Wheat Hill, Wisteria Road & Woodward Close (16th December), Windsor Gardens and Elizabeth Gardens (23rd December) and Alexander Gardens, Bartley Croft and Malthouse Walk (30th December). Please contact the Parish Office to arrange.

Thank you The Christmas market last weekend raised **£1,309.59** for Tetbury church funds. This is an excellent result and compares with £1,010.39 raised in 2017. Our thanks go to everyone who helped make the event such an enjoyable and successful event.



PRAYER DIARY

Praying for St Mary's School Reception/Year 1 Lime Class with Mrs May /Mrs Pockett and Mrs Wilmott /Mrs Freeman

Tetbury Praying the Town: Trubshaw Close, Andrews Close & Dormer Close

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

Thursday: Joyce and Joe, John Lye, Robert

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

Departed: Patricia Andrews

Years Mind: Irene Purvey (15/12)

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