

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

Second Sunday of Advent : 10th December 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

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| Tetbury | 8.30am | Holy Communion |
| | 10.00am | Parish Communion (The Revd Kim Brown) |
| | 4.00pm | Christingle (The Revd Poppy Hughes) |
| Beverston | 10.00am | Holy Communion (The Revd Ursula Gray) |
| Long Newnton | 11.15am | Matins (Martin Green, Reader) |
| Shipton Moyne | 11.15am | Matins (The Revd Poppy Hughes, Rector) |

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

Thinking about your **New Year's resolutions**? Why not commit to a pattern of daily bible reading and prayer? Sign up for **New Daylight** by contacting Diana in the Parish Office. The subscription for the year is £13.20

Cards available with details of our **Christmas Services in Tetbury Church**. Please take a few and give to friends and neighbours.

Churchyard Trees A recent survey of Tetbury churchyard trees have identified a number of candidates for felling. Most are, unfortunately, Cherry trees but they are either dangerous or diseased. A plan showing the trees due to be felled is now displayed on the new illuminated notice board under the tower.

The **Second Sunday cash collection** in Tetbury Church today is in aid of the Children's Society.

Advent Home Groups continue this week. Our theme is the questions Jesus asks. Please see leaflet for further details.

Those who make their **weekly donations** in Tetbury church through the **Envelope Scheme** will find their pack of Envelopes for 2018 in the box at the rear of the Church. Any new donor wishing to join the Scheme should please contact Ros Tildesley

Congregational choir. Many thanks to all our members who have helped to support the worship of St Marys' over the last two months. The next outing of the Choir will be on **Sunday 24th December** but on this occasion there will be **NO practice**. If you'd like to sing with the Choir however please make sure you are in your seats at the front of the Church **by 9.50am** to prepare for the service start at 10am. Also, if you think you would like to sing with the choir on future occasions please speak with Margaret Greenwood, Hilary Rowland or Sue Thomas. Wishing you all a very peaceful and joyful Christmas and looking forward to continuing the choir's development in the New Year Margaret Greenwood

The Parish Office will be **closed on Wednesday 13th December**.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

There is a **Christingle Service** this afternoon at 4pm at Tetbury Church in aid of the Children's Society. Tesco have kindly donated the oranges for our Service.

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 gill-anwells.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 or myself 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. John Saynor



REQUESTS AND THANK YOUS

Wanted! Home-Start Cotswolds is a local charity that recruits and trains volunteers to help families with young children. Volunteers are wanted to help support local families facing difficulties. If you have parenting experience and can spare a few hours each week we would like to hear from you. Contact 01285 885391 or office@home-start-cotswolds.org.uk

Thank you to all those who have **volunteered to help with the Christian Aid Tesco Collection on Friday 22 or Saturday 23 December**. Ideally two people are needed each hour so there are still some spaces to fill. Please sign up on the sheet at the back of the church if you can help. All money collected will be matched by the Government and it will all go directly to **support refugees** who have had to flee their homes. **Please help if you can**. Any queries to Alison Hesketh



PRAYER DIARY

Praying for St Mary's School Reception Class Lime with Mrs May and Mrs Wilmott

Tetbury Praying the Town: Wheat Hill, Wisteria Road & Woodward Close
Prayer List (please pray for the sick and departed)

Monday: Mandy, Wendy Sharpe, Graham Kean, James

Tuesday: Lynne and Adrian, Sue, Emma, Alice Porter

Wednesday: Norma Rainbow and family, Matthew

Thursday: Chris Tracey and family, Pete and Di and family

Friday: Neena and Ricky Lakhani and family

Departed: Jean Fenney, Primrose "Mary" Cuff, Christine Stuart

Years Mind: Patrick Webb (10/12)

("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 11th December 2017

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| Monday | 9.00am | Tetbury | Rehearsal for SWR Carol Service |
| Tuesday | Noon | Shipton Moyne | Mothers' Union Eucharist |
| | 2.00pm | Tetbury | Funeral of Jean Fenney |
| | 6.30pm | Tetbury | SWR Carol Service |
| Wednesday | 9.30am | Tetbury | Holy Communion |
| | Noon | Tetbury | Funeral of Mary Cuff |

ADVENT HOME GROUPS CONCLUDE THIS WEEK

WORSHIP NEXT WEEK

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| Tetbury | 8.30am | Holy Communion |
| | 10.00am | Parish Communion (The Revd Poppy Hughes, Preside) (The Revd Rob Church, Preach) |
| | 6.00pm | Nine Lessons and Carols (The Revd Poppy Hughes) |
| Beverston | 10.00am | Holy Communion (The Revd Christopher Mulholland) |
| Long Newnton | 6.00pm | Evensong (The Revd Christopher Mulholland) |
| Shipton Moyne | 4.00pm | Carol 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
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Please contact our Benefice Office with **notices and prayer requests**. Weekly deadline: 8.30am, Thursday, 75 words max please.

The Second Sunday of Advent

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 40.1-11

Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that she has served her term, that her penalty is paid, that she has received from the LORD's hand double for all her sins. A voice cries out: 'In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. Then the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together, for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.'

A voice says, 'Cry out!' And I said, 'What shall I cry?' All people are grass, their constancy is like the flower of the field. The grass withers, the flower fades, when the breath of the LORD blows upon it; surely the people are grass. The grass withers, the flower fades; but the word of our God will stand for ever. Get you up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good tidings; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings, lift it up, do not fear; say to the cities of Judah, 'Here is your God!' See, the Lord GOD comes with might, and his arm rules for him; his reward is with him, and his recompense before him. He will feed his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms, and carry them in his bosom, and gently lead the mother sheep.

New Testament Reading

2 Peter 3.8-15a

Do not ignore this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is

like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like one day. The Lord is not slow about his promise, as some think of slowness, but is patient with you, not wanting any to perish, but all to come to repentance. But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a loud noise, and the elements will be dissolved with fire, and the earth and everything that is done on it will be disclosed.

Since all these things are to be dissolved in this way, what sort of persons ought you to be in leading lives of holiness and godliness, waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set ablaze and dissolved, and the elements will melt with fire? But, in accordance with his promise, we wait for new heavens and a new earth, where righteousness is at home. Therefore, beloved, while you are waiting for these things, strive to be found by him at peace, without spot or blemish; and regard the patience of our Lord as salvation.

Gospel

Mark 1.1-8

The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. As it is written in the prophet Isaiah, 'See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way; the voice of one crying out in the wilderness: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight"',

John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their

sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, 'The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.'