

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

Sunday next before Lent : 11th February 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	Parish Eucharist
		The Revd Kim Brown (Preside)
Beverston	10.00am	Holy Communion
		The Revd Poppy Hughes, Rector
Long Newnton	11.15am	Matins
		Martin Green, Reader
Shipton Moyne	11.15am	Matins
		The Revd Poppy Hughes, Rector

Prayers for this Sunday

Almighty Father, whose Son was revealed in majesty before he suffered death upon the cross: give us grace to perceive his glory, that we may be strengthened to suffer with him and be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Holy God, we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ: may we who are partakers at his table reflect his life in word and deed, that all the world may know his power to change and save. This we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



BENEFICE NEWS

LENT HOME GROUPS start meeting in the week of **Monday 18th February**. We are again using “Immeasurably deeper”, with daily readings. Our home groups will explore the Christian disciplines of silence, humility, confession, sacrifice and hope. Please see the leaflet at the back of church for more details.

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

Prayer Ministry is offered during the time of Communion in Tetbury church this morning. You are invited to have a short time of prayer for yourself, or those you are concerned about, with members of our congregation who are experienced in praying for people. Anything you mention will be confidential and there are leaflets at the back of church explaining more about this ministry. If you would like to receive prayer ministry today, please go to the seating by the side altar during Communion.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Our lent Observance begins with our **Ash Wednesday Service** in Tetbury Church at 7pm on **Wednesday 14th February**.

Join us on **Wednesday 14th February at 3.30pm** at Christ Church to put together the Tetbury Area Churches Together Welcome Packs for the new housing in Tetbury .

St Marys' Festival Chorus will be singing for Good Friday (2 pm) and Easter Sunday (10 am). Practices will be on 9th, 16th, 23rd Feb, and 9th, 16th, 23rd March. Anyone who wishes to join this choir please contact Sue Thomas

Women's world day of prayer service organized by the Churches together in Tetbury will be held this year in st.Mary's on **Friday 2nd March** at 2pm. All ladies taking an active part (i.e. reading etc) are invited to a rehearsal on **Friday 23rd February** at 2pm. Members of the congregations and friends and families (including men) are welcome. For any information please contact Princess

National Garden scheme snowdrop festival at Beverston castle on **Sunday 18th February** from 12.30pm until 3.30pm. Adults £5, children free. Home-made teas will be served in Beverston church

Tetbury Congregational choir The next outing of the Choir will be on **Sunday 25th February**. All are welcome. If you'd like to sing with us please make sure you are in your seats at the front of the Church by 9.30am to prepare for the service start at 10am. Also, if you think that you may like to

sing with the choir on future occasions but would like further information please speak with Margaret Greenwood, Hilary Rowland or Sue Thomas.

Servers' Day will be on **Saturday March 17th** at St Marys' meeting at 10am and finishing by 1pm. We will be exploring what it means to serve during our worship, and thinking about the future. This is for all current members of the serving team, as well as for anybody potentially interested in joining them.

REQUESTS AND THANK YOU

Are you looking for a rewarding volunteering experience that will change a child's life? **Beanstalk** is a national children's literacy charity new to Gloucestershire. Local schools are asking for Beanstalk reading helpers now. See the leaflets at the back of church for more details.

Can you knit or crochet? Tetbury Town Council are hoping to make poppy displays for **Remembrance Sunday** and need volunteers to make thousands of poppies which will be displayed in various locations throughout the town. If you would like to get involved or donate balls of wool please contact - Tara 01666 504670. Collection boxes for poppies and wool can be found at Tetbury Town Council Offices or The Goods Shed. The patterns are available from the Parish Office.

Thank you so much to all of you for supporting our Community Choir concert either by buying tickets and helping during the evening. The acoustic of our church is perfect for singing which made it so enjoyable for us the Choir members and I am sure you will agree that Gilly's beautiful soprano voice made the evening even more memorable. We raised **£1,170** for the West Door Appeal- what a great result. John Saynor



PRAYER DIARY

Praying for St Mary's School Year 3/4 Class Beech with Miss Snell and Mrs Ravenhill

Tetbury Praying the Town: Chavenage Lane & Five Trees Close

Monday: Graham Kean, Dawn and Robin
 Tuesday: Bill Geers, George, Russell Chilvers
 Wednesday: Fergus Persse with Sandy, Liz, Lauren and Isobel
 Thursday: Laetitia Hardie, Sanitta, Darren Maskell
 Friday: James, Kelly, Stan O'Brien, James O'Sullivan

Departed: Jean Francis, Craig Taylor, Tony Davis

BENEFICE DIARY FOR THE WEEK BEGINNING

MONDAY 12th February 2018

Monday	9.30am		Shop Committee meet
	Noon	Tetbury	Funeral of Jean Francis
Ash Wednesday	9.30am	Tetbury	Holy Communion
	3.30pm	Christ Church	Welcome pack compiling
	7.00pm	Tetbury	Holy Communion
Friday	4.30pm	Long Newnton	Wedding rehearsal
Saturday	12.30pm	Long Newnton	Wedding of James Waiting and Lydia Fletcher

WORSHIP NEXT WEEK

Tetbury	8.30am	Holy Communion
	10.00am	Parish Eucharist The Revd Peter Hyson
Beverston	10.00am	Holy Communion The Revd Ursula Gray
Long Newnton	6.00pm	Evensong The Revd Christopher Mulholland
Shipton Moyne	11.15am	Holy Communion 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.

Sunday next before Lent

Old Testament Reading

2 Kings 2.1-12

When the LORD was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. Elijah said to Elisha, 'Stay here; for the LORD has sent me as far as Bethel.' But Elisha said, 'As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.' So they went down to Bethel. The company of prophets who were in Bethel came out to Elisha, and said to him, 'Do you know that today the LORD will take your master away from you?' And he said, 'Yes, I know; keep silent.'

Elijah said to him, 'Elisha, stay here; for the LORD has sent me to Jericho.' But he said, 'As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.' So they came to Jericho. The company of prophets who were at Jericho drew near to Elisha, and said to him, 'Do you know that today the LORD will take your master away from you?' And he answered, 'Yes, I know; be silent.'

Then Elijah said to him, 'Stay here; for the LORD has sent me to the Jordan.' But he said, 'As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.' So the two of them went on. Fifty men of the company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up, and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, until the two of them crossed on dry ground.

When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, 'Tell me what I may do for you, before I am taken from you.' Elisha said, 'Please let me inherit

a double share of your spirit.' He responded, 'You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not.' As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven. Elisha kept watching and crying out, 'Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!' But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces.

New Testament Reading

2 Corinthians 4.3-6

Even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. For it is the God who said, 'Let light shine out of darkness,' who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

Gospel

Mark 9.2-9

Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. Then Peter said to Jesus, 'Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.' He did not know what to say, for they

were terrified. Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!' Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus.

As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.