

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

Third Sunday before Advent : 12th November 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	Parish Eucharist (The Revd Poppy Hughes, Rector) Joe Nagle, Preach
	2.30pm	Service of Remembrance (The Revd Poppy Hughes, Rector)
Beverston	10.00am	Service of Remembrance (The Revd Ursula Gray)
Long Newnton	10.50am	Service of Remembrance (The Revd Christopher Mulholland)
Shipton Moyne	10.50am	Service of Remembrance (The Revd Kim Brown)

Prayers for this Sunday

Almighty Father, whose will is to restore all things in your beloved Son, the King of all: govern the hearts and minds of those in authority, and bring the families of the nations, divided and torn apart by the ravages of sin, to be subject to his just and gentle rule; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

God of peace, whose Son Jesus Christ proclaimed the kingdom and restored the broken to wholeness of life: look with compassion on the anguish of the world, and by your healing power make whole both people and nations; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen.**



BENEFICE NEWS

The **Second Sunday cash collection** today in Tetbury Church is in aid of the **Royal British Legion**



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Advent Quiet Day and Home Groups. Our Advent Quiet day is on **Friday 24th November**, and our Advent House Groups will be held the weeks beginning Monday 27th November, Monday 4th December and Monday 11th December. Our theme will be the questions Jesus asks. Please pick up a leaflet and sign up if you need us to find you a home.

Many thanks to all those who contributed to the inaugural outing of the **Congregational Choir in Tetbury Church** on October 22nd – we received very positive feedback and I think it fair to say that we all really enjoyed ourselves. So we're very much looking forward to our next outing which is on **Sunday November 26th**. If you weren't able to join us in October please do join us in November – just come to the Church at **9.30am** for a short rehearsal before the service at 10 am. All are welcome. For further information see notice board or contact Margaret Greenwood.

The next **Long Newnton Pub night** will be on **Friday 17th November**.

Shipton Moyne Village Fair on **Saturday 18th November** at 3pm in Shipton Moyne Village hall. Proceeds in aid of local organisations.

Come and join us to **pray for Tetbury** on **Saturday, 18th November** at Christ Church, 10.30am for 10.45am start, finishing at 11.45am. As usual if you would like to stay for a time of fellowship and a simple lunch please email Gwyneth

Our annual **Christmas Market** will be held in the **Market Hall** on **Saturday 2nd December 10.00 – 12.30 pm**. **Donations for this would be most welcome.** The stalls for this year are:: Cakes and Preserves; Good quality Gifts; Tombola (Bottles, Chocolate and general; Raffle. Craft and knitwear. Any contributions may be put in the chest by the Font or if perishable brought on the day. (On this occasion we are not looking for books or bric-a-brac). Please make a note of the date and support this event. Many thanks.



REQUESTS AND THANK YOUS

Thank you to the St Marys' Fabric Committee for the lovely windows into the Little Fishes room which helps people see another aspect of our life here at St Marys.

To all Church Stewards. Thank you for all you have done since April. You have provided an excellent welcome to Tetbury Church and the Shop takings have been really good. The Shop is now well stocked for Christmas and if any of you feel you could spend an hour or two during the day to encourage people to buy in the next few weeks this would be much appreciated. Just turn up when it suits you and stay as long as you wish. Thank you , Diana. Challis

Thank you, with your help, **70 shoeboxes** for **Operation Christmas Child** have been completed and taken to the collection point in Gloucester. To all who have contributed items, boxes, transport costs and their time towards this project in 2017. **Many thanks**



PRAYER DIARY

Praying for St Mary's School Year 5/6 Class Oak with Mrs Cartledge and Mrs Weston

Tetbury Praying the Town: The Damsells

Prayer List (please pray for the sick and departed)

- Monday: Anne Glanville, Grace, Mandy, Wendy Sharpe
- Tuesday: Lynne and Adrian, Sue, Emma, Alice Porter
- Wednesday: Norma Rainbow and family, Matthew
- Thursday: Chris Tracey and family, Pete and Di's and family
- Friday: Neena and Ricky Lakhani and family
- Departed:** Grace Sherwood, Diana Pierce

BENEFACTORY DIARY FOR THE WEEK BEGINNING MONDAY 13th November 2017

Wednesday	9.30am	Tetbury	Holy Communion
Friday		Long Newton	Pub Night
Saturday	10.30am 3.00pm	Christ Church Shipton Moyne Village hall	Prayer for Tetbury Shipton Moyne Village fair

WORSHIP NEXT WEEK

Tetbury	8.30am	Holy Communion (The Revd Peter Hyson)
	10.00am	Parish Eucharist (The Revd Ian Aveyard, Preside) (The Revd Peter Hyson, Preach)
Beverston	10.00am	Holy Communion (The Revd Canon Barry Raven)
Long Newton	6.00pm	Evensong (The Revd Rob Church)
Shipton Moyne	11.15am	Holy Communion (The Revd Christopher Mulholland)

BENEFACTORY 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.

Third Sunday before Advent

Old Testament

Wisdom of Solomon 6.12-16

Wisdom is radiant and unfading, and she is easily discerned by those who love her, and is found by those who seek her. She hastens to make herself known to those who desire her. One who rises early to seek her will have no difficulty, for she will be found sitting at the gate. To fix one's thought on her is perfect understanding, and one who is vigilant on her account will soon be free from care, because she goes about seeking those worthy of her, and she graciously appears to them in their paths, and meets them in every thought.

New Testament

I Thessalonians 4.13-18

We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord for ever. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

Gospel

Matthew 25.1-13

Jesus spoke this parable to the disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; ⁴but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, "Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him." Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, "Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out." But the wise replied, "No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves." And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, "Lord, lord, open to us." But he replied, "Truly I tell you, I do not know you." Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.'