

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

Baptism of Christ: 13th January 2019

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## Gospel

**Luke 3.15-17,21-22**

(In the wilderness John proclaimed a baptism of repentance.) As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, 'I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing-floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.'

Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.'

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.

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## WORSHIP TODAY

Tetbury	8.30am	Holy Communion
	10.00am	Parish Communion The Revd Ian Aveyard
Beverston	10.00am	Holy Communion The Revd Rob Church
Long Lewnton	11.15am	Matins Martin Green, Reader
Shipton Moyne	11.15am	Matins Sarah Parton, Reader

## Prayers for this Sunday

Eternal Father, who at the baptism of Jesus revealed him to be your Son, anointing him with the Holy Spirit: grant to us, who are born again by water and the Spirit, that we may be faithful to our calling as your adopted children; 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 all time and eternity, you opened the heavens and revealed yourself as Father in the baptism of Jesus your beloved Son: by the power of your Spirit complete the heavenly work of our rebirth through the waters of the new creation; 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 28<sup>th</sup> January, teaching the children new contemporary worship songs. Then there will be a concert in church on Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> 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 24<sup>th</sup> February, Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> March, Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> April, Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> May, Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> June and Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> July. With thanks, Poppy

Those who make their **weekly donations** in Tetbury church through the **Envelope Scheme** will find their pack of Envelopes for 2019 in the box at the rear of the Church. Any new donor wishing to join the Scheme should please contact Ros Tildesley.

The **2nd Sunday cash collection** in Tetbury Church today is in aid of the Christian Aid "100 Mile Walk"

The Parish office will be **open** on **Tuesday** and **Thursday** only this week.



## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**Next Sunday:** Don't forget to **come to St Marys' at 3.30 for tea** and to welcome our 20 plus walkers home and **stay for the service for Christian Unity at 4.30** -being led by Noel who has walked every day!

**Prayer for Tetbury** is on **Saturday, 19th January** in Christ Church 9.30-10.30. If you would like breakfast at 9.00 please let Gwyneth know by Wednesday, 16<sup>th</sup>. Everyone is welcome to come and pray for our town.

**Mothers' Union** will meet this week at 2:30 pm on **Tuesday 15th January**. Please come along to enjoy an afternoon of fun & fellowship

**Painswick Christian Aid group** are having a quiz at Sheepscombe village hall, on **January 17th**. The first question is at 7.30pm. Entries £8 per person/ £32 per team of 4. To enter call Lin Davies or Dylan Davies . Entry includes ploughman's platter and chocolates. Cash bar with real ale. Please support this as the proceeds are going to the 100 mile walk.

## Baptism of Christ

### First Reading

### Isaiah 43.1-7

Thus says the LORD, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. For I am the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Saviour. I give Egypt as your ransom, Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you. Because you are precious in my sight, and honoured, and I love you, I give people in return for you, nations in exchange for your life. Do not fear, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you; I will say to the north, 'Give them up', and to the south, 'Do not withhold; bring my sons from far away and my daughters from the end of the earth – everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made.'

### Second Reading

### Acts 8.14-17

When the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. The two went down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit (for as yet the Spirit had not come upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus). Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

**BENEFICE DIARY FOR THE WEEK BEGINNING  
MONDAY 14th January 2019**

Tuesday	2.30pm		Mothers' Union Meeting
Wednesday	9.30am	Tetbury	Holy Communion
Friday	Noon	Tetbury	Service of Thanksgiving for David Kirton
Saturday	9.30am	Christ Church	Prayer for Tetbury
	10.30am	Tetbury	Organ scholarship audition
Sunday	3.30pm	Tetbury	Welcome tea for 100 mile walkers

**WORSHIP NEXT WEEK**

Tetbury	8.30am	Holy Communion
	10.00am	Parish Communion
		The Revd Rob Church
	4.30pm	Service of Prayer for Christian Unity
		Revd Noel Sharpe
Beverston	10.00am	Holy Communion
		The Revd Poppy Hughes, Rector
Long	6.00pm	Evensong
Lewnton		The Revd Poppy Hughes, Rector
Shipton	11.15am	Holy Communion
Moyne		The Revd Poppy Hughes, Rector

**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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Website: www.tetburychurch.co.uk

Please contact our Benefice Office with **notices and prayer requests**. Weekly deadline: 8.30am, Thursday.

75 words max please.



**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](http://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.

Whilst you are reading this **10 members of our congregation are walking 100 miles to raise £100,000 for Syrian refugees**. They are being joined by others from our own congregation and from other local congregations, on different days. So far we have raised 40% of our hoped for total. Please can you help to make Donna's 50th birthday wish come true? Sign up to sponsor them at the back of the church or on line <https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/hundred-mile-walk>.



**PRAYER DIARY**

**Please pray for our 100 mile walkers this week**

**Praying for St Mary's School** Year 2 Juniper Class with Mrs Stancombe/Mrs Spencer and Mrs Amor

**Tetbury Praying the Town:** Bath Road

**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, Peter Parkhouse

Thursday: Joyce and Joe, John Lye, Robert

Friday: Freya, Clive and Tony, Jenny & Victor

Departed: Edward Eley, David Kirton

**Years Mind:** Craig Taylor (19,1)

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