

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

Second Sunday of Epiphany : 14th January 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 The Revd Poppy Hughes, Rector
	10.00am	Parish Communion The Revd Ian Bussell, Preside The Revd Rob Church, Preach
Beverston	10.00am	Holy Communion The Revd Ursula Gray
Long Newnton	11.15am	Matins Martin Green, Reader
Shipton Moyne	11.15am	Matins The Revd Kim Brown

Prayers for this Sunday

Almighty God, in Christ you make all things new: transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace, and in the renewal of our lives make known your heavenly glory; 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.**

God of glory, you nourish us with your Word who is the bread of life: fill us with your Holy Spirit that through us the light of your glory may shine in all the world. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.



BENEFICE NEWS

The **Second Sunday cash collection** in Tetbury Church today is in aid of The Wednesday/Friday club at St Mary's Day centre

As **Friends of the Choir** have probably realised the annual party held at Chavenage House has had to be postponed for this year. An evening of song, entertainment & refreshments is in the planning stages for an event to be held in the spring. Thank you for your understanding and continued support which is greatly appreciated in what has been a time of change in our choirs history.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Tetbury Community Choir is staging a concert to support **Tetbury 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 gillianwells.co.uk. Under the direction of Richard George 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, John Saynor or the Parish Office 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.

The next **Prayer for Tetbury** meeting is on **Saturday, 20th January** and to make this more accessible for folk we will begin at 9.00 with a simple breakfast and the main prayer time will be from 9.30 to 10.30 am. Also we will be in the back hall of Christ Church for the whole time. Please let Gwyneth know if you would like to have breakfast - just so that we have enough croissants/pastries !

Murder Mystery Play TICKETS NOW ON SALE. *Who Killed The Vicar?* Carnage, Chaos and Comedy comes to St Mary's Church. Polish your sleuthing skills to identify the miscreants and absolve the righteous. **Saturday 10th February** at 2.30pm and 7.00pm. Limited number available, £10 including refreshments – from the Parish Office and Tourist Information. All proceeds to the Tetbury Foodbank.

The next outing of the **Tetbury Congregational Choir** will be on **Sunday 28th January**. 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

Beer & Hymns in the Cat & Custard on **Sunday 21st Jan** from 6pm until 7pm. Sing away the January gloom with traditional hymns and old favourites among friends and neighbours, over a pint or a G&T. Suitable for all. the family

Mothers' Union will meet this week on **Tuesday 16th January** at **2:30 pm** in the Dolphins Hall. **Pam Scott** will be welcomed as our afternoon speaker. Her subject: **'The District Nurse/Midwife'** **Do come**, visitors are always welcome to attend any of our meetings.

On Friday 12 January Donna Gardner celebrated her 49th Birthday. Why am I letting you know now? Because, **to celebrate her 50th birthday**, Donna and a group of walkers are leaving our church after the service on **13 January 2019** to begin a **100 mile sponsored walk in aid of Christian Aid**. This week long walk will end at St Marys with Evensong. If you would like to join in for all or part of the walk do speak to Donna or Alison. Not a walker? There will be other ways to help.

Quiz Night on **Friday 26th Jan in Shipton Moyne Vilage hall at 7.30pm**. **£16** per team (max of 4). Bar, Refreshments and Raffle. **Booking is essential**. To book a team contact Caroline



REQUESTS AND THANK YOU

Christian Aid: Thank you to all those who gave time to help collect for **Christian Aid** immediately before Christmas. Tesco shoppers were very generous and we collected the amazing amount of **£1,000.61**. This will be doubled by the Government and so **£2,001.22** will go to help the poorest people around the world including refugees.



PRAYER DIARY

Baptisms: Please pray for **Archie Stratton** who will be baptised in Shipton Moyne church next Sunday and his parents and godparents.

Praying for St Mary's School Year 2 Class Holly with Mrs Peacock / Miss Jackson & Mrs Smith

Tetbury Praying the Town: Berkeley Way, Talboys Walk

Prayer List (please pray for the sick and departed)

Monday: Graham Kean, Anne and Josephine

Tuesday: Lynne and Adrian, Bill Geers

Wednesday Fergus Persse with Sandy, Liz, Lauren and Isobel

Thursday: Laetitia Hardie , Sanitta

Friday: James, Kelly

Departed: Raymond Clifford

Years Mind: **Peter Bowler** (16/1), Frank Dickinson (18/1)

("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 15th January 2018

Monday	11.00am	Tetbury	Funeral for Raymond Clifford
Tuesday	2.30pm	Dolphins Hall	Mothers Union meeting
Wednesday	9.30am	Tetbury	Holy Communion
Thursday	7.00pm	Tetbury	Tetbury PCC meet
Saturday	9.00am	Christ Church	Prayer for Tetbury

WORSHIP NEXT WEEK

Tetbury	8.30am	Holy Communion Parish Eucharist
	10.00am	The Revd Canon Barry Raven
Beverston	10.00am	Holy Communion The Revd Poppy Hughes, Rector
Long Newnton	6.00pm	Evensong The Revd Christopher Mulholland
Shipton Moyne	11.15am	Holy Communion with Baptism 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, 75 words max please.

Second Sunday of Epiphany

Old Testament

I Samuel 3.1-10(11-20)

Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the LORD under Eli. The word of the LORD was rare in those days; visions were not widespread. At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the LORD, where the ark of God was. Then the LORD called, 'Samuel! Samuel!' and he said, 'Here I am!' and ran to Eli, and said, 'Here I am, for you called me.' But he said, 'I did not call; lie down again.' So he went and lay down. The LORD called again, 'Samuel!' Samuel got up and went to Eli, and said, 'Here I am, for you called me.' But he said, 'I did not call, my son; lie down again.' Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD, and the word of the LORD had not yet been revealed to him. The LORD called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli, and said, 'Here I am, for you called me.' Then Eli perceived that the LORD was calling the boy. Therefore Eli said to Samuel, 'Go, lie down; and if he calls you, you shall say, "Speak, LORD, for your servant is listening."' So Samuel went and lay down in his place. Now the LORD came and stood there, calling as before, 'Samuel! Samuel!' And Samuel said, 'Speak, for your servant is listening.' Then the LORD said to Samuel, 'See, I am about to do something in Israel that will make both ears of anyone who hears of it tingle. On that day I will fulfil against Eli all that I have spoken concerning his house, from beginning to end. For I have told him that I am about to punish his house for ever, for the iniquity that he knew, because his sons were blaspheming God, and he did not restrain them. Therefore I swear to the house of Eli that the iniquity of Eli's house shall not be expiated by sacrifice or offering for ever.'

Samuel lay there until morning; then he opened the doors of the house of the LORD. Samuel was afraid to tell the vision to Eli. But Eli called Samuel and said, 'Samuel, my son.' He said, 'Here I am.' Eli said, 'What was it that he told you? Do not hide it from me. May God do so to you and more also, if

you hide anything from me of all that he told you.' So Samuel told him everything and hid nothing from him. Then he said, 'It is the LORD; let him do what seems good to him.'

As Samuel grew up, the LORD was with him and let none of his words fall to the ground. And all Israel from Dan to Beer-sheba knew that Samuel was a trustworthy prophet of the LORD.

New Testament

Revelation 5.1-10

I saw in the right hand of the one seated on the throne a scroll written on the inside and on the back, sealed with seven seals; and I saw a mighty angel proclaiming with a loud voice, 'Who is worthy to open the scroll and break its seals?' And no one in heaven or on earth or under the earth was able to open the scroll or to look into it. And I began to weep bitterly because no one was found worthy to open the scroll or to look into it. Then one of the elders said to me, 'Do not weep. See, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has conquered, so that he can open the scroll and its seven seals.' Then I saw between the throne and the four living creatures and among the elders a Lamb standing as if it had been slaughtered, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven spirits of God sent out into all the earth. He went and took the scroll from the right hand of the one who was seated on the throne. When he had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell before the Lamb, each holding a harp and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints. They sing a new song: 'You are worthy to take the scroll and to open its seals, for you were slaughtered and by your blood you ransomed for God saints from every tribe and language and people and nation; you have made them to be a kingdom and priests serving our God, and they will reign on earth.'

Gospel

John 1.43-51

The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, 'Follow me.' Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and

Peter. Philip found Nathanael and said to him, 'We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth.' Nathanael said to him, 'Can anything good come out of Nazareth?' Philip said to him, 'Come and see.' When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him, he said of him, 'Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!' Nathanael asked him, 'Where did you come to know me?' Jesus answered, 'I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you.' Nathanael replied, 'Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!' Jesus answered, 'Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these.' And he said to him, 'Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man.'