

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

Fifth Sunday of Easter : 14th May 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)
	6.00pm	Christian Aid Service at Christ Church
Beverston	10.00am	Holy Communion (The Revd Ursula Gray)
Long Newnton	11.15am	Rogation Service (Martin Green, Reader)
Shipton Moyne	11.15am	Matins (Wardens)

Prayers for this Sunday

Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ have overcome death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: grant that, as by your grace going before us you put into our minds good desires, so by your continual help we may bring them to good effect; through Jesus Christ our risen Lord. **Amen.**

Eternal God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life: grant us to walk in his way, to rejoice in his truth, and to share his risen life; who is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **Amen..**



BENEFICE NEWS

From time to time, you may be something you are concerned about, be it your health, problems with a loved one, your walk with God or anything else that is worrying you. In Tetbury Church we would like to support you by offering you the opportunity to have a short time of prayer with members of our congregation who are experienced in praying for people. This will be on the second Sunday of the month, during Communion, and if you would like to ask for prayer in this way, please go to the area to the right of the altar after you have received Communion and you will be directed to someone who will pray for you. Anything that you mention will be confidential.

Tetbury Church Choir. Following a constructive and thorough discussion with the Choir on the way forward now that John Upton has left, it is felt that whilst options are pursued, the Choir will take a sabbatical and only sing formally for "Festival" services. The next one being the Choral Evensong for the Friends of the Choir on June 11th. They will meet to rehearse on Fridays for these specific services. In between times we welcome the choir members as they join us to sing in the congregation.

The **Second Sunday cash collection** in Tetbury Church today will be in aid of **Christian Aid.**

The Archbishops of Canterbury and York have called on all Christians to spend the ten days between Ascension Day & Pentecost praying to grow in confidence as witnesses to Christ (**25th May to 4th June**). Hundreds of thousands of people across the Church of England have already committed to be involved. If you haven't yet signed up to pray over those ten days, can I encourage you to do so at: www.thykingdomcome.global. We will of course be including this in our prayer life as a church, and there are also plenty of resources for you to pray as an individual and as a family. Poppy



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

60th Anniversary of Christian Aid is marked this week **14 – 20 May**. Special service **tonight 6pm at Christchurch**. The focus this year is **Refugees**. Breakfasts, lunches and teas are being held throughout the week. You, too, can hold one if you would like to. Today's cash collection in Tetbury Church is also for Christian Aid as of course are all the proceeds of our house to house collection. There are still some roads uncovered. Can you help? Last year in Tetbury in total we raised over £9,500. Can we exceed that amount this year? Alison,

Tetbury Church bell tower will be open on **Monday 30th May** for **Woolsack Day** from 10am until 2pm. More details to follow.

Mothers' Union will meet this week on **Tuesday 16th May** at **2:30 pm** in the Dolphins Hall. **Kim Paul** will be welcomed as our afternoon speaker. Her subject 'My Work as a Midwife'. Do come, visitors are always welcome to attend any of our meetings.

Hymnathon in Beverston Church on **Saturday 20th May** from 2.30pm until 5pm. Join the choir in glorious singing. Request your favourite hymn in this beautifully decorated setting with the Castle Gardens open, and teas at The Old Rectory. Browse through the history of Beverston and plants for sale in the Castle Stables.. Teas will be available in Church on Sunday afternoon from 2.30pm until 4pm and the celebrations will close with Evensong at 6pm.



REQUESTS AND THANK YOU'S

Thank you to everyone that helped at the **coffee, cake and chat** yesterday in Tetbury Church, by making cakes or helping in Church.

New Benches on south side of church. A big thank you is due to **Tetbury in Bloom** for supplying two new bench seats, set against the south ambulatory wall, and to **Eagle Plant** for their most generous gift of the gravel on which they sit. It is a wonderful addition to our churchyard. Please have a look at it.



PRAYER DIARY

Praying for St Mary's School Year 3/4 Class Chestnut with Miss Stemp
Tetbury Praying the Town: Cutwell

Prayer List (please pray for the sick and departed)

Monday: Kathleen, Chris, Sue, Kathleen, Susie, William Dyson

Tuesday: Jane Mary, Pat, Lynne and Adrian, Jon Penny

Wednesday: Kelly, Kate and Mike, Gavin, Alan

Thursday: Nick, Reg, Doreen Riley, Win, Nathan

Friday: James, Catherine Long, Tiffany, Megan

Departed: Shirley "Sue" Lea

Years Mind: Gilbert Smith (15/05) ("*Year's Mind*" is to mark the first anniversary of a death – often a difficult time for family and friends)

Please pray for those being commissioned as **church warden** tomorrow by our new archdeacon, Revd Canon Phil Andrew at the Visitation Service in Cirencester Parish Church.

BENEFACTORY DIARY FOR THE WEEK BEGINNING

MONDAY 15th MAY 2017

Monday	7.00pm	Visitation Service at Cirencester Parish Church
Tuesday	7.00pm	Tetbury PCC meet at St Mary's Primary School
Wednesday	9.30am	Holy Communion at Tetbury Church
Thursday	12.30pm	Wedding rehearsal at Long Newnton Church
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Friday	12.30pm	Wedding of Christopher Williamson and Rebecca Hellmuth at Long Newnton Church
Saturday	2.30pm	Hymnathon at Beverston Church
Saturday	3.00pm	Wedding of Simon Bond and Wendy Hicks at Long Newnton Church
Sunday	12.30pm	Pate, pie and pud lunch in Stouts Hill, Uley

WORSHIP NEXT WEEK: 21st May

Tetbury	8.30am	Holy Communion
	10.00am	Parish Eucharist (The Revd Canon Barry Raven)
Beverston	6.00pm	Evensong (The Revd Poppy Hughes, Rector)
Long Newnton	6.00pm	Evensong (Wardens)
Shipton Moyne	11.15am	Rogation Service (The Revd Poppy Hughes, Rector)

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.

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Old Testament

Genesis 8.1-19

But God remembered Noah and all the wild animals and all the domestic animals that were with him in the ark. And God made a wind blow over the earth, and the waters subsided; the fountains of the deep and the windows of the heavens were closed, the rain from the heavens was restrained, and the waters gradually receded from the earth. At the end of one hundred and fifty days the waters had abated; and in the seventh month, on the seventeenth day of the month, the ark came to rest on the mountains of Ararat. The waters continued to abate until the tenth month; in the tenth month, on the first day of the month, the tops of the mountains appeared. At the end of forty days Noah opened the window of the ark that he had made and sent out the raven; and it went to and fro until the waters were dried up from the earth. Then he sent out the dove from him, to see if the waters had subsided from the face of the ground; but the dove found no place to set its foot, and it returned to him to the ark, for the waters were still on the face of the whole earth. So he put out his hand and took it and brought it into the ark with him. He waited another seven days, and again he sent out the dove from the ark; and the dove came back to him in the evening, and there in its beak was a freshly plucked olive leaf; so Noah knew that the waters had subsided from the earth. Then he waited another seven days, and sent out the dove; and it did not return to him any more. In the six hundred and first year, in the first month, on the first day of the month, the waters were dried up from the earth; and Noah removed the covering of the ark, and looked, and saw that the face of the ground was drying. In the second month, on the twenty-seventh day of the month, the earth was dry. Then God said to Noah, 'Go out of the ark, you and your wife, and your sons and your sons' wives with you. Bring out with you every living thing that is with you of all flesh – birds and animals and every creeping thing that creeps on the earth – so that they may abound on the earth, and be fruitful and multiply on the

earth.' So Noah went out with his sons and his wife and his sons' wives. And every animal, every creeping thing, and every bird, everything that moves on the earth, went out of the ark by families.

New Testament

Acts 7.55-60

Standing before the high priest and the council, Stephen, filled with the Holy Spirit, gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. 'Look,' he said, 'I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!' But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, 'Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.' Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, 'Lord, do not hold this sin against them.' When he had said this, he died

Gospel

John 14.1-14

Jesus said to his disciples: 'Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling-places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going.' Thomas said to him, 'Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?' Jesus said to him, 'I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.' Philip said to him, 'Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.' Jesus said to him, 'Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has

seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, "Show us the Father"? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.'