

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

Twentieth Sunday after Trinity: 14th October 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	Harvest Festival Communion
		The Revd Poppy Hughes, Rector
Beverston	10.00am	Holy Communion
		The Revd Ursula Gray
Long	11.15am	Matins
Lewnton		Martin Green, Reader
Shipton	11.15am	Matins
Moyne		Wardens

Prayers for this Sunday

Eternal God, you crown the year with your goodness and you give us the fruits of the earth in their season: grant that we may use them to your glory, for the relief of those in need and for our own well-being; 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 the harvest, with joy we have offered thanksgiving for your love in creation and have shared in the bread and wine of the kingdom: by your grace plant within us a reverence for all that you give us and make us generous and wise stewards of the good things we enjoy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**



BENEFICE NEWS

The **2nd Sunday cash collection** in Tetbury Church today is in aid of the **Community of the Sisters of the Church in Bristol**. The Harvest Festival food donations will go to the Foodbank.

The **Parish Office** is closed, and will reopen on **Wednesday 31st October**

Please support the **Tetbury Church shop** this Christmas. There are a wide range of Christmas cards on sale as well as tree decorations, stocking fillers, ideas for presents, Advent calendars are much more. Do take a look.

"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

Tetbury Community Choir next concert will be on **Wednesday 17th October** at 7.30 pm at St Mary's Primary School in aid of school funds. and the guest soloist will be **Heather Bristow** the very talented local singer who will be known by many of our church members. Tickets are priced at just **£5** and are available from John Saynor or any other choir member.

Mothers' Union will meet this week on **Tuesday 16th October** at **2:30 pm** in the **Dolphins Hall**. **Sheila Whitaker** from **Operation Christmas Child** will be our afternoon speaker. **Please come along** to hear her talk about the difference **Christmas Gift Shoeboxes** make to those who receive them.

Advent 2018. Our theme this year is journeying in God and to God, drawing on three journeys from the Nativity: Mary and Joseph travelling to Bethlehem, then the shepherds and the Magi to the manger. Please put the dates in your diary: **Advent Quiet Day** in St Michael's Church Hall on **Saturday 24th November**, and the home groups meeting in the weeks beginning Monday 26th November, Monday 3rd December and Monday 10th December. More details to follow, with information about joining a group if you need a home!

"Images of the Invisible" - An exhibition of Christian art by Christian artists who seek to portray our faith visually. Includes photography, paintings, calligraphy and textiles. At Malmesbury Abbey, Malmesbury. until 28th Oct 2018. Open daily 9am - 5pm



REQUESTS AND THANK YOU'S

"**Gift aid**—A very big thank you to all who give to Tetbury church in any way. If you gift aid your giving (whether your giving is through the parish giving scheme or direct to the church) please check each year that you pay enough income tax or capital gains tax to cover the gift aid on your giving. If you no longer pay enough tax, please let Alan Bailey (who administers our gift aid claims) or Mike Hardwick (treasurer) know so that we do not claim gift aid where it is not available. If you are a higher rate taxpayer, you may be able to claim additional tax relief on your gift aid donations through your tax return."

Giving to the Tetbury Youth and Development Trust - Tetbury's youth pod is asking local people to give regularly towards their amazing work with our young people. Their donation system is now up and running at: <https://cafdonate.cafonline.org/8841#/DonationDetails> *Rob Church*

Shoebboxes Needed by the end of October, for **Operation Christmas Child** a project of Samaritan's Purse it's mission to demonstrate God's love in a tangible way to needy children around the world. Over the years you have filled shoeboxes of goodies to send to children overseas. Some people like to fill a whole shoebox and others like to give certain items or contribute to the transport costs. If you would like to help Operation Christmas Child please contact Judith Bailey. More information can be found on the Mothers' Union notice board at the back of St Marys' Church.

Colin, the organist for Evening Church is retiring at the end of the year. Anyone interested in taking on this role, please contact Ann Brick or Stephanie Hamilton.

Due to your generosity for the Disasters Emergency Committee's, **DEC appeal** last Sunday we were able to send a donation **£508.70** for the needs of **Indonesia** after the Tsunami there. Thank you.



PRAYER DIARY

Praying for St Mary's School Year 3 Willow Class with Mr Hainsworth - Mrs Sujeewon

Tetbury Praying the Town: Shepherds Mead

Prayer List (please pray for the sick and departed)

Monday: Graham Kean, Kirsty and Dean

Tuesday: Bill Geers, Jill, Sue, David, Liz Eaton

Wednesday: Sheila Little, George and Jemer

Thursday: Joyce and Joe, John Lye, Robert

Friday: Baby Freya, Clive and Tony

Departed: Edwina Norris, Dianne Johnson, Peter Gibbons

BENEFICE DIARY FOR THE WEEK BEGINNING

MONDAY 15th October 2018

Tuesday	2.30pm	Dolphins Hall	Mothers' Union meeting
	7.00 for	7.30pm RAU	Deanery Synod meets
Wednesday	9.30am	Tetbury	Holy Communion
	7.00pm	St Michaels's	TACT meeting
Thursday	1.00pm	Tetbury	Funeral of Edwina Norris
Friday	2.00pm	Beverston	U3A Group Visit

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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.

Harvest Thanksgiving

Old Testament Reading

Joel 2:21-27

Do not fear, O soil; be glad and rejoice for the Lord has done great things! Do not fear, you animals of the field, for the pastures of the wilderness are green; the trees bear its fruit, the fig tree and the vine give their full yield. O children of Zion, be glad and rejoice in the Lord your God; for he has given you the early rain for your vindication, he has poured down for you abundant rain, the early and the later rain, as before. The threshing floors shall be full of grain, the vats shall overflow with wine and oil. I will repay you for the years that the swarming locust has eaten, the hopper, the destroyer, and the cutter, my great army, which I sent against you. You shall eat in plenty and be satisfied, and praise the name of the Lord your God, who has dealt wondrously with you. And my people shall never again be put to shame. You shall know that I am in the midst of Israel, and that I, the Lord, am your God and there is no other. And my people shall never again be put to shame.

New Testament Reading

I Timothy 6:6-10

There is great gain in godliness combined with contentment; for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it; but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these. But those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains.

Gospel

Matthew 6:25-33

Jesus taught his disciples, saying: 'Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you— you of little faith? Therefore do not worry, saying, "What will we eat?" or "What will we drink?" or "What will we wear?" For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.