

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

Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity: 15th October 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 Canon Barry Raven)
Beverston	10.00am	Holy Communion with Baptism (The Revd Christopher Mulholland)
Long Newnton	6.00pm	Evensong (The Revd Poppy Hughes, Rector)
Shipton Moyne	11.15am	Holy Communion (The Revd Christopher Mulholland)

Prayers for this Sunday

Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us your gift of faith that, forsaking what lies behind and reaching out to that which is before, we may run the way of your commandments and win the crown of everlasting joy; 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.**

We praise and thank you, O Christ, for this sacred feast: for here we receive you, here the memory of your passion is renewed, here our minds are filled with grace, and here a pledge of future glory is given, when we shall feast at that table where you reign with all your saints for ever. **Amen.**



BENEFICE NEWS

The **Parish Office** is closed and will reopen on **Tuesday 24th October**.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Dying to help? No experience needed! Tetbury church & town are putting on a **MURDER MYSTERY** play in Feb 2018. No scripts to learn just a handful of rehearsal & bags of fun. If you can read to around 60 people this could be for you. Tell friends & neighbours. Then come and find out more without commitment: **Thurs 26th Oct** at 1900 in St Mary's Church or speak to Peter Hyson.

Advent Quiet Day and Home Groups. Please put a note in your diary! 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. More information to follow.

There will be a meeting for **Holiday at Home** volunteers on **Friday 20th October**, at 2.00 p.m. in Christ Church Hall. This will be to discuss this year's event as well as appoint a committee to plan for next year. The meeting is open to all, a particular welcome will be to people who have not been involved before! For more information, please contact Brian or Sue Cook

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 or Hjordis Halliwell For more information please see the Mothers' Union notice board at the back of St Marys' Church.



REQUESTS AND THANK YOU

A volunteer is needed to distribute the **Tetbury praying the town leaflets** in Silver Street, Fox Hill and Old Rope Walk (22nd October). Please contact the Parish Office to arrange.

Syrian Refugees Christmas 2016 we collected to do up a house in Tewkesbury for Syrian Refugees. The total of £10,000 for renovating and furnishing the house was surpassed, a family of two parents and three young children have moved in and the surplus money allowed for warm winter clothing and school uniforms to be purchased. Over 400 volunteer hours went into the renovation effort. Churches Together in the area are now looking for further properties in Tewkesbury to provide a safe haven for more Syrian families.

Food Bank: All the food donated at Tetbury Tesco now collected by our volunteers and taken directly to our warehouse in Cirencester. Thank you to all those who give there and/or in our church. Without your donations the Food Bank would not continue to exist. We are helping so many people in the town for all manner of reasons so thank you for your continued support.

Hoe Down on 24th October at Kings Head, Didmarton in aid of our Food Bank. All participants are asked to take an item of food for the Food Bank. Please support them if you can.



PRAYER DIARY

Baptisms: Please pray for **Isaac Jones** who will be baptised in Beverston Church today and his parents and godparents.

Praying for St Mary's School Year 2 Class Juniper with Miss Gibbins and Mrs Avis

Tetbury Praying the Town: Sherwood Road, Linfoot Road & Holder Close

Prayer List (please pray for the sick and departed)

Monday: The Woods and Seddon families, Anne Glanville

Tuesday: Lynne and Adrian, Roy and Carol, Edith

Wednesday: Kate and Mike, Deb, Nathan, Elizabeth

Thursday: Rachel and Claire, Ingrid, Ron and Wassila

Friday: Richard and Moira, Harriet, Jack, Tom

Departed: Those we remember with love

BENEFICE DIARY FOR THE WEEK BEGINNING

MONDAY 16th OCTOBER 2017

Wednesday 9.30am Tetbury Holy Communion
7.00pm RAU Cirencester Deanery Synod meeting
Friday 2.00pm Christ Church H@H volunteers meeting

WORSHIP NEXT WEEK 22nd October

Tetbury 8.30am Holy Communion
10.00am Parish Eucharist
(The Revd Poppy Hughes, Rector)
Beverston 10.00am Matins
(The Revd Ursula Gray)
Long Newnton 11.15am Holy Communion
(The Revd Christopher Mulholland)
Shipton Moyne 11.15am Family Worship
(The Family Worship Team)

8.30am Monday - Friday Morning Prayer in St Marys' Tetbury.
Enter by north-east door (by the kitchen). All welcome, including dogs!

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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Please contact our Benefice Office with **notices and prayer requests**. Weekly deadline: 8.30am, Thursday, 75 words max please.

Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity

Old Testament

Isaiah 25.1-9

O LORD, you are my God; I will exalt you, I will praise your name; for you have done wonderful things, plans formed of old, faithful and sure. For you have made the city a heap, the fortified city a ruin; the palace of aliens is a city no more, it will never be rebuilt. Therefore strong peoples will glorify you; cities of ruthless nations will fear you. For you have been a refuge to the poor, a refuge to the needy in their distress, a shelter from the rainstorm and a shade from the heat. When the blast of the ruthless was like a winter rainstorm, the noise of aliens like heat in a dry place, you subdued the heat with the shade of clouds; the song of the ruthless was stilled. On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-matured wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-matured wines strained clear. And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the sheet that is spread over all nations; he will swallow up death for ever. Then the Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the LORD has spoken. It will be said on that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us. This is the LORD for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

New Testament

Philippians 4.1-9

My brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved. I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the

rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life. Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honourable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

Gospel

Matthew 22.1-14

Once more Jesus spoke to the chief priests and Pharisees in parables, saying: 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. Again he sent other slaves, saying, "Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet." But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his slaves, maltreated them, and killed them. The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. Then he said to his slaves, "The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet." Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests. But when the king came in to see the

guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, and he said to him, "Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?" And he was speechless. Then the king said to the attendants, "Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth." For many are called, but few are chosen.'