

thrown into the fire." And the crowds asked him, "What then should we do?" In reply he said to them, "Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise." Even tax collectors came to be baptized, and they asked him, "Teacher, what should we do?" He said to them, "Collect no more than the amount prescribed for you." Soldiers also asked him, "And we, what should we do?" He said to them, "Do not extort money from anyone by threats or false accusation, and be satisfied with your wages." 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." So, with many other exhortations, he proclaimed the good news to the people.

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

Third Sunday of Advent: 16th December 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	Parish Communion Presiding: The Revd Rob Church Preaching: Sarah Parton, Reader
	6.00pm	Nine Lessons and Carols The Revd Poppy Hughes, Rector
Beverston	10.00am	Holy Communion The Revd Canon Barry Raven
Long Lewnton	6.00pm	Evensong Wardens
Shipton Moyne	4.00pm	Carol Service The Revd Poppy Hughes, Rector

Prayers for this Sunday

O Lord Jesus Christ, who at your first coming sent your messenger to prepare your way before you: grant that the ministers and stewards of your mysteries may likewise so prepare and make ready your way by turning the hearts of the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, that at your second coming to judge the world we may be found an acceptable people in your sight; for you are alive and reign with the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

We give you thanks, O Lord, for these heavenly gifts; kindle in us the fire of your Spirit that when your Christ comes again we may shine as lights before his face; who is alive and reigns now and for ever. **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 28th January, teaching the children new contemporary worship songs. Then there will be a concert in church on Thursday 31st 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 24th February, Sunday 24th March, Sunday 28th April, Sunday 26th May, Sunday 30th June and Sunday 21st 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.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

The **Tetbury congregational choir** will next be singing on **Sunday 23rd December**. Please contact Margaret Greenwood if you would like to sing with us.

The Little Fishes and their parents are invited to help decorate the Christmas tree after the 10am service this morning in Tetbury Church



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

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.

First Reading

Zephaniah 3:14-20

Sing aloud, O daughter Zion; shout, O Israel! Rejoice and exult with all your heart, O daughter Jerusalem. The LORD has taken away the judgments against you, he has turned away your enemies. The king of Israel, the LORD, is in your midst; you shall fear disaster no more. On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem: Do not fear, O Zion; do not let your hands grow weak. The LORD, your God, is in your midst, a warrior who gives victory; he will rejoice over you with gladness, he will renew you in his love; he will exult over you with loud singing as on a day of festival. I will remove disaster from you, so that you will not bear reproach for it. I will deal with all your oppressors at that time. And I will save the lame and gather the outcast, and I will change their shame into praise and renown in all the earth. At that time I will bring you home, at the time when I gather you; for I will make you renowned and praised among all the peoples of the earth, when I restore your fortunes before your eyes, says the LORD.

Second Reading

Philippians 4:4-7

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.

Gospel

Luke 3:7-18

John said to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruits worthy of repentance. Do not begin to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our ancestor'; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the axe is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and

**BENEFICE DIARY FOR THE WEEK BEGINNING
MONDAY 17th December 2018**

Wednesday	9.30am	Tetbury	Holy Communion
Thursday	5.00pm	Tetbury	Wedding rehearsal
Friday	2.00pm	Tetbury	Wedding of Thomas Simmonds and Alice Primmer
	6.00pm	Beverston	Carol Service

WORSHIP NEXT WEEK

Tetbury	8.30am	Holy Communion
	10.00am	Parish Communion
		Presiding: The Revd Poppy Hughes, Rector Preaching: The Revd Peter Hyson
Beverston	10.00am	Matins Wardens
Long Lewnton		Carol Service on Christmas Eve at 6pm
Shipton Moyne		Crib Service on Christmas Eve at 4pm

BENEFICE CONTACT DETAILS

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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.

Can you help? Friendly volunteer drivers are needed to transport people to church services on Sundays. Please speak to the church wardens for details

Thank you to all of you have helped to provide clothing, rucksacks, food, lifts and money to a homeless young man living in a car in Tetbury for the past three and a half months. Your help has been much appreciated by him. He has at last this week found a live-in job so it is very much hoped that he can now move on with his life and put this dreadful experience is behind him. Alison.

Please remember our 15 walkers **walking 100 miles in January and sign up to sponsor them**. Details in the church porch. With the EU promising to times by 6 whatever we raise we want to make **£100,000 for refugees**.

Tesco Christian Aid Collection: Thanks to all those who collected on Friday and Saturday last week at Tesco, we raised **£592.98** This was a brilliant result with all the competing pressures on both time of collectors and money of donators. Thank you so much. Alison

Thank you to Tesco who kindly donated the oranges for our **Christingle Service** in Tetbury Church last Sunday.



PRAYER DIARY

Praying for St Mary's School Year I Pear Class with Mrs Boswell and Mrs Avis

Tetbury Praying the Town: West Street and Cottons lane

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: Baby Freya, Clive and Tony, Jenny & Victor

Departed: Patricia Andrews, Harold Cleaver, David Kirton

Years Mind: Geoffrey "Geoff" Haines (18/12), Raymond Clifford (19/12), Shirley Kister (22/12)

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