

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

Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity: 17th September 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 Peter Hyson)
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 (The Revd Poppy Hughes, Rector)

Prayers for this Sunday

Almighty God, whose only Son has opened for us a new and living way into your presence: give us pure hearts and steadfast wills to worship you in spirit and in truth; 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 God, the source of truth and love, keep us faithful to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, united in prayer and the breaking of bread, and one in joy and simplicity of heart, in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



BENEFICE NEWS

Churches together interactive Bible Study. On Wednesday evenings in October, a small group will meet in Christ Church for Bible Study shared with a group in Malawi via the internet. If you are interested in this, please speak to Rob Church. There are spaces for 3-4 people.

The **season of Harvest Festivals** is upon us! Celebrations begin next week in Shipton Moyne (11.15am), Long Newnton (11.30am) and Beverston (6pm), then Tetbury on Sunday 8th October. **NB Different Service times.**

You are invited to support Valerie Trumper at The Diocesan Celebration of the Commissioning of new Pastoral Assistants on **Sunday 24th September at 3pm at Gloucester Cathedral.**



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Sunday 23rd September 3pm Sung Evensong at Quedgley church followed by refreshments to celebrate 50 years in the clergy for Revd **Geoffry Stickland**, curate at Tetbury 1979. (Lived in the Rectory at Shipton Moyne.) Anyone who remembers him are welcome.

BARN DANCE Saturday October 7th 7.00 – 10.30 pm. Tickets are on sale. £10.00 adult and £25.00 family (2adults and up to 2 children, and includes a fish and chip supper. Please buy your tickets from any member of the Tetbury Church Social Committee (Diana Challis, Frances, Hilary, Michele, Moira, Diana Sharp) or from the Parish Office. We hope you will join us for this popular event.

IONA 2018. Due to planned building work in the Abbey, there is a delay in publishing the programme for 2018, and there will be a shorter season offered (May-August). We are hoping to take a group and will publicise dates when they become available.

Tetbury Church cleaning on **Saturday 14th October 10am until 2pm**

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.

Mothers' Union will meet this week on **Tuesday 19th September at 2:30 pm** in the Dolphins Hall. Our afternoon speakers Alan and Judith Bailey will take us on a **City Tour of Helsinki**. Do come, visitors are always welcome to attend any of our meetings.



REQUESTS AND THANK YOU

The Tetbury Church **Pastoral Committee** is conscious of the fact that we have several members of our congregation who are finding life difficult because, for health reasons, they can no longer drive but still want to be socially active, attend church and different organisations to which they belong, have a hair cut go shopping as well as keep various hospital appointments. There is a **list at the back of the church** for you to give your details **if you could help with an occasional lift**

A **huge thank you** to all the knitters. So far this year, 9 black sacks have gone out to a Zambian Mission hospital. They also need toiletries and stationary (not biro's). They had a defibrillator from the surgery. Pam Scott will collect or items can be dropped off with her.

Shoebboxes Needed for Operation Christmas Child a project of Samaritan's Purse it's mission is 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. All our boxes need to be full by the end of October. For more information, please contact Hjordis Halliwell or Judith Bailey, or look at the Mothers' Union notice board at the back of St Marys' Church.

Thank you to everyone who helped with the "coffee, cake and chat" on Wednesday in Tetbury Church and to those who made cakes.



PRAYER DIARY

Praying for St Mary's School Reception Class Lime with Mrs May and Mrs Wilmott

Tetbury Praying the Town: Quail Meadows

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
 Friday: Grahame Steele, Richard and Moira, Harriet

Departed: Carol Hobday, Alick Whittle

BENEFICE DIARY FOR THE WEEK BEGINNING

MONDAY 18th SEPTEMBER 2017

Monday	3.00pm	Tetbury	Social committee meeting
Tuesday	2.30pm	Dolphins Hall	Mothers' Union Meeting
Tuesday	7.00pm	Shipton Moyne	PCC meet
Wednesday	9.30am	Tetbury	Holy Communion
Thursday	7.00pm	Beverston	PCC meet
	7.30pm	Tetbury	Friends of the Choir committee meeting
Friday	7.15pm	Tetbury	Festival Choir practice
Sunday	3.00pm	Gloucester	Diocesan Celebration of the Commissioning of new Pastoral Assistants

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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

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

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Old Testament

Genesis 50.15-21

Realizing that their father was dead, Joseph's brothers said, 'What if Joseph still bears a grudge against us and pays us back in full for all the wrong that we did to him?' So they approached Joseph, saying, 'Your father gave this instruction before he died, "Say to Joseph: I beg you, forgive the crime of your brothers and the wrong they did in harming you." Now therefore please forgive the crime of the servants of the God of your father.' Joseph wept when they spoke to him. Then his brothers also wept, fell down before him, and said, 'We are here as your slaves.' But Joseph said to them, 'Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God? Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good, in order to preserve a numerous people, as he is doing today. So have no fear; I myself will provide for you and your little ones.' In this way he reassured them, speaking kindly to them.

New Testament

Romans 14.1-12

Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarrelling over opinions. Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgement on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. Who are you to pass judgement on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand. Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. Those who observe the day, observe it in honour of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honour of the Lord, since they

give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honour of the Lord and give thanks to God. We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living. Why do you pass judgement on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgement seat of God. For it is written, 'As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall give praise to God.' So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

Gospel

Matthew 18.21-35

Peter came and said to Jesus, 'Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?' Jesus said to him, 'Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.'

For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, "Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything." And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow-slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, "Pay what you owe." Then his fellow-slave fell down

and pleaded with him, "Have patience with me, and I will pay you." But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. When his fellow-slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, "You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow-slave, as I had mercy on you?" And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.'