

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

Third Sunday of Advent : 17th December 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 Communion (The Revd Poppy Hughes, Preside) (The Revd Rob Church, Preach)
	6.00pm	Nine Lessons and Carols (The Revd Poppy Hughes)
Beverston	10.00am	Holy Communion (The Revd Christopher Mulholland)
Long Newnton	6.00pm	Evensong (The Revd Christopher Mulholland)
Shipton Moyne	4.00pm	Carol Service (The Revd Kim Brown)

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

Thinking about your **New Year's resolutions**? Why not commit to a pattern of daily bible reading and prayer? Sign up for **New Daylight** by contacting Diana in the Parish Office. The subscription for the year is £13.20

Cards available with details of our **Christmas Services in Tetbury Church**. Please take a few and give to friends and neighbours.

Those who make their **weekly donations** in Tetbury church through the **Envelope Scheme** will find their pack of Envelopes for 2018 in the box at the rear of the Church. Any new donor wishing to join the Scheme should please contact Ros Tildesley.

Congregational choir. Many thanks to all our members who have helped to support the worship of St Marys' over the last two months. The next outing of the Choir will be on **Sunday 24th December** but on this occasion there will be **NO practice**. If you'd like to sing with the Choir however please make sure you are in your seats at the front of the Church **by 9.50am** to prepare for the service start at 10am. Also, if you think you would like to sing with the choir on future occasions please speak with Margaret Greenwood, Hilary Rowland or Sue Thomas. Wishing you all a very peaceful and joyful Christmas and looking forward to continuing the choir's development in the New Year Margaret Greenwood



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Tetbury Community Choir Concert 2nd February 2018. The choir has agreed to stage a concert to support our **Church West Door Appeal** on Friday 2nd February and to include guest soprano soloist Gillian Wells. Gillian is a professional singer with a beautiful voice and has recordings on her website gillianwells.co.uk. The choir also continues to go from strength to strength under the direction of Richard George and so there is no doubt that this will be a feast of good music to suit all tastes. Tickets are now on sale from Michele Maund or myself and are priced at just £8. Even if you are unable to come to the concert the purchase of a ticket will help the **West Door Appeal**. Thank you.

Please join us for a candlelit service of **Nine lessons and Carols this evening** at 6pm in Tetbury Church, followed by mulled wine and mince pies.

Saturday prayer half-hour: This will take place in Tetbury church on the first Saturday morning of the New Year, **6th January**, from 10.00 – 10.30am. Everyone is very welcome to join us in praying for God's guidance and blessing on the year ahead. Geraldine and Bill Geers

Tetbury Church Crib Service rehearsal on **Tuesday 19th December** at 3.30pm



REQUESTS AND THANK YOU

Wanted! Home-Start Cotswolds is a local charity that recruits and trains volunteers to help families with young children. Volunteers are wanted to help support local families facing difficulties. If you have parenting experience and can spare a few hours each week we would like to hear from you. Contact 01285 885391 or office@home-start-cotswolds.org.uk

Thank you to all those who have **volunteered to help with the Christian Aid Tesco Collection on Friday 22 or Saturday 23 December.** Ideally two people are needed each hour so there are still some spaces to fill. Please sign up on the sheet at the back of the church if you can help. All money collected will be matched by the Government and it will all go directly **to support refugees** who have had to flee their homes. **Please help if you can.** Any queries to Alison Hesketh



PRAYER DIARY

Praying for St Mary's School Year I Pear Class with Mrs Stancombe / Miss Jackson and Mrs Amor

Tetbury Praying the Town: Windsor Gardens and Elizabeth Gardens

Prayer List (please pray for the sick and departed)

Monday: Graham Kean, Anne and Josephine

Tuesday: Lynne and Adrian

Wednesday: Fergus Persse with Sandy, Liz, Lauren and Isobel

Thursday: Laetitia Hardie, Sanitta

Friday: James, Kelly

Departed: Christine Stuart, Gordon Keitley, Berta Fryer

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.

BENEFICE DIARY FOR THE WEEK BEGINNING MONDAY 18th December 2017

Monday	10.30am	Tetbury	Funeral of Christine Stuart
Tuesday	3.30pm	Tetbury	Crib service rehearsal
Wednesday	9.30am	Tetbury	Holy Communion
Thursday	2.15pm	Ilsom House	Carol Service
Friday	6.00pm	Beverston	Carol Service

WORSHIP NEXT WEEK

Tetbury	8.30am	Holy Communion (The Revd Ian Aveyard)
	10.00am	Parish Communion (The Revd Peter Hyson, Preside) (The Revd Ian Aveyard, Preach)
	4.00pm	Crib service
	11.30pm	Midnight Mass (The Revd Poppy Hughes, Rector)
Beverston		No Service
Long Newnton	6.00pm	Carol Service (The Revd Rob Church)
Shipton Moyne	4.00pm	Crib Service (The Revd Kim Brown)

WORSHIP CHRISTMAS DAY

Tetbury	10.00am	Holy Communion (The Revd Poppy Hughes, Rector)
Beverston	10.00am	Holy Communion (The Revd Ursula Gray)
Long Newnton	11.15am	Holy Communion (The Revd Poppy Hughes, Rector)
Shipton Moyne	11.15am	Holy Communion (The Revd Kim Brown)

WORSHIP SUNDAY 31ST DECEMBER

Tetbury	10.30am	Benefice Eucharist (The Revd Christopher Mulholland)
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The Third Sunday of Advent

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 61.1-4,8-11

The servant of the Lord said: The spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me, because the LORD has anointed me; he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed, to bind up the broken-hearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and release to the prisoners; to proclaim the year of the LORD's favour, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn; to provide for those who mourn in Zion – to give them a garland instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit. They will be called oaks of righteousness, the planting of the LORD, to display his glory. They shall build up the ancient ruins, they shall raise up the former devastations; they shall repair the ruined cities, the devastations of many generations.

For I the LORD love justice, I hate robbery and wrongdoing; I will faithfully give them their recompense, and I will make an everlasting covenant with them. Their descendants shall be known among the nations, and their offspring among the peoples; all who see them shall acknowledge that they are a people whom the LORD has blessed. I will greatly rejoice in the LORD, my whole being shall exult in my God; for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation, he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. For as the earth brings forth its shoots, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up, so the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all the nations.

New Testament Reading I Thessalonians 5.16-24

My brothers and sisters, Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. Do not quench the Spirit. Do not despise the words of prophets, but test everything; hold fast to what is good; abstain from every form of evil. May the God of peace himself sanctify you entirely; and may your spirit and soul and body be kept sound and blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. The one who calls you is faithful, and he will do this.

Gospel

John 1.6-8,19-28

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. This is the testimony given by John when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, 'Who are you?' He confessed and did not deny it, but confessed, 'I am not the Messiah.' And they asked him, 'What then? Are you Elijah?' He said, 'I am not.' 'Are you the prophet?' He answered, 'No.' Then they said to him, 'Who are you? Let us have an answer for those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?' He said, 'I am the voice of one crying out in the wilderness, "Make straight the way of the Lord"', as the prophet Isaiah said. Now they had been sent from the Pharisees. They asked him, 'Why then are you baptizing if you are neither the Messiah, nor Elijah, nor the prophet?' John answered them, 'I baptize with water. Among you stands one whom you do not know, the one who is coming after me; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandal.' This took place in Bethany across the Jordan where John was baptizing.

