

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

First Sunday of Lent : 18th February 2018

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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.

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## WORSHIP TODAY

Tetbury	8.30am	Holy Communion
	10.00am	Parish Eucharist
		The Revd Peter Hyson
Beverston	10.00am	Holy Communion
		The Revd Ursula Gray
Long	6.00pm	Evensong
Newnton		The Revd Christopher Mulholland
Shipton	11.15am	Holy Communion
Moyne		The Revd Kim Brown

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## Prayers for this Sunday

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ fasted forty days in the wilderness, and was tempted as we are, yet without sin: give us grace to discipline ourselves in obedience to your Spirit; and, as you know our weakness, so may we know your power to save; 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, you have renewed us with the living bread from heaven; by it you nourish our faith, increase our hope, and strengthen our love: teach us always to hunger for him who is the true and living bread, and enable us to live by every word that proceeds from out of your mouth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



## BENEFICE NEWS

**LENT HOME GROUPS** start meeting tomorrow. We are again using “Immeasurably deeper”, with daily readings. Our home groups will explore the Christian disciplines of silence, humility, confession, sacrifice and hope. Please see the leaflet at the back of church for more details.

**WaterAid, Jars of Change, Lent Appeal 2018** Throughout Lent you will find a large jar at the back of Tetbury Church at the Sunday Services for donations of your loose change which **WaterAid** will use to fund New Water Facilities. Please pick up a paper jar sleeve to put into an empty jar at home to collect your change, before bringing it to church. Try making a penny donation to your jar each time you use your toilet, have a bath or make a cup of tea. The jar sleeve is also the gift aid form which can make your donation worth an extra 25% if you pay tax. For more information please look at the notice board at the back of St Marys' Church.

The Parish Office will be closed on **Wednesday 21st February.**



## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

National Garden scheme snowdrop festival at Beverston castle **TODAY** from 12.30pm until 3.30pm. Adults £5, children free. Homemade teas will be served in Beverston church

**Mothers' Union** will meet this week on **Tuesday 20th February** at **2:30 pm** in the Dolphins Hall. **Alan and Judith Bailey** will be our afternoon speakers. Their subject '**WaterAid**'. Do come, visitors are always welcome to attend any of our meetings.

**St Marys' Festival Chorus** will be singing for Good Friday (2 pm) and Easter Sunday (10 am). Practices will be on 16th, 23rd Feb, and 9th, 16th, 23rd March. Anyone who wishes to join this choir please contact Sue Thomas

**Women's world day of prayer service** organized by the Churches together in Tetbury will be held this year in St Mary's on **Friday 2nd March** at 2pm. All ladies taking an active part (i.e. reading etc) are invited to a rehearsal on **Friday 23rd February** at 2pm. Members of the congregations and friends and families (including men) are welcome. For any information please contact Princess.

**Tetbury Congregational choir** The next outing of the Choir will be on **Sunday 25th February**. All are welcome. If you'd like to sing with us please make sure you are in your seats at the front of the Church by 9.30am to prepare for the service start at 10am. Also, if you think that you may like to

sing with the choir on future occasions but would like further information please speak with Margaret Greenwood, Hilary Rowland or Sue Thomas.

**Servers' Day** will be on **Saturday March 17th** at St Marys' meeting at 10am and finishing by 1pm. We will be exploring what it means to serve during our worship, and thinking about the future. This is for all current members of the serving team, as well as for anybody potentially interested in joining them.



## REQUESTS AND THANK YOU'S

**you knit or crochet?** Tetbury Town Council are hoping to make poppy displays for **Remembrance Sunday** and need volunteers to make thousands of poppies which will be displayed in various locations throughout the town. If you would like to get involved or donate balls of wool please contact - Tara 01666 504670. Collection boxes for poppies and wool can be found at Tetbury Town Council Offices or The Goods Shed. The patterns are available from the Parish Office. The wool has now arrived and if you would like balls of wool please contact Tara.

**Thank you** so much to all of you for supporting our Community Choir concert either by buying tickets and helping during the evening. The acoustic of our church is perfect for singing which made it so enjoyable for us the Choir members and I am sure you will agree that Gilly's beautiful soprano voice made the evening even more memorable. We raised **£1,170** for the West Door Appeal- what a great result. John Saynor

**Thank you** to all who helped and came to the Murder Mystery last week in Tetbury Church. As a result we hope to donate a little under £750 to Tetbury Food bank.



## PRAYER DIARY

**Praying for St Mary's School** Year 5/6 Oak Class with Mrs Cartledge and Mrs Weston

**Tetbury Praying the Town:** Cherry Orchard Road and Hodges Close

Monday: Graham Kean, Dawn and Robin  
Tuesday: Bill Geers, George, Russell Chilvers  
Wednesday: Fergus Persse with Sandy, Liz, Lauren and Isobel  
Thursday: Laetitia Hardie, Sanitta, Darren Maskell  
Friday: James, Kelly, Stan O'Brien, James O'Sullivan

**Departed:** Tony Davis, Frederick "Jack" Chivers, Beryl Alley, Charles Woolen

## BENEFACTORY DIARY FOR THE WEEK BEGINNING MONDAY 19th February 2018

Tuesday	2.30pm	Dolphins Hall	Mothers' Union Meeting
Wednesday	9.30am	Tetbury	Holy Communion
Friday	2.00pm	Beverston	Funeral of Frederick "Jack" Chivers
Saturday	9.45am	Shipton Moyne Village Hall	Marriage Matters Day

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### WORSHIP NEXT WEEK

Tetbury	8.30am	Holy Communion
	10.00am	Parish Eucharist The Revd Poppy Hughes, Rector
Beverston	10.00am	Matins Joe Nagle
Long Newnton	11.15am	Holy Communion The Revd Poppy Hughes, Rector
Shipton Moyne	11.15am	Family Service Family Worship Team

### BENEFACTORY 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.

## First Sunday of Lent

### Old Testament

### Genesis 9.8-17

Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him, 'As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth.' God said, 'This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth.' God said to Noah, 'This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth.'

### New Testament

### I Peter 3.18-22

Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the

building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you – not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

### Gospel

### Mark 1.9-15

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.'

And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him. Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, 'The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.'