

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

Fifth Sunday of Lent: 18th March 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 The Revd Ian Aveyard
	10.00am	Parish Communion The Revd Peter Hyson (Preside) The Revd Ian Aveyard (Preach)
Beverston	10.00am	Holy Communion The Revd Christopher Mulholland
Long Newnton	6.00pm	Evensong The Revd Rob Church
Shipton Moyne	11.15am	Holy Communion with Baptism The Revd Christopher Mulholland

Prayers for this Sunday

Most merciful God, who by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ delivered and saved the world: grant that by faith in him who suffered on the cross we may triumph in the power of his victory; 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 Jesus Christ, you have taught us that what we do for the least of our brothers and sisters we do also for you: give us the will to be the servant of others as you were the servant of all, and gave up your life and died for us, but are alive and reign, now and for ever. **Amen.**



BENEFICE NEWS

LENT HOME GROUPS and the **Lent running group** continue this week.

WaterAid, Jars of Change, Lent Appeal 2018 continues in Tetbury church. The money collected will fund New Water Facilities. For more information please look at the notice board at the back of St Marys' Church.

I am delighted that **Sarah Parton** will be joining the **Reader and Clergy Team** in the next few weeks. Sarah and her husband Neville moved to Tetbury in the autumn, and they come to St Marys'. Sarah is an experienced Lay Reader, and is in the process of transferring her licence to this Benefice. Our thanks, prayers and encouragement are with Sarah in all of this. Poppy

Tetbury Church Palm Sunday Service on March 25th. We gather with Tetbury Area Churches Together under the Market Hall to commemorate the Lord's entry into Jerusalem at 10am.

Planning for Holy Week. Please pick up a leaflet with details of all our services.

Traidcraft stall will be open in Tetbury Church after the 10.00am service



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Soup Lunches continue at St Michaels Church hall at 12.30pm on Fridays.

Clifton High School concert in Tetbury Church TODAY at 4pm. Please see poster for more details.

Woman's World Day of Prayer Service, cancelled due to the weather, has been rearranged for **Friday 13th April** at 2pm, in Tetbury Church.

Long Newnton is holding a Lent Lunch on **Wednesday 21st March** from 12noon. Soup and lots of chat. Everyone welcome. Donations in aid of Longfield Hospice and Bikes 4 Africa. For details contact Juliet Fenton

Easter and the Congregational choir The choir will be supporting worship on **Palm Sunday (25th March)** and **Maunday Thursday (29th March)**. There is no practice for the Palm Sunday service – after our return from the Market Hall, just come to the seats at the front as usual. On Maundy Thursday there will be a practice at 6.30pm ready for the service at 7pm. For information please speak with Margaret Greenwood, Hilary Rowland or Sue Thomas.

There will be a short meeting on **Wed 21st March in Tetbury Church at 10am** over coffee for anyone who wants to join the **Tetbury church flower arrangers**. This won't take up much of your time and you don't need to be a florist. Do come and join us.

Mothers' Union will meet on **Tuesday 20th March** at **2:30 pm** in the Dolphins Hall. **Dorothy Marshall** our Mothers' Union Gloucester Diocese joint President will be our speaker. Her subject '**A journey through life**'. Do come, visitors are always welcome to attend any of our meetings.

Tetbury Church Stewarding 2018 will commence at the beginning of April. All stewards are invited to a **Coffee Morning in Church on Tuesday March 20th at 10.30 am**.

Tetbury Church Spring Clean on **March 24th** from 2pm until 5pm.

April 22nd: our 10am Eucharist at **St Marys'** will be a special service to mark National Vocations Sunday. We will be joined by Father Matthew Cashmore from BBC2's 'A Vicar's Life', who will share his story of God's calling. If you didn't see the programme you can catch up with it on iPlayer!

Tetbury Community Choir concert at The Goods Shed on the **18th April** at 7.30pm. The soloist will be local opera singer Maria Jagusz who has sung as a soloist at the Royal Opera house Covent Garden, Glyndbourne, and with English and Welsh National Operas. She recently ran a workshop for the choir and her voice is outstandingly beautiful. I know that many of our church members enjoyed the last concert in February and so I will have tickets available priced £9 on Sunday mornings over the next few weeks. John Saynor.



PRAYER DIARY

Baptisms: Please pray for **Theodore Clover** who will be baptised in Shipton Moyne Church today and his parents and God parents.

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

Tetbury Praying the Town: Cirencester Road & Hardie Close

Monday: Graham Kean, Dawn and Robin, The Platts family

Tuesday: Bill Geers, George, Russell Chilvers, James, Win

Wednesday Family of Fergus Persse

Thursday: Laetitia Hardie, Sanitta, Darren Maskell, Alan, Suzie

Friday: Stan O'Brien, James O'Sullivan, Jen, Val, Breeda

Departed: Hazel Ferris, John Scott, Edward Hatton

Years Mind: Richard Avis (27/3)

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

BENEFICE DIARY FOR THE WEEK BEGINNING MONDAY 19th March 2018

Tuesday	10.30am	Tetbury	Stewards meeting
	2.30pm	Dolphins Hall	Mothers' Union Meeting
Wednesday	9.30am	Tetbury	Holy Communion
	10.00am	Tetbury	Flower arrangers meeting
	Noon	Long Newton	Lent Lunches
Thursday	1.00pm	Tetbury	Funeral for Edward Hatton
Friday	12.30pm	St Michael's	Lent Lunches
	3.00pm	Tetbury	Wedding rehearsal
Saturday	10.00am	Tetbury	Palm Sunday Passion Gospel rehearsal
	10.30am	Tetbury	Good Friday Passion Gospel rehearsal
	12.30pm	Tetbury	Wedding of William Baker & Ceri Hughes
	2.00pm	Tetbury	Church Spring Clean
	2.30pm	Kingsley House	Memorial service

WORSHIP NEXT WEEK

Tetbury	8.30am	Holy Communion
	10.00am	Procession and Holy Communion Gathering in the Market Place The Revd Poppy Hughes (Rector)
Beverston	10.00am	Holy Communion The Revd Ursula Gray
Long Newton	11.15am	Holy Communion The Revd Poppy Hughes, Rector
Shipton Moyne	11.15am	Procession and Holy Communion The Revd Canon Barry Raven

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

Fifth Sunday of Lent

Old Testament Reading

Jeremiah 31.31-34

The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt – a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, ‘Know the LORD’, for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

New Testament Reading

Hebrews 5.5-10

Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest but was appointed by the one who said to him, ‘You are my Son, today I have begotten you’; as he says also in another place, ‘You are a priest for ever, according to the order of Melchizedek.’

In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

Gospel

John 12.20-33

Among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, ‘Sir, we wish to see Jesus.’ Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. Jesus answered them, ‘The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honour.

‘Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say – “Father, save me from this hour”? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name.’ Then a voice came from heaven, ‘I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.’ The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, ‘An angel has spoken to him.’ Jesus answered, ‘This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. Now is the judgement of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.’ He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.