

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

Second Sunday before Advent : 19th November 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 (The Revd Peter Hyson)
	10.00am	Parish Eucharist (The Revd Ian Aveyard, Preside) (The Revd Peter Hyson, Preach)
Beverston	10.00am	Holy Communion (The Revd Canon Barry Raven)
Long Newnton	6.00pm	Evensong (The Revd Rob Church)
Shipton Moyne	11.15am	Holy Communion (The Revd Christopher Mulholland)

Prayers for this Sunday

Heavenly Father, whose blessed Son was revealed to destroy the works of the devil and to make us the children of God and heirs of eternal life: grant that we, having this hope, may purify ourselves even as he is pure; that when he shall appear in power and great glory we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Gracious Lord, in this holy sacrament you give substance to our hope: bring us at the last to that fullness of life for which we long; through Jesus Christ our Saviour. **Amen.**



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Just a reminder that the next outing of the **Tetbury Church congregational choir** is next Sunday, **November 26th**. If you weren't able to join us in October please do join us this month – just come to the Church at 9.30am for a short rehearsal before the service at 10 am. All are welcome. For further information please see notice board or contact Margaret Greenwood.

Christmas **Crafts By Candlelight**. In Tetbury Church at 7.30pm on **Thursday 23rd November**. Come and get into the spirit of the season by making a range of Christmas decorations in the beautiful setting of a candlelit church. Wine and refreshments available. All materials included. Tickets £3 from the Parish Office

Advent Quiet Day and Home Groups. 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. Please pick up a leaflet and sign up if you need us to find you a home.

Tetbury Church annual **Christmas Market** will be held in **the Market Hall** on **Saturday 2nd December 10.00 – 12.30 pm**. **Donations for this would be most welcome**. The stalls for this year are:: Cakes and Preserves; Good quality Gifts; Tombola (Bottles, Chocolate and general; Raffle. Craft and knitwear. Any contributions may be put in the chest by the Font or if perishable brought on the day. (On this occasion we are not looking for books or bric-a-brac). Please make a note of the date and support this event. Many thanks.

Mothers' Union will meet this week on **Tuesday 21st November at 2:30 pm** in the Dolphins Hall. **Mary Bainbridge** will be welcomed as our afternoon speaker. Her subject '**Lee Abbey**'. Do come, visitors are always welcome to attend any of our meetings.



REQUESTS AND THANK YOUS

Thank you to the St Marys' Fabric Committee for the lovely windows into the Little Fishes room which helps people see another aspect of our life here at St Marys.

To all Church Stewards. Thank you for all you have done since April. You have provided an excellent welcome to Tetbury Church and the Shop takings

have been really good. The Shop is now well stocked for Christmas and if any of you feel you could spend an hour or two during the day to encourage people to buy in the next few weeks this would be much appreciated. Just turn up when it suits you and stay as long as you wish. Thank you, Diana. Challis

Thank you, with your help, **70 shoeboxes** for **Operation Christmas Child** have been completed and taken to the collection point in Gloucester. To all who have contributed items, boxes, transport costs and their time towards this project in 2017. **Many thanks**

Newspapers urgently needed for the **Hedgehog Hospital** run by Mary Hinton. Mary is currently looking after 33 hedgehogs, so she is getting through a large quantity of newspaper every day. There is a box in the ambulatory for them or you can leave them on Mary's doorstep. Thank you. **Please no staples or magazines.**

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



PRAYER DIARY

Baptisms: Please pray for Archie Brown and Harry Brown who will be baptise in Long Newton Church next Sunday and their parents and godparents.

Praying for St Mary's School Year 5/6 Class Ash with Mr Godfrey and Mrs Rudge

Tetbury Praying the Town: The Ferns

Prayer List (please pray for the sick and departed)

Monday: Mandy, Wendy Sharpe, Graham Kean

Tuesday: Lynne and Adrian, Sue, Emma, Alice Porter

Wednesday: Norma Rainbow and family, Matthew

Thursday: Chris Tracey and family, Pete and Di's and family

Friday: Neena and Ricky Lakhani and family

Departed: Grace Sherwood, Diana Pierce, Anne Glanville

BENEFICE DIARY FOR THE WEEK BEGINNING MONDAY 20th NOVEMBER 2017

Tuesday	2.30pm	Dolphins Hall	Mothers' Union Meeting
Wednesday	9.30am	Tetbury	Holy Communion
	11.30am	Tetbury	Funeral of Grace Sherwood
Thursday	11.00am	Tetbury	Funeral of Anne Glanville
	7.30pm	Tetbury	Advent Craft Evening
Friday	10.30am	Shipton Moyne Village Hall	Advent Quiet day
	12.30pm	Beverston	Funeral of Diana Pierce

WORSHIP NEXT WEEK

Tetbury	8.30am	Holy Communion
	10.00am	Parish Eucharist (The Revd Poppy Hughes, Rector)
Beverston	10.00am	Matins (The Revd Christopher Mulholland)
Long Newnton	11.15am	Holy Communion with Baptism (The Revd Poppy Hughes, Rector)
Shipton Moyne	11.15am	Family Service Family Worship Team

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

Second Sunday before Advent

Old Testament

Zephaniah 1.7,12-18

Be silent before the Lord GOD! For the day of the LORD is at hand; the LORD has prepared a sacrifice, he has consecrated his guests. At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps, and I will punish the people who rest complacently on their dregs, those who say in their hearts, 'The LORD will not do good, nor will he do harm.' Their wealth shall be plundered, and their houses laid waste. Though they build houses, they shall not inhabit them; though they plant vineyards, they shall not drink wine from them. The great day of the LORD is near, near and hastening fast; the sound of the day of the LORD is bitter, the warrior cries aloud there. That day will be a day of wrath, a day of distress and anguish, a day of ruin and devastation, a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and thick darkness, a day of trumpet blast and battle cry against the fortified cities and against the lofty battlements. I will bring such distress upon people that they shall walk like the blind; because they have sinned against the LORD, their blood shall be poured out like dust, and their flesh like dung. Neither their silver nor their gold will be able to save them on the day of the LORD's wrath; in the fire of his passion the whole earth shall be consumed; for a full, a terrible end he will make of all the inhabitants of the earth.

New Testament

I Thessalonians 5.1-11

Concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they say, 'There is peace and security,' then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labour pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So then let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; for those

who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. ⁹For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

Gospel

Matthew 25.14-30

Jesus said to his disciples, 'The kingdom of heaven is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, "Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents." His master said to him, "Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master." And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, "Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents." His master said to him, "Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master." Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, "Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours." But his master replied, "You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I

reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.”