

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

Sixth Sunday of Easter : 21st May 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 10.00am	Holy Communion Parish Eucharist (The Revd Canon Barry Raven)
Beverston	6.00pm	Hymnathon Evensong (The Revd Poppy Hughes, Rector)
Long Newnton	6.00pm	Evensong (Wardens)
Shipton Moyne	11.15am	Rogation Service The Revd Poppy Hughes, Rector)

Prayers for this Sunday

God our redeemer, you have delivered us from the power of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of your Son: grant, that as by his death he has recalled us to life, so by his continual presence in us he may raise us to eternal joy; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord. **Amen.**

God our Father, whose Son Jesus Christ gives the water of eternal life: may we thirst for you, the spring of life and source of goodness, through him who is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **Amen.**



BENEFICE NEWS

The Archbishops of Canterbury and York have called on all Christians to spend the ten days between Ascension Day & Pentecost praying to grow in confidence as witnesses to Christ (**25th May to 4th June**). Hundreds of thousands of people across the Church of England have already committed to be involved. If you haven't yet signed up to pray over those ten days, can I encourage you to do so at: www.thykingdomcome.global. We will of course be including this in our prayer life as a church, and there are also plenty of resources for you to pray as an individual and as a family. Poppy



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Teas are available in Beverston Church **this afternoon** from 2,30pm until 4pm and the Hymnathon weekend celebrations will close with Evensong at 6pm

Thursday 25th May is **Ascension Day**. There will be a Benefice Communion Service in Tetbury Church at 7.00pm

Benefice Service on 23rd July to welcome our new curate, Robert Church and his wife Frankie. You are invited to stay after the service for lunch in the Vicarage garden. Please sign the list at the back of church if you would like lunch

Saturday monthly prayer half hour: this will take place on **Saturday 3rd June** from 10.00 – 10.30am in Tetbury church. All are welcome.

Tetbury Church bell tower will be open **on Monday 29th May for Woolsack Day** from 10am until 2pm. £5 adults, £1 children over 8. No children under 8 allowed. Children between 8 and 16 must be accompanied by an adult. Coffee will be served in Church. Places are limited, so to book, please contact the Parish Office (office@tetburychurch.co.uk) or the tower captain (bells@tetburychurch.co.uk). We are also looking for volunteers to help chaperone visitors up and down the tower. If you are able to assist, please contact the office or tower captain. **Last tour starts at 1.20.**



REQUESTS AND THANK YOUS

New Benches on south side of tetburychurch. A big thank you is due to **Tetbury in Bloom** for supplying two new bench seats, set against the south ambulatory wall, and to **Eagle Plant** for their most generous gift of the gravel on which they sit. It is a wonderful addition to our churchyard. Please have a look at it.

Father Obi from St Michael's is making a sponsored dash in the **Woolsack Races** on Bank Holiday Monday. He is raising money for Achieve

Africa, a charity his brother and he helped to found. The project for which the charity is currently appealing is to provide a modest centre where African children with learning, mental health or physical disabilities can be looked after. These children are, as is the custom, shunned by their communities taken into the countryside and abandoned. A group of nuns are now caring for some of these children but they desperately need to build a centre to continue their work. **Please sponsor him if you can.** Alison has a sponsorship form.

Syrian Refugees You will recall that we sent approximately **£1600 to Tewkesbury** for them to do up and furnish a house they owned to enable a family of vulnerable Syrian Refugees to move in. Everything has been achieved and the family is due to move shortly. They will be helped by church people in the area who will provide pastoral care, transport, English lessons, and general support to get them settled and integrated into schools and the local community. Thank you all for your generosity which helped to make this happen. More information from Alison Hesketh.

Christian Aid. Thank you to all collectors who have gone out to collect during Christian Aid Week. Please will you take your bags containing filled envelopes to Perry Bishops as soon as possible. Any problems contact Alison Hesketh. Also, a big Thank You to Bill and Geraldine who opened their home to friends and neighbours for breakfast and to Margo and Roger who are providing a lunch today, all to support the work done by Christian Aid which celebrates its 60th birthday this year. And finally, thank you to all who have made a donation.

A huge thank you to the many knitters and donors who have worked and given for the Mission Hospital in Zaire. So far 6 black sacks have been sent. Pam Scott.



PRAYER DIARY

Praying for St Mary's School Year 3/4 Class Beech with Mrs Wilson

Tetbury Praying the Town: Grove Gardens, Upton Gardens & Highfield Rd

Prayer List (please pray for the sick and departed)

Monday: James O'Sullivan, Leah, Win, William Dyson

Tuesday: Susie, Ethan, Lynne and Adrian, Jon Penny

Wednesday: Alan, Reg, Kate and Mike, Gavin, Alan

Thursday: Nick, Reg, Doreen Riley, Breeda

Friday: Brian, Gary, Tiffany, Megan

Departed: Raymond Oliver

Years Mind: Margaret Pearce (26/05), Christine Dyer (29/5)

("Year's Mind" is to mark the first

anniversary of a death – often a difficult time for family and friends)

BENEFACTORY DIARY FOR THE WEEK BEGINNING MONDAY 22nd MAY 2017

Tuesday	10.30am		Visiting Group meet
Wednesday	9.30am	Tetbury	Holy Communion
Thursday	7.00pm	Tetbury	Holy Communion
	3.00pm	Tetbury	Wedding rehearsal
Friday	1.30pm	Tetbury	Wedding of Ewan Wakefield and Claire Thomas
	3.00pm	Westerleigh	Funeral of Raymond Oliver

WORSHIP NEXT WEEK

Tetbury	8.30am	Holy Communion
	10.00am	Parish Eucharist (The Revd Maslen)
Beverston	10.00am	Matins (Wardens)
Long Newnton	11.15am	Holy Communion (The Revd Peter Hyson)
Shipton Moyne	11.15am	Family Service (The Family Worship Team)

BENEFACTORY CONTACT DETAILS

Rector: The Revd Poppy Hughes, The Vicarage, 6 The Green,
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Please contact our Benefice Office with **notices and prayer requests.** Weekly deadline: 8.30am, Thursday,
75 words max please.

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Old Testament

Genesis 8.20 – 9.17

Noah built an altar to the LORD, and took of every clean animal and of every clean bird, and offered burnt-offerings on the altar. And when the LORD smelt the pleasing odour, the LORD said in his heart, 'I will never again curse the ground because of humankind, for the inclination of the human heart is evil from youth; nor will I ever again destroy every living creature as I have done. As long as the earth endures, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night, shall not cease.'

God blessed Noah and his sons, and said to them, 'Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth. The fear and dread of you shall rest on every animal of the earth, and on every bird of the air, on everything that creeps on the ground, and on all the fish of the sea; into your hand they are delivered. Every moving thing that lives shall be food for you; and just as I gave you the green plants, I give you everything. Only, you shall not eat flesh with its life, that is, its blood. For your own lifeblood I will surely require a reckoning: from every animal I will require it and from human beings, each one for the blood of another, I will require a reckoning for human life. Whoever sheds the blood of a human, by a human shall that person's blood be shed; for in his own image God made humankind. And you, be fruitful and multiply, abound on the earth and multiply in it.'

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

Acts 17.22-31

Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, 'Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, "To an unknown god." What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him - though indeed he is not far from each one of us. For "In him we live and move and have our being"; as even some of your own poets have said, "For we too are his offspring." Since we are God's offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.'

Gospel

John 14.15-21

Jesus said to his disciples: 'If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with

you for ever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you. I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.'