

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

Fourth Sunday of Easter: 22nd April 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 Poppy Hughes, Rector
	10.00am	Parish Eucharist The Revd Poppy Hughes, Rector, Preside Father Matthew Cashmore, Preach
Beverston	5.30pm	Evensong and APCM The Revd Poppy Hughes, Rector
Long Newnton	11.15am	Holy Communion The Revd Poppy Hughes, Rector
Shipton Moyne	11.15am	Family Service Family Worship Team

Prayers for this Sunday

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life: raise us, who trust in him, from the death of sin to the life of righteousness, that we may seek those things which are above, where he reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Merciful Father, you gave your Son Jesus Christ to be the good shepherd, and in his love for us to lay down his life and rise again: keep us always under his protection, and give us grace to follow in his steps; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



BENEFICE NEWS

THY KINGDOM COME. For the 11 days between Ascension on Thursday 10th May to Pentecost on Sunday 20th May we will be taking part in "Thy Kingdom Come". This is a global prayer movement, which invites Christians around the world to pray between Ascension and Pentecost for more people to come to know Jesus Christ. What started out as an invitation from the Archbishops' of Canterbury and York in 2016 to the Church of England has grown into an international and ecumenical call to prayer. More information and resources to follow.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Our 10am Eucharist at **St Marys' TODAY** 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.

There will be two events held at **Gloucester Cathedral** over **17** and **18 May**. The first event, 4pm-7.30pm on the Thursday, is the launch of **FestivALL** opened by Bishop Rachel. In the grounds of the Cathedral there will be live music, dancing, face-painting and activities for children, which include sports, circus skills, arts and crafts and much more. People are also invited to join in with a community picnic. Bring along some picnic food (sandwiches, crisps, fruit, cakes, you get the idea!) which you can enjoy and share with others in a special food tent in the Cathedral grounds.

The following day is a sharing and learning day again held at the cathedral, about local community and statutory organisations that promote inclusive community. The day will include a key note address, Q&A panel and three workshop sessions designed to inspire and enable engagement in the importance of community, the theme of inclusion, what this means and how can we all get better at it. The workshops cover a range topics for example, writing an inclusion statement, anti-bullying, nature for all and cross cultural friendships. All the activities on both days are FREE. For the FestivALL launch you simply turn up. For the sharing and learning day please book onto the workshops. To book there is a link on the home page of the diocesan website, go to the FestivALL website .

Many people find their natural spiritual place is outdoors, in the natural world. Research increasingly indicates the connection between time spent outdoors and both personal wellbeing and environmentally conscious ethics. **Forest Church** is a significant way in which churches are responding to these realities, exploring what church looks like when it meets outdoors rather than

indoors. We will explore these things through stories of Forest Churches, holding with God the question about what God might be calling us to here in Tetbury at Christ Church, Tetbury on **Tuesday 1st May** at 7.30pm from Revd Cate Williams, Mission and Evangelism officer, Diocese of Gloucester

Roger and Margo Smith will be hosting a Lunch Party at Stouts Hill on Sunday 20th May to raise funds for **Christian Aid**. Stouts Hill is a private manor house so it will be by invitation only. All we ask is that you donate the price of a Sunday Lunch to Christian Aid. We can only invite 50 guests, so please contact us or Alison Hesketh direct for an invitation. Roger and Margo.

Jubilate Chamber Choir with the **Ashcroft Wind Quintet** perform Evening Classics in Tetbury Church on **Saturday 12th May** at 7.30pm. Tickets £10 Adults , £8 senior citizens, under 16s free. And available from the Parish Office. Proceeds partly in aid of Tetbury Church West door appeal.



PRAYER DIARY

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

Praying for St Mary's School Year 3/4 Chestnut Class with Mrs Danton/Mrs Wheeler and Miss Rush

Tetbury Praying the Town: Cotswold Close, Jacobs Close & Rylands Close

Monday: Graham Kean, The Platts family, James & Michael O'Sullivan,

Tuesday: Bill Geers, George, James, Win, Jen, Hannah, Liz

Wednesday Family of Fergus Persse, Sheila Little, Heather Seaman

Thursday: Alan, Suzie, Oliver Ross & family, Michael, Sam, Chris

Friday: Alistair, Alyson, Helena, Clara, Phoebe

Departed: Jane Rook, Elsbeth Preston, Colin Hilliker, Maurice Tanner

Years Mind: Gwyn Maddy (22/4)

("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 23rd April 2018

Monday	1.00pm	Tetbury	Funeral of Colin Hilliker
Tuesday	7.30pm	Primary School	Tetbury APCM
Wednesday	9.30am	Tetbury	Holy Communion
Thursday	3.30pm	Vicarage	Clergy & reader team meet
Friday	1.00pm	Tetbury	Funeral of Maurice Tanner
Saturday	9.00am	Tetbury	Visiting ringers
	10.00am	Shipton Moyne	Marriage Matters course

WORSHIP NEXT WEEK

Tetbury	8.30am	Holy Communion
	10.00am	Parish Eucharist
		The Revd Poppy Hughes, Rector
Beverston		Joining Tetbury or Shipton Moyne
Long Newnton		Joining Tetbury or Shipton Moyne
Shipton Moyne	11.15am	Holy Communion and Baptism and APCM
		Revd Kim Brown, Preside
		Revd Poppy Hughes, Preach

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Please contact our Benefice Office with **notices and prayer**

requests. Weekly deadline: 8.30am, Thursday,

75 words max please.

Fourth Sunday of Easter (For 8.30am Service)

First Reading

I John 3.16-24

We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us – and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help? Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him.

And this is his commandment that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

Second Reading

Acts 4.5-12

The Jewish rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, 'By what

power or by what name did you do this?' Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, 'Rulers of the people and elders, if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. This Jesus is "the stone that was rejected by you, the builders it has become the cornerstone."'

There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved.'

Gospel

John 10.11-18

Jesus said to the Pharisees: 'I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away – and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father.'

Vocations Sunday (For 10am Service)

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 6: 1-8

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. And one called to another and said: 'Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory.' The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. And I said: 'Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!' Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: 'Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out.' Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, 'Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?' And I said, 'Here am I; send me!'

New Testament Reading

I Corinthians 12:12-31

For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body? Jews or Greeks, slaves or free and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. If the foot were to say, 'Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body', that would not make it any less a part of the body. And if the ear were to say, 'Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the

body', that would not make it any less a part of the body. If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. If all were a single member, where would the body be? As it is, there are many members, yet one body. The eye cannot say to the hand, 'I have no need of you', nor again the head to the feet, 'I have no need of you.' On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, and those members of the body that we think less honourable we clothe with greater honour, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect; whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honour to the inferior member, that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honoured, all rejoice together with it.

Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers; then deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of tongues. Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? But strive for the greater gifts. And I will show you a still more excellent way.

Gospel

Luke 9:57-62

As they were going along the road, someone said to him, 'I will follow you wherever you go.' And Jesus said to him, 'Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests; but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head.' To another Jesus said, 'Follow me.' But he said, 'Lord, first let me go and bury my father.' But Jesus said to him, 'Let the dead bury their own dead; but as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God.' Another said, 'I will follow you, Lord; but let me first say farewell to those at my home.' Jesus said to him, 'No one who puts a hand to the plough and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God.'