

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

Second Sunday of Easter : 23rd April 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	8.00pm	Holy Communion
	9.30am	Holy Communion (The Revd Maslen)
Beverston	9.30am	Matins (Wardens)
Long Newnton		NO SERVICE
Shipton Moyne	11.15am	Family Service (Family Worship Team)

Prayers for this Sunday

Almighty Father, you have given your only Son to die for our sins and to rise again for our justification: grant us so to put away the leaven of malice and wickedness that we may always serve you in pureness of living and truth; through the merits of your Son Jesus Christ 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 our Father, through our Saviour Jesus Christ you have assured your children of eternal life and in baptism have made us one with him: deliver us from the death of sin and raise us to new life in your love, in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, by the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ. **Amen.**



BENEFICE NEWS

On **Sunday 30th April** there will be a 5th Sunday Benefice service at **Tetbury Church at 10.30am**. There will be **no** other services in the Benefice that day.

Please note service times in **Tetbury and Beverston Churches** change on Sunday 7th May. The main service will be **10.00am** (with BCP at **8.30am** in Tetbury)



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Dates for the Annual Parochial Church Meetings (APCM) which are as **Tetbury Tuesday 25th April at 7.30pm** .

Saturday monthly prayer half hour: this will take place on **Saturday 6th May** from 10.00 – 10.30am in the church. All are welcome. Geraldine and Bill Geers

Support for Christian Aid Roger and Margo Smith will be hosting a “Pate, Pie and Pud Lunch” on Sunday 21st May 2017 at Stouts Hill (a Georgian Manor House at Uley) All we ask of our guests is that they donate the price of a Sunday Lunch to Christian Aid. Please see us at the end of the service or contact us to receive an invite. The numbers are limited so please see us ASAP

Thursday 27th April at 7.30pm. at Christ Church Tetbury. Dementia Awareness evening on understanding dementia (including Alzheimer’s Disease). The session will be led by Marion Child, a Dementia Friends Champion, and is open to all who are interested in gaining a deeper awareness of dementia and how it affects people, and discovering the small things we can all do to help make a difference.

The next **OMF Prayer Group** meeting will be on **Tuesday 2nd May** (due to bank holiday on Monday 1st) from 2.30pm. All are welcome.

Tetbury Church Social committee invite you to drop in for coffee, cake and a chat in Tetbury Church on **Wednesday May 10th** from 10.30am, following the Communion service until 12 noon. Take a break on a busy morning and do join us.



REQUESTS AND THANK YOU

Christian Aid Week 14 – 20 May Over the past three years the number of collectors for the house to house collection which takes place during the course of the week has dropped from 92 to 50! This means that this year many of the roads in Tetbury and complete villages around Tetbury can no longer be covered. There is a list at the back of each church stating which roads and villages need a collector. **Please, please, can you help?** If you are already collecting and think that you have the time and energy to cover another road your offer would be much appreciated. In either case just get in touch with me Alison Hesketh, It would be a real shame if, as the suffering in the world increases, the help we feel able to give diminishes.



PRAYER DIARY

Praying for St Mary's School Year I Class Plum with Mr Hainsworth
Tetbury Praying the Town: Cotswold Close, Jacobs Close & Rylands Close

Prayer List (please pray for the sick and departed)

Monday: Kathleen, Chris, Sue, Kathleen, Susie, William Dyson

Tuesday: Jane Mary, Pat, Lynne and Adrian, Jon Penny

Wednesday: Kelly, Kate and Mike, Gavin, Alan

Thursday: Nick, Reg, Doreen Riley, Win, Nathan

Friday: James, Catherine Long, Tiffany, Megan

Departed: Evelyn Seal, Mary Jones

Years Mind: Daniel Marks-Bryan (25/04), Stephen Simmons (30/4),
 ("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 24th April 2017

Tuesday	7.30pm	Tetbury APCM at St Mary's Primary School
Wednesday	9.30am	Holy Communion at Tetbury Church
Thursday	10.00am	Prayer Circle leaders meet
	11.00am	Funeral of Evelyn Seale at Tetbury Church
	3.30pm	Clergy and reader team meet at the Vicarage
Saturday	9.30am	Full peal attempt at Tetbury Church

WORSHIP NEXT WEEK 30th April 2017

Tetbury	10.30am	Benefice Holy Communion (The Revd Poppy Hughes, Rector)
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WORSHIP SUNDAY 7th May

Tetbury	8.30pm	Holy Communion
	10.00am	Family Service with Baptism with Holy Communion (The Revd Poppy Hughes, Rector)
Beverston	10.00am	Matins (The Revd Ursula Gray)
Long Newnton	9.30am	Holy Communion (The Revd Ian Aveyard)
Shipton Moyne	11.15am	Holy Communion (The Revd Kim Hartshorne)

BENEFICE CONTACT DETAILS

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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 of Easter

Old Testament

Exodus 14.10-end

As Pharaoh drew near, the Israelites looked back, and there were the Egyptians advancing on them. In great fear the Israelites cried out to the LORD. They said to Moses, 'Was it because there were no graves in Egypt that you have taken us away to die in the wilderness? What have you done to us, bringing us out of Egypt? Is this not the very thing we told you in Egypt, "Let us alone and let us serve the Egyptians"? For it would have been better for us to serve the Egyptians than to die in the wilderness.' But Moses said to the people, 'Do not be afraid, stand firm, and see the deliverance that the LORD will accomplish for you today; for the Egyptians whom you see today you shall never see again. The LORD will fight for you, and you have only to keep still.' Then the LORD said to Moses, 'Why do you cry out to me? Tell the Israelites to go forward. But you lift up your staff, and stretch out your hand over the sea and divide it, that the Israelites may go into the sea on dry ground. Then I will harden the hearts of the Egyptians so that they will go in after them; and so I will gain glory for myself over Pharaoh and all his army, his chariots, and his chariot drivers. And the Egyptians shall know that I am the LORD, when I have gained glory for myself over Pharaoh, his chariots, and his chariot drivers.' Then the LORD said to Moses, 'Stretch out your hand over the sea, so that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots and chariot drivers.' So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at dawn the sea returned to its normal depth. As the Egyptians fled before it, the LORD tossed the Egyptians into the sea. The waters returned and covered the chariots and the chariot drivers, the entire army of Pharaoh that had followed them into

the sea; not one of them remained. But the Israelites walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. Thus the LORD saved Israel that day from the Egyptians; and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. Israel saw the great work that the LORD did against the Egyptians. So the people feared the LORD and believed in the LORD and in his servant Moses.

New Testament

Acts 2.14a,22-32

On the day of Pentecost, Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd: 'You that are Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know – this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. But God raised him up, having freed him from death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. For David says concerning him, "I saw the Lord always before me, for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken; therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; moreover, my flesh will live in hope. For you will not abandon my soul to Hades, or let your Holy One experience corruption. You have made known to me the ways of life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence." 'Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would put one of his descendants on his throne. Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messi-

ah, saying, “He was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh experience corruption.” This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses.’

Gospel

John 20.19-31

When it was evening on the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, ‘Peace be with you.’ After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, ‘Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.’ When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, ‘Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.’ But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, ‘We have seen the Lord.’ But he said to them, ‘Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.’ A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, ‘Peace be with you.’ Then he said to Thomas, ‘Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.’ Thomas answered him, ‘My Lord and my God!’ Jesus said to him, ‘Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.’ Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.