

Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leapt in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and exclaimed with a loud cry, 'Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leapt for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfilment of what was spoken to her by the Lord.' And Mary said, 'My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour, for he has looked with favour on the lowliness of his servant. Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed; for the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name. His mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation. He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts. He has brought down the powerful from their thrones, and lifted up the lowly; he has filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich away empty. He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy, according to the promise he made to our ancestors, to Abraham and to his descendants for ever.'

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

Fourth Sunday of Advent: 23rd December 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 Peter Hyson
	10.00am	Parish Communion Presiding: The Revd Poppy Hughes, Rector Preaching: The Revd Peter Hyson
Beverston	10.00am	Matins Wardens
Long Lewnton		Carol Service on Christmas Eve at 6pm
Shipton Moyne		Crib Service on Christmas Eve at 4pm

Prayers for this Sunday

God our redeemer, who prepared the Blessed Virgin Mary to be the mother of your Son: grant that, as she looked for his coming as our saviour, so we may be ready to greet him when he comes again as our judge; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Heavenly Father, who chose the Blessed Virgin Mary to be the mother of the promised saviour: fill us your servants with your grace, that in all things we may embrace your holy will and with her rejoice in your salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**



BENEFICE NEWS

iSingPop. St Marys' PCC is supporting the return of the iSingPop team to St Mary's School. They will be in school in the week of Monday 28th January, teaching the children new contemporary worship songs. Then there will be a concert in church on Thursday 31st January, in the afternoon and evening. Everyone is invited – please save the date. More details to follow.

For your prayers. To build on the contact with parents and children during iSingPop, I am working with Tetbury Area Churches Together to then invite families to *iSingPop Sunday Worship* (working title) to be held in school once a month, 4.00-5.30pm. We will need volunteers to help support us in this endeavour, so again please save the dates for the first six sessions: Sunday 24th February, Sunday 24th March, Sunday 28th April, Sunday 26th May, Sunday 30th June and Sunday 21st July. With thanks, Poppy

Those who make their **weekly donations** in Tetbury church through the **Envelope Scheme** will find their pack of Envelopes for 2019 in the box at the rear of the Church. Any new donor wishing to join the Scheme should please contact Ros Tildesley.

The Parish Office is **closed** and will reopen on **Thursday 3rd January**.

There will **not** be a Holy Communion service on **Wednesday 26th December** in Tetbury Church.

Pat Bolton and Hjordis Halliwell, 2 well loved members of Tetbury church have moved into nursing homes in Hampshire and Cheshire respectively. Please talk to Mary Girling for more details.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Benefice service next Sunday at **10.30am** in Tetbury Church, followed by drinks in the Vicarage. There are **no** other services in the Benefice that day.

Congregational choir: This morning, during communion in Tetbury Church, the choir will be singing 'Let it be to me', a modern setting of the Magnificat by Graham Kendrick. On December 9th (two weeks ago) the choir sang 'Creator of the Starry Height', a 7th century Advent chant which was translated into English in the nineteenth century.



REQUESTS AND THANK YOUS

Many thanks to all those who have already contributed to the **St Marys' Church West Door Appeal**. Our fundraising continues. The appeal letter is

Fourth Sunday of Advent

First Reading

Micah 5.2-5a

The LORD says to his people: But you, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah, who are one of the little clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to rule in Israel, whose origin is from of old, from ancient days. Therefore he shall give them up until the time when she who is in labour has brought forth; then the rest of his kindred shall return to the people of Israel. And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the LORD, in the majesty of the name of the LORD his God. And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth; and he shall be the one of peace.

Second Reading

Hebrews 10.5-10

When Christ came into the world, he said, 'Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired, but a body you have prepared for me; in burnt-offerings and sin-offerings you have taken no pleasure. Then I said, "See, God, I have come to do your will, O God" (in the scroll of the book it is written of me).' When he said above, 'You have neither desired nor taken pleasure in sacrifices and offerings and burnt-offerings and sin-offerings' (these are offered according to the law), then he added, 'See, I have come to do your will.' He abolishes the first in order to establish the second. And it is by God's will that we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

Gospel

Luke 1.39-55

Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted

**BENEFICE DIARY FOR THE WEEK BEGINNING
MONDAY 24th December 2018**

Christmas Eve	4.00pm Tetbury	Crib Service
	4.0pm Shipton Moyne	Crib service
	6.00pm Long Newnton	Carol Service
	11.30pm Tetbury	Midnight Mass with incense
Friday	3.00pm Tetbury	Wedding rehearsal
Saturday	1.30pm Tetbury	Wedding of William Swain and Rachel Kean

WORSHIP CHRISTMAS DAY

Tetbury	10.00am	Family Service with Holy Communion The Revd Poppy Hughes, Rector
Beverston	10.00am	Holy Communion The Revd Ursula Gray
Long Lewnton	11.15am	Holy Communion The Revd Rob Church
Shipton Moyne	11.15am	Holy Communion The Revd Poppy Hughes, Rector

WORSHIP SUNDAY 30th DECEMBER

Tetbury 10.30am Benefice Eucharist

BENEFICE CONTACT DETAILS

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Website: www.tetburychurch.co.uk

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

available at the back of the church for all those still wishing to contribute. You can donate through Just Giving - www.justgiving.com/tetburypcc

TESCO Bags of Help—Please save your blue counters. During January & February 2019 Tesco will include our **West Door Appeal** in our local shop. Can everyone make sure they get the blue counters when purchasing goods and put them in the collecting tub for our appeal.

Please remember our 15 walkers **walking 100 miles in January and sign up to sponsor them**. Details in the church porch. With the EU promising to times by 6 whatever we raise we want to make **£100,000 for refugees**.

Tesco Christian Aid Collection: Thanks to all those who collected at Tesco, we raised **£592.98** This was a brilliant result with all the competing pressures on both time of collectors and money of donators. Thank you so much. Alison

A huge thank you and many congratulations to the festival chorus for their lovely singing throughout the service of nine lessons and carols last Sunday. You were very focused and produced a lovely sound with excellent diction too. A huge thank you to Sue for all her organisation and help, to Sharyn for her lovely solo in Infant Holy and also huge thank you to Jonathan for his super organ playing and accompaniment. Ian Higginson

Clean , staple free newspaper (no magazines or glossy paper please) are needed again for the hedgehogs . Please leave in the box in Tetbury Church or on Mary Hinton's doorstep. **Donations of cat food also urgently needed.**



PRAYER DIARY

Tetbury Praying the Town: Wheat Hill, Wisteria Road & Woodward Close

Prayer List (please pray for the sick and departed)

Monday: Graham Kean, Kirsty and Dean, Chris

Tuesday: Bill Geers, Jill, Sue, David, Liz Eaton

Wednesday: Sheila Little, George and Jemer, Peter Parkhouse

Thursday: Joyce and Joe, John Lye, Robert

Friday: Baby Freya, Clive and Tony, Jenny & Victor

Departed: Patricia Dent