

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

Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity: 24th September 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
	10.00am	Parish Eucharist (The Revd Poppy Hughes, Rector)
Beverston	6.00pm	Harvest Festival (The Revd Christopher Mulholland)
Long Newnton	11.30pm	Harvest Festival (The Revd Poppy Hughes, Rector)
Shipton Moyne	11.15am	Harvest Festival (The Family Worship Team)

Prayers for this Sunday

God, who in generous mercy sent the Holy Spirit upon your Church in the burning fire of your love: grant that your people may be fervent in the fellowship of the gospel that, always abiding in you, they may be found steadfast in faith and active in service; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Keep, O Lord, your Church, with your perpetual mercy; and, because without you our human frailty cannot but fall, keep us ever by your help from all things hurtful, and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



BENEFICE NEWS

Churches together interactive Bible Study. On Wednesday evenings in October, a small group will meet in Christ Church for Bible Study shared with a group in Malawi via the internet. If you are interested in this, please speak to Rob Church. There are spaces for 3-4 people.

The **season of Harvest Festivals** is upon us! Celebrations begin TODAY in Shipton Moyne (11.15am), Long Newnton (11.30am) and Beverston (6pm), then Tetbury on Sunday 8th October. **NB Different Service times.**

You are invited to support Valerie Trumper at The Diocesan Celebration of the Commissioning of new Pastoral Assistants this afternoon **at 3pm at Gloucester Cathedral.**

Sunday 1st October 10.30am Tetbury Music Festival Benefice Eucharist in Tetbury Church. There will be **no** other services in the Benefice that day.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

BARN DANCE Saturday October 7th 7.00 – 10.30 pm. Tickets are on sale. £10.00 adult and £25.00 family (2adults and up to 2 children, and includes a fish and chip supper. Please buy your tickets from any member of the Tetbury Church Social Committee (Diana Challis, Frances, Hilary, Michele, Moira, Diana Sharp) or from the Parish Office. We hope you will join us for this popular event.

IONA 2018. Due to planned building work in the Abbey, there is a delay in publishing the programme for 2018, and there will be a shorter season offered (May-August). We are hoping to take a group and will publicise dates when they become available.

The next Church Spring Clean for **St John the Baptist** in Shipton Moyne will take place on **Saturday 30th September 2017** from 10am - 12pm with coffee.

Tetbury Church cleaning on **Saturday 14th October 10am until 2pm**

Advent Quiet Day and Home Groups. Please put a note in your diary! 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. More information to follow.

Saturday prayers: first Saturday in the month, **7th October.** Do join us from 10.00 – 10.30am in the church to spend time with God and to pray for our church, our town, our world, ourselves. Everyone is welcome. Geraldine and Bill Geers



REQUESTS AND THANK YOU

The Tetbury Church **Pastoral Committee** is conscious of the fact that we have several members of our congregation who are finding life difficult because, for health reasons, they can no longer drive but still want to be socially active, attend church and different organisations to which they belong, have a hair cut go shopping as well as keep various hospital appointments. There is a **list at the back of the church** for you to give your details **if you could help with an occasional lift**

A **huge thank you** to all the knitters. So far this year, 9 black sacks have gone out to a Zambian Mission hospital. They also need toiletries and stationary (not biro's). They had a defibrillator from the surgery. Pam Scott will collect or items can be dropped off with her.

Shoebboxes Needed by the end of October, for Operation Christmas Child a project of Samaritan's Purse it's mission to demonstrate God's love in a tangible way to needy children around the world. Over the years you have filled shoeboxes of goodies to send to children overseas. Some people like to fill a whole shoebox and others like to give certain items or contribute to the transport costs. If you would like to help Operation Christmas Child please contact Hjordis Halliwell or Judith Bailey for more information please see the Mothers' Union notice board at the back of St Marys' Church.



PRAYER DIARY

Praying for St Mary's School Year I Class Pear with Mrs Stancombe / Miss Jackson and Mrs Amor

Tetbury Praying the Town: Romney Road

Prayer List (please pray for the sick and departed)

Monday: The Woods and Seddon families, Anne Glanville
 Tuesday: Lynne and Adrian, Roy and Carol, Edith
 Wednesday: Kate and Mike, Deb, Nathan, Elizabeth
 Thursday: Rachel and Claire, Ingrid, Ron and Wassila
 Friday: Richard and Moira, Harriet, Jack, Tom

Departed: Carol Hobday, Alick Whittle

Years Mind: Ken Turner (29/09)

("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 25th SEPTEMBER 2017

Tuesday	7.00pm	Long Newnton	PCC meet
Wednesday	9.30am	Tetbury	Holy Communion
Thursday		Tetbury	Tetbury Music Festival begins
Friday	Noon	Beverston	Service of Thanksgiving for Alick Whittle
Saturday	10am	Shipton Moyne	Church cleaning

WORSHIP NEXT WEEK 1st October

Tetbury	10.30am	Benefice Eucharist (The Revd Poppy Hughes, Rector)
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WORSHIP 8th October

Tetbury	8.30am	Holy Communion
	10.00am	Harvest Festival (The Revd Poppy Hughes, Rector)
Beverston	10.00am	Holy Communion (The Revd Ursula Gray)
Long Newnton	11.15am	Matins (Martin Green, Reader)
Shipton Moyne	11.15am	Matins (The Revd Kim Hartshorne)

8.30am Monday - Friday Morning Prayer in St Marys' Tetbury.
 Enter by north-east door (by the kitchen). All welcome, including dogs!

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.

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Old Testament

Jonah 3.10-4.11

When God saw what the people of Nineveh did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it. But this was very displeasing to Jonah, and he became angry. He prayed to the LORD and said, 'O LORD! Is not this what I said while I was still in my own country? That is why I fled to Tarshish at the beginning; for I knew that you are a gracious God and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and ready to relent from punishing. And now, O LORD, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live.' And the LORD said, 'Is it right for you to be angry?' Then Jonah went out of the city and sat down east of the city, and made a booth for himself there. He sat under it in the shade, waiting to see what would become of the city. The LORD God appointed a bush, and made it come up over Jonah, to give shade over his head, to save him from his discomfort; so Jonah was very happy about the bush. But when dawn came up the next day, God appointed a worm that attacked the bush, so that it withered. When the sun rose, God prepared a sultry east wind, and the sun beat down on the head of Jonah so that he was faint and asked that he might die. He said, 'It is better for me to die than to live.' But God said to Jonah, 'Is it right for you to be angry about the bush?' And he said, 'Yes, angry enough to die.' Then the LORD said, 'You are concerned about the bush, for which you did not labour and which you did not grow; it came into being in a night and perished in a night. ¹¹And should I not be concerned about Nineveh, that great city, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand people who do not know their right hand from their left, and also many animals?'

New Testament

Philippians 1.21-30

For to me, living is Christ and dying is gain. If I am to live in the flesh,

that means fruitful labour for me; and I do not know which I prefer. I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again. Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel, and are in no way intimidated by your opponents. For them this is evidence of their destruction, but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as well – since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

Gospel

Matthew 20.1-16

Jesus said to his disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire labourers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the labourers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the market-place; and he said to them, "You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right." So they went. When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, "Why are you standing here idle all day?" They said to him, "Because no one has hired us." He said to them, "You also go into the vineyard." When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, "Call the labourers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first." When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. Now when the first came,

they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, saying, "These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat." But he replied to one of them, "Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?" So the last will be first, and the first will be last.'