

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

Second Sunday of Lent : 25th February 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
	10.00am	Parish Eucharist
		The Revd Poppy Hughes, Rector
Beverston	10.00am	Matins
		Joe Nagle
Long	11.15am	Holy Communion
Newnton		The Revd Poppy Hughes, Rector
Shipton	11.15am	Family Service
Moyne		Family Worship Team

Prayers for this Sunday

Almighty God, you show to those who are in error the light of your truth, that they may return to the way of righteousness: grant to all those who are admitted into the fellowship of Christ's religion, that they may reject those things that are contrary to their profession, and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same; through our Lord Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Almighty God, you see that we have no power of ourselves to help ourselves: keep us both outwardly in our bodies, and inwardly in our souls; that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**



BENEFICE NEWS

LENT HOME GROUPS continue this week. We are again using "Immeasurably deeper", with daily readings. Our home groups will explore the Christian disciplines of silence, humility, confession, sacrifice and hope. Please see the leaflet at the back of church for more details.

Lent running group each Wednesday during Lent at 7pm. We meet in St Marys' church for welcome and prayer before setting off for our run across town. We won't be fast, but rather enjoy the time of movement together with mindful conversation. We come back to church for tea, biscuits and contemplation.

WaterAid, Jars of Change, Lent Appeal 2018 Throughout Lent you will find a large jar at the back of Tetbury Church at the Sunday Services for donations of your loose change which **WaterAid** will use to fund New Water Facilities. Please pick up a paper jar sleeve to put into an empty jar at home to collect your change, before bringing it to church. Try making a penny donation to your jar each time you use your toilet, have a bath or make a cup of tea. The jar sleeve is also the gift aid form which can make your donation worth an extra 25% if you pay tax. For more information please look at the notice board at the back of St Marys' Church.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Soup Lunches have started at St Michaels Church hall at 12.30pm on Fridays. St Marys' will be providing soup on 9th and 16th March. Please see the form on the notice board where you can sign up to provide soup, bread and /or volunteer to serve. Thank you. for information please contact Princess.

St Marys' Festival Chorus will be singing for Good Friday (2 pm) and Easter Sunday (10 am). Practices will be on 16th, 23rd Feb, and 9th, 16th, 23rd March. Anyone who wishes to join this choir please contact Sue Thomas

Women's world day of prayer service organized by the Churches together in Tetbury will be held this year in St Mary's on **Friday 2nd March** at 2pm. For any information please contact Princess

Tetbury Congregational choir The next outing of the Choir will be on **Sunday 25th February**. All are welcome. If you'd like to sing with us please make sure you are in your seats at the front of the Church by 9.30am to prepare for the service start at 10am. Also, if you think that you may like to

sing with the choir on future occasions but would like further information please speak with Margaret Greenwood, Hilary Rowland or Sue Thomas.

Servers' Day will be on **Saturday March 17th** at St Marys' meeting at 10am and finishing by 1pm. We will be exploring what it means to serve during our worship, and thinking about the future. This is for all current members of the serving team, as well as for anybody potentially interested in joining them.

April 22nd: our 10am Eucharist at St Marys' 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. If you didn't see the programme you can catch up with it on iPlayer!

The Barber of Seville comes to Shipton Moyne with professional opera company, Opera a la Carte. Presented under a marquee on **Friday 1st** and **Saturday 2nd June**. Bring a picnic or book a sumptuous meal in the barn for the interval. Ticket information at shiptonmoyneopera.org or shiptonmoyneopera@gmail.com



REQUESTS AND THANK YOUS

Thank you to all who helped and came to the Murder Mystery in Tetbury Church. As a result we hope to donate a little under £750 to Tetbury Food bank.



PRAYER DIARY

Praying for St Mary's School Year 5/6 Class Ash with Mr Godfrey and Mrs Rudge

Tetbury Praying the Town: Chipping Steps and The Chipping

Monday: Graham Kean, Dawn and Robin

Tuesday: Bill Geers, George, Russell Chilvers

Wednesday: Fergus Persse with Sandy, Liz, Lauren and Isobel

Thursday: Laetitia Hardie, Sanitta, Darren Maskell

Friday: James, Kelly, Stan O'Brien, James O'Sullivan

Departed: Colonel Tony Davis, Frederick "Jack" Chivers, Beryl Alley, Charles "Fred" Wollen

BENEFICE DIARY FOR THE WEEK BEGINNING

MONDAY 26th February 2018

Wednesday	9.30am	Tetbury	Holy Communion
Thursday	2.00pm	Tetbury	Funeral of Charles "Fred" Wollen
Friday	11.00am	Tetbury	Service of Thanksgiving for Colonel Tony Davis
Friday	12.30pm	St Michael's	Lent Lunches
	2.00pm	Tetbury	Womens' World Day of Prayer
Saturday	2.00pm	Kingsley House	Memorial Service

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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 Lent

Old Testament Reading Genesis 17.1-7,15-16

When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the LORD appeared to Abram, and said to him, 'I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless. And I will make my covenant between me and you, and will make you exceedingly numerous.' Then Abram fell on his face; and God said to him, 'As for me, this is my covenant with you: You shall be the ancestor of a multitude of nations. No longer shall your name be Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you the ancestor of a multitude of nations. I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you. I will establish my covenant between me and you, and your offspring after you throughout their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you.'

God said to Abraham, 'As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. I will bless her, and moreover I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall give rise to nations; kings of peoples shall come from her.'

New Testament Reading Romans 4.13-25

The promise that Abraham would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to

the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, 'I have made you the father of many nations'). Abraham believed in the presence of the God who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become 'the father of many nations,' according to what was said, 'So numerous shall your descendants be.' He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb. No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. Therefore his faith 'was reckoned to him as righteousness.' Now the words, 'it was reckoned to him,' were written not for his sake alone, but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in God who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

Gospel

Mark 8.31-38

Jesus began to teach his disciples that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, 'Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.'

He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, 'If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their

cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.’ in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you – not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.