

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

Christ The King: 25th November 2018

Gospel

John 18.33-37

Pilate asked Jesus, 'Are you the King of the Jews?' Jesus answered, 'Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?' Pilate replied, 'I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?' Jesus answered, 'My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here.' Pilate asked him, 'So you are a king?' Jesus answered, 'You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice.'

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 Presiding - The Revd Rob Church Preaching – The Revd Poppy Hughes, Rector
	10.00am	Parish Communion The Revd Poppy Hughes, Rector
Beverston	10.00am	Matins Wardens
Long Lewnton	11.15am	Holy Communion The Revd Canon Barry Raven
Shipton Moyne	11.15am	Family Service Family Worship Team

Prayers for this Sunday

Eternal Father, whose Son Jesus Christ ascended to the throne of heaven that he might rule over all things as Lord and King: keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit and in the bond of peace, and bring the whole created order to worship at his feet; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Stir up, O Lord, the wills of your faithful people; that they, plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good works, may by you be plenteously rewarded; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



BENEFICE NEWS

Bishop Rachel has announced that **Poppy has been appointed as the new Area Dean** of the Cirencester Deanery. Poppy expects to take up the role after Christmas when The Revd. Howard Gilbert stands down, to become Rector of Minchinhampton. She writes: "When the Bishop asks you to do something, you need a very good reason if you say no! But this feels much more positive, as I am committed to sustained ministry here in this benefice, and so welcome an opportunity to also be involved more widely in the Diocese. Please hold me in your prayers as I prepare to take on this role."

The Posada. Thank you to all who volunteered to host The Posada. The Rota will be circulated very shortly. and we look forward to setting Mary and Joseph off on their travels around Tetbury leaving St Marys' at the 10am service on Advent Sunday. As well as host families, the Posada will also visit Christchurch, The 5 Valleys Church and St Michael's Church as well as The Mayor of Tetbury. We did have a few more volunteers than places on the Rota so sorry I cannot take up your offer but thanks for offering. Margo Smith

The **communion hymn** today in Tetbury Church is 'Let all mortal flesh keep silence'. This is a 3rd century Eucharistic chant based on the words of Habbakuk (2:20) 'But the Lord is in his holy temple; let all the earth keep silence before him'. We are singing Ralph Vaughan Williams (familiar) arrangement of the English translation to a medieval French folk melody - Picardy.

Advent 2018. Our theme is journeying in God & to God, drawing on three journeys from the Nativity: Mary & Joseph travelling to Bethlehem, then the shepherds & the Magi to the manger. Advent Home groups start this week.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Last chance to sign up to help with the **Christian Aid Collection at Tesco, Friday 7 and Sat. 8 December.** There are still some slots to fill. It's indoors and sitting. Please help if you can for 1 hour.

The **congregational choir** will next be singing on **Sunday 9th December** and on **Sunday 23rd December.** Please contact Margaret Greenwood if you would like to sing with us



REQUESTS AND THANK YOU'S

St Marys' **Christmas Market** will be held in the **Market Hall** on **Sat 1st Dec 10.00 – 12.30 pm.** **Items to sell are still needed! GIFTS, CHOCOLATES, WINE. CAKES, PRESERVES and things suitable for tombola and raffle.** Thank you to all who have offered to help on the day.

Christ the King Old Testament Reading Daniel 7.9-10,13-14

As I watched, thrones were set in place, and an Ancient One took his throne; his clothing was white as snow, and the hair of his head like pure wool; his throne was fiery flames, and its wheels were burning fire. A stream of fire issued and flowed out from his presence. A thousand thousand served him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood attending him. The court sat in judgement, and the books were opened. As I watched in the night visions, I saw one like a human being coming with the clouds of heaven. And he came to the Ancient One and was presented before him. To him was given dominion and glory and kingship, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion that shall not pass away, and his kingship is one that shall never be destroyed.

New Testament Reading Revelation 1.4b-8

Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen. Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail. So it is to be. Amen. 'I am the Alpha and the Omega', says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

**BENEFICE DIARY FOR THE WEEK BEGINNING
MONDAY 26th November 2018**

Wednesday 9.30am Tetbury Holy Communion
Saturday 10.00am Market Hall St Marys' Christmas Fayre

WORSHIP NEXT WEEK

Tetbury 8.30am Holy Communion
10.00am Parish Communion
The Revd Poppy Hughes, Rector
6.00pm Advent Carols
The Revd Rob Church

Beverston 10.00am Matins
The Revd Ursula Gray

Long 9.30am Holy Communion
Lewnton The Revd Maslen

Shipton 11.15am Holy Communion
Moyne The Revd Maslen

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.

Many thanks to all those who have already contributed to the **St Marys' Church West Door Appeal**. Our fundraising continues. The appeal letter is available at the back of the church for all those still wishing to contribute. You can donate through Just Giving - www.justgiving.com/tetburypcc

£100,000 for Refugees. At different times our 15 walkers have tested out the route before they set off together on 12 January to undertake the whole **100 mile walk over nine days**. Please take a leaflet from the back of the church to find out who they are and all other details. Please do sponsor the walk if you can either on line through the Just Giving page or by signing up on the sponsorship sheet at the back of the church. **The aim is to raise £100,000 for refugees.** Please help.

We thank our generous hosts, **Margo and Roger Smith**, for recently providing a wonderful lunch in the glorious setting of **Stouts Hill**, and allowing their guests to help them raise a considerable sum towards the West Door Appeal

Can you help? Friendly volunteer drivers are needed to transport people to church services on Sundays. Please speak to the church wardens for details

Rucksack and Coat wanted. Does anyone have a useable rucksack that they no longer need and that they could donate to someone desperately in need of one? Also a large warm winter coat or anorak for someone who has nothing suitable to keep out the winter cold. Please contact Alison Hesketh

The **Iona** village shop are auctioning art postcards to raise money to build a village hall. <https://www.ionacraftshop.com/pages/welcome-and-auction-info>

Mary Girling would like to thank everyone who helped her celebrate her 90th birthday at the Wednesday Communion service, and **Wally Bleaken** would like to thank everyone for their help and prayers over the last year.



PRAYER DIARY

Praying for St Mary's School Year 5/6 Elm Class with Miss Snell and Mrs Lee

Tetbury Praying the Town: The Ferns

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

Thursday: Joyce and Joe, John Lye, Robert

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

Departed: William Jones