

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

Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity: 26th August 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 Poppy Hughes, Rector
	10.00am	Parish Communion Presiding: The Revd Poppy Hughes, Rector Preaching: The Revd David Runcorn
Beverston	10.00am	Matins The Revd Rob Church
Long Newnton	11.15am	Holy Communion The Revd Ian Aveyard
Shipton Moyne	11.15am	Animal Service The Revd Rob Church

Prayers for this Sunday

Almighty God, who called your Church to bear witness that you were in Christ reconciling the world to yourself: help us to proclaim the good news of your love, that all who hear it may be drawn to you; through him who was lifted up on the cross, and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

God our creator, you feed your children with the true manna, the living bread from heaven: let this holy food sustain us through our earthly pilgrimage until we come to that place where hunger and thirst are no more; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



BENEFICE NEWS

We look forward to **Kim Trinder** joining the Tetbury benefice on placement in September. Kim writes "My name is Kim Trinder and I live and worship in the village of Bisley. I have two children and I am a teacher. Poppy has very kindly allowed me to come and observe and be a part of your worshipping community in order to help me discern God's calling. I am very much looking forward to this opportunity."

We are delighted to welcome the **Revd David Runcorn**, Associate Diocesan Director of Ordinands and Warden of Readers for the Diocese of Gloucester. David will be preaching at the 10am service in Tetbury. Then at the peace welcoming Sarah Parton newly licenced as a Reader here. David is a popular writer, speaker, teacher, retreat leader and spiritual guide. His books include Spirituality Workbook: A guide for pilgrims, explorers and seekers, and Fear and Trust: God-centred leadership.

Our **Little Fishes Sunday School** starts next Sunday in Tetbury church and there will be special prayers to bless their school bags.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Animal Service in Shipton Moyne today at 11.15am. Do bring your pets along for a blessing ... it is always a joyfully riotous occasion. All are welcome!

The **Tetbury congregational choir** will be singing this morning at our 10am service.

Saturday 8th September: Ride and Stride for Churches. All riders, bikers, walkers, drivers, runners planning their route and sponsorship from one church to another around Gloucestershire - please be sure to call in at St Mary's Church, Beverston, GL8 8TT which will be manned for the day from 10am to 5pm with coffee/tea, cake and a pit stop! Check for a route on www.ghct.org.uk/ride-and-stride. Any local enquiries call Pam. Please be sure to call by at some stage in the day even if just for a cuppa.

Evensong in commemoration of Charles Fuge Lowder, priest on **Sunday 9th September** will be celebrated in **St Saviour's Church** at 6.00pm.

Beverston will be celebrating their Patronal Festival on **Sunday 9th September** with Evensong at 6pm in Beverston Church.

REQUESTS AND THANK YOUS

Wanted! Jam jars with screw lids needed for jams and jellies. Small and attractive would be lovely! Please contact Margo Smith who will collect or leave in Tetbury church.



PRAYER DIARY

Tetbury Praying the Town: Northlands Way

Prayer List (please pray for the sick and departed)

Monday: Graham Kean, Sammy & Carl, Michael

Tuesday: Bill Geers, Jean & Ken, Breeda, Willie

Wednesday: Sheila Little, Olive, Dee, Thomas, Jill

Thursday: James O'Sullivan, Colin, Kelly, John Lye

Friday: Baby Freya, Susie, Alan, Win, James

Departed: Janet Fisher

BENEFACTORY DIARY FOR THE WEEK BEGINNING MONDAY 27th August

Wednesday 9.30am Tetbury

Holy Communion

WORSHIP NEXT WEEK

Tetbury 8.30am Holy Communion
10.00am Parish Communion
The Revd Rob Church

Beverston 10.00am Matins
Wardens

Long 9.30am Holy Communion
Newnton The Revd Canon Barry Raven

Shipton 11.15am Holy Communion
Moyne The Revd Canon Barry Raven

BENEFACTORY 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.

Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity

Old Testament Reading Joshua 24.1-2a, 14-18

Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel; and they presented themselves before God. And Joshua said to all the people, 'Now therefore revere the LORD, and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the LORD. Now if you are unwilling to serve the LORD, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD.' Then the people answered, 'Far be it from us that we should forsake the LORD to serve other gods; for it is the LORD our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight. He protected us along all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed; and the LORD drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the LORD, for he is our God.'

New Testament Reading Ephesians 6.10-20

Be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power. Put on the whole armour of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. Therefore take up the whole armour of God, so

that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. Stand therefore, and fasten the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness. As shoes for your feet put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints. Pray also for me, so that when I speak, a message may be given to me to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it boldly, as I must speak.

Gospel John 6.56-69

Jesus said to the crowd: 'Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live for ever.' He said these things while he was teaching in the synagogue at Capernaum. When many of his disciples heard it, they said, 'This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?' But Jesus, being aware that his disciples were complaining about it, said to them, 'Does this offend you? Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. But among you there are some who do not believe.' For Jesus

knew from the first who were the ones that did not believe, and who was the one that would betray him. And he said, 'For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted by the Father.' Because of this many of his disciples turned back and no longer went about with him. So Jesus asked the twelve, 'Do you also wish to go away?' Simon Peter answered him, 'Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God.'