

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

Christ the king : 26th November 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	10.00am	Matins (The Revd Christopher Mulholland)
Long Newnton	11.15am	Holy Communion with Baptism (The Revd Poppy Hughes, Rector)
Shipton Moynes	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

There will be no **Saturday morning prayers** in Tetbury Church on the first Saturday of **December**, as the church Christmas Fayre will be taking place then in the Market hall.

There will be an **Advent Carol Service next Sunday** at 6pm at Tetbury Church.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Friday 1st December at 7.30pm at **Beverston Church**. Gloucestershire in words and Music—an evening of entertainment with a truly local flavour in memory of Stephen Wright MBE. Proceeds donated to the Beverston Church improvement Fund . Entry £7.50 payable on the door to include wine and Gloucestershire cheese.

Advent Home Groups begin this week. Our theme will be the questions Jesus asks. Please pick up a leaflet and sign up if you need us to find you a home.

Tetbury Church annual **Christmas Market** will be held in **the Market Hall** on **Saturday 2nd December 10.00 – 12.30 pm. Donations for this would be most welcome.** The stalls for this year are:: Cakes and Preserves; Good quality Gifts; Tombola (Bottles, Chocolate and general; Raffle. Craft and knitwear. Any contributions may be put in the chest by the Font or if perishable brought on the day. (On this occasion we are not looking for books or bric-a-brac). Please make a note of the date and support this event. Many thanks.



REQUESTS AND THANK YOU'S

To all Church Stewards. Thank you for all you have done since April. You have provided an excellent welcome to Tetbury Church and the Shop takings have been really good. The Shop is now well stocked for Christmas and if any of you feel you could spend an hour or two during the day to encourage people to buy in the next few weeks this would be much appreciated. Just turn up when it suits you and stay as long as you wish. Thank you , Diana. Challis

Newspapers urgently needed for the **Hedgehog Hospital** run by Mary Hinton. Mary is currently looking after 33 hedgehogs, so she is getting through a large quantity of newspaper every day. There is a box in the ambulatory for them or you can leave them on Mary's doorstep. Thank you. **Please no staples or magazines.**

Wanted! Home-Start Cotswolds is a local charity that recruits and trains volunteers to help families with young children. Volunteers are wanted to help support local families facing difficulties. If you have parenting experience and can spare a few hours each week we would like to hear from you. Contact 01285 885391 or office@home-start-cotswolds.org.uk

I know it's near Christmas and you'll all be busy, **BUT**, could you please spare just **1 hour on either Friday 22 or Saturday 23 December to collect for Christian Aid inside at Tesco?** All money collected, and the Government will double it, will go directly to support refugees who have had to flee their homes. Please **sign up** on the sheet at the back of the church. **Please help if you can.** Any queries to Alison Hesketh

A volunteer is needed to distribute the **Tetbury praying the town leaflets** in **Wheat Hill, Wisteria Road & Woodward Close** (10th December) and **Windsor Gardens & Elizabeth Gardens** (17th December). Please contact the Parish Office to arrange.



PRAYER DIARY

Baptisms: Please pray for **Archie Brown** and **Harry Brown** who will be baptised in Long Newnton Church today, and **Saskia Jones** who will be baptised in Tetbury Church next Sunday and their parents and godparents.

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

Tetbury Praying the Town: The Green

Prayer List (please pray for the sick and departed)

Monday: Mandy, Wendy Sharpe, Graham Kean, James
 Tuesday: Lynne and Adrian, Sue, Emma, Alice Porter
 Wednesday: Norma Rainbow and family, Matthew
 Thursday: Chris Tracey and family, Pete and Di's and family
 Friday: Neena and Ricky Lakhani and family
Departed: Diana Pierce, Anne Glanville

BENEFICE DIARY FOR THE WEEK BEGINNING MONDAY 27th NOVEMBER 2017

Wednesday	9.30am	Tetbury	Holy Communion
Friday	7.30pm	Beverston	Gloucestershire in Words and Music
Saturday	10.00am	Market Hall	Tetbury Church Christmas Fayre

WORSHIP NEXT WEEK

Tetbury	8.30am	Holy Communion
	10.00am	Family Service with Holy Communion and Baptism (The Revd Poppy Hughes, Rector)
	6.00pm	Advent Carol Service (The Revd Rob Church)
Beverston	10.00am	Matins (The Revd Ursula Gray)
Long Newnton	9.30am	Holy Communion (The Revd Ian Aveyard)
Shipton Moyne	11.15am	Holy Communion (The Revd Kim Brown)

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. **Christ the King**

Old Testament Reading Ezekiel 34.11-16,20-24

Thus says the Lord GOD: I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. As shepherds seek out their flocks when they are among their scattered sheep, so I will seek out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land; and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord GOD. I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice. Therefore, thus says the Lord GOD to them: I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. Because you pushed with flank and shoulder, and butted at all the weak animals with your horns until you scattered them far and wide, I will save my flock, and they shall no longer be ravaged; and I will judge between sheep and sheep. I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. And I, the LORD, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them; I, the LORD, have spoken.

New Testament Reading Ephesians 1.15-23

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love towards all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has

called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

Gospel

Matthew 25.31-46

Jesus said to his disciples: ‘When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, “Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.” Then the righteous will answer him, “Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?” And the king will answer them, “Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.” Then he will say to those at his left hand, “You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.” Then they also will answer, “Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or

thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?" Then he will answer them, "Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me." And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.'