

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

Fourth Sunday of Epiphany: 27th January 2019

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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.

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## 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 Revds Margaret and Richard Maslen
Shipton Moyne	11.15am	Family Service Family Worship team

## Prayers for this Sunday

God our creator, who in the beginning commanded the light to shine out of darkness: we pray that the light of the glorious gospel of Christ may dispel the darkness of ignorance and unbelief, shine into the hearts of all your people, and reveal the knowledge of your glory in the face of 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**

Generous Lord, in word and Eucharist we have proclaimed the mystery of your love: help us so to live out our days that we may be signs of your wonders in the world; through Jesus Christ our Saviour. **Amen**



## BENEFICE NEWS

**St Mary's School iSingPop Concert on Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> January at 2pm and 6pm.** Everyone is invited and no ticket needed. Please come and support our school children as they share with us the great worship songs they've learnt with iSingPop this coming week. St Marys' has joined with the school to sponsor this event, which we last did in 2015. It's high energy and great fun - and a wonderful way to share in our faith as the children sing songs all about God's love for us.

**iSingPop CELEBRATE.** Building on the contacts with families through the concerts this week, the churches in Tetbury (TACT) are starting "iSingPop CELEBRATE", meeting in St Mary's School Hall once a month on Sunday afternoons, 4.00-5.30pm. With a different theme each month, families are invited to explore best-loved Bible stories and ask questions, big and little; enjoy time together with crafts, chatting, learning iSingPOP songs, and prayers. Each session will finish with teatime for everyone. **iSingPop CELEBRATE meets first on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> February at 4pm.** Pick up an invitation today to pray for all we are doing – and spread the news!

**New Electoral Roll.** 2019 sees the preparation of new church electoral rolls, which means that everyone must come off the roll and re-apply. This takes place only once in every six years. The last preparation of new rolls was in 2013, and the next will be in 2025. What is the Electoral Roll? Under the Church Representation Rules (CRR) each parish must have a church electoral roll ("the roll") which qualifies the person to attend the Annual Parochial Church Meeting. You can be on the roll if you are (a) lay not ordained (b) aged 16 or over (c) a member of the Church of England or of a Church in communion (d) resident in the parish OR if not resident, habitually attending church meaning at least once a month for six months or more. Please complete a form today.

During Holy Communion in Tetbury, the **Congregational choir** will be singing 'Broken for me, broken for you' a modern (1978) Eucharistic hymn by the English musician and composer Janet Lunt.



## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**TACT AGM** is on **Wednesday 30th January** at 7pm in the Priory.

The choir will next be singing on Sunday 24th February. If you would like to join us please come to the front of the Church at 9.30am for a short practice before the service at 10am.

No experience needed! Tetbury church and town are putting on a **MURDER MYSTERY** play in APRIL 2019. No scripts to learn so we'll only need a

## Gospel

### Luke 4.14-21

Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone. When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the Sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written: 'The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour.' And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to say to them, 'Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.'

slaves or free – and we were all made to drink of one Spirit. Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. If the foot would say, ‘Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body,’ that would not make it any less a part of the body. And if the ear would say, ‘Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body,’ that would not make it any less a part of the body. If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. If all were a single member, where would the body be? As it is, there are many members, yet one body. The eye cannot say to the hand, ‘I have no need of you,’ nor again the head to the feet, ‘I have no need of you.’ On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, and those members of the body that we think less honourable we clothe with greater honour, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect; whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honour to the inferior member, that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honoured, all rejoice together with it. Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers; then deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of tongues. Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? But strive for the greater gifts.

handful of rehearsals and the willingness to have and share bags of fun. If you can read in front of around 60 people, this could be for you. Tell your friends. Tell your neighbours. Then come and find out more without commitment: Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> February at 1900 in St Mary’s Church or speak to Peter Hyson. We need around 7 reader-performers and some behind-the-scenes help.

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## REQUESTS AND THANK YOUS

**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](http://www.justgiving.com/tetburypcc)

**TESCO Bags of Help**—Please save your blue counters. During January & February 2019 Tesco will include our **West Door Appeal** in our local shop. Can everyone make sure they get the blue counters when purchasing goods and put them in the collecting tub for our appeal.

**They did it! They walked 100 miles** through mud, wind, rain and sun. They laughed, they sang they talked and they had fun. There were no mishaps but aching legs, tiredness and total relief when they arrived in Tetbury behatted and singing late on Sunday afternoon where they were welcomed by a crowd of folks from all denominations and all cheering them on. Then, after a wonderful tea and bells, together everyone worshipped in St Marys’. **What an achievement! What a fitting end!** To date they have raised £62,678 for Syrian Refugees - and the fund is still open. Can you help them to achieve their aim of £100,000? Thank you, to them and also to all those who have worked so hard to make Donna’s 50<sup>th</sup> birthday such a special one. And, let us not forget the Syrian Refugees for whom this walk took place.

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## PRAYER DIARY

**Praying for St Mary’s School** Year 3 Beech Class with Mrs Wilson/Mr Walters and Mrs Ravenhill

**Tetbury Praying the Town:** Berkeley Way and Talboys Walk

**Prayer List** (please pray for the sick and departed)

Monday: Graham Kean, Kirsty and Dean, Chris

Tuesday: Bill Geers, Sue, David, Liz Eaton

Wednesday: Sheila Little, George and Jemer, Peter Parkhouse

Thursday: Joyce and Joe, John Lye, Robert

Friday: Freya, Clive and Tony, Jenny & Victor

Departed: Hazel Hill, Sandra “Sandie” Pithie

**Years Mind:** Jean Francis (27,1)

*(“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 28th January 2019

Tuesday	11.30am	Long Newnton	Funeral of Hazel Hill
	2.00pm	Westerleigh	Funeral of Sandra "Sandie" Pithie
	3.30pm	Vicarage	Clergy and Reader team meet
Wednesday	9.30am	Tetbury	Holy Communion
	7.00pm	The Priory	TACT AGM
Thursday	2.00pm	Tetbury	St Mary's School iSingPop Concert
	6.00pm	Tetbury	St Mary's School iSingPop Concert
Saturday	10.00am	Tetbury	2019 Wedding Preparation & Planning Day

### WORSHIP NEXT WEEK

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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.

## Fourth Sunday of Epiphany

### First Reading

### Nehemiah 8.1-3,5-6,8-10

All the people gathered together into the square before the Water Gate. They told the scribe Ezra to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the LORD had given to Israel. Accordingly, the priest Ezra brought the law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could hear with understanding. This was on the first day of the seventh month. He read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand; and the ears of all the people were attentive to the book of the law. And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was standing above all the people; and when he opened it, all the people stood up. Then Ezra blessed the LORD, the great God and all the people answered, 'Amen, Amen,' lifting up their hands. Then they bowed their heads and worshipped the LORD with their faces to the ground. So they read from the book, from the law of God, with interpretation. They gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading. And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, 'This day is holy to the LORD your God; do not mourn or weep.' For all the people wept when they heard the words of the law. Then he said to them, 'Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions of them to those for whom nothing is prepared, for this day is holy to our LORD; and do not be grieved, for the joy of the LORD is your strength.'

### Second Reading

### I Corinthians 12.12-31a

Just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body - Jews or Greeks,