

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

Seventh Sunday of Easter: 28th May 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 10.00am	Holy Communion Parish Eucharist (The Revd Maslen)
Beverston	10.00am	Matins (Wardens)
Long Newnton	11.15am	Holy Communion (The Revd Peter Hyson)
Shipton Moyne	11.15am	Family Service The Family Worship Team)

## Prayers for this Sunday

O God the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: we beseech you, leave us not comfortless, but send your Holy Spirit to strengthen us and exalt us to the place where our Saviour Christ is gone before, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Eternal God, giver of love and power, your Son Jesus Christ has sent us into all the world to preach the gospel of his kingdom: confirm us in this mission, and help us to live the good news we proclaim; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



## BENEFICE NEWS

The Archbishops of Canterbury and York have called on all Christians to spend the ten days between Ascension Day & Pentecost praying to grow in confidence as witnesses to Christ (**25th May to 4th June**). Hundreds of thousands of people across the Church of England have already committed to be involved. If you haven't yet signed up to pray over those ten days, can I encourage you to do so at: [www.thykingdomcome.global](http://www.thykingdomcome.global). We will of course be including this in our prayer life as a church, and there are also plenty of resources for you to pray as an individual and as a family. Poppy

In remembrance of the events at **Manchester on 22nd May**, we have opened a **book of condolence** at Tetbury Church. Please leave any thoughts, prayers, or other messages in support of the victims and the bereaved.



## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**Benefice Service on 23rd July** to welcome our new curate, Robert Church and his wife Frankie. You are invited to stay after the service for lunch in the Vicarage garden. Please sign the list at the back of church if you would like lunch

**Saturday monthly prayer half hour:** this will take place on **Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> June** from 10.00 – 10.30am in Tetbury church. All are welcome.

**Tetbury Church bell tower** will be open **tomorrow for Woolsack Day** from 10am until 2pm. £5 adults, £1 children over 8. No children under 8 allowed. Children between 8 and 16 must be accompanied by an adult. Coffee will be served in Church. We are looking for volunteers to help chaperone visitors up and down the tower. If you are able to assist, please contact the tower captain, [bells@tetburychurch.co.uk](mailto:bells@tetburychurch.co.uk). **Last tour starts at 1.20.**



## REQUESTS AND THANK YOUS

**Last Chance** to sponsor **Father Obi** in his Woolsack dash on Monday. Father Obi is racing in the **Woolsack races** to support his charity **Achieve Africa** which is hoping to provide a home for abandoned disabled children in South East Nigeria. Alison has the sponsorship form. Please sponsor him if you can.

**SWR Organ Project** A chapel in Bath have donated a 19th Century pipe organ to SWR which needs a rebuild. There are over 700 pipes of varying lengths available to sponsor. Sponsor forms and details at the back of church.

**Syrian Refugees** We sent approximately **£1600 to Tewkesbury** for them to do up and furnish a house they owned for a family of vulnerable Syrian Refugees

Everything has been achieved and the family is due to move shortly. They will be helped by church people in the area who will provide pastoral care, transport, English lessons, and general support to get them settled and integrated into schools and the local community. Thank you all for your generosity which helped to make this happen. More information from Alison Hesketh.

**Christian Aid.** Please will collectors please take their collection bags to Perry Bishop as soon as possible. Anyone who has missed a collector can put their donation through my door so that the count can be undertaken and I can let everyone know. Many thanks to all for your support. Alison Hesketh

**A huge thank you** to the many knitters and donors who have worked & given for the Mission Hospital in Zaire. So far 6 black sacks have been sent. Pam Scott.

**A great big Thank-You to** all who joined us for our lunch party for Christian Aid last Sunday, and to the many people who were unable to join us on the day but still gave a donation. We actually raised £1,027 and with gift aid to be added the total will be above £1,250. What a result! The sun shone so we could enjoy the gardens as well. We trust that everyone enjoyed their Sunday Lunch in the rather lovely setting of Stouts Hill. It was also good to have Rev Noel Sharp from Christ Church with us, he is the regional director for Christian Aid and he used the occasion to present Alison Hesketh with a Long Service Award for her outstanding support for Christian Aid over many years. (Thanks also to Alison who is a dab hand at washing-up as well!!!)

A volunteer is needed to distribute the Tetbury praying the town leaflets in **London Rd** and **Combers End** (11th June), Please contact the Parish Office to arrange.

The **Julian Group** will **not** be meeting in **June**



## PRAYER DIARY

**Praying for St Mary's School** Year 3/4 Class Maple with Mrs Royle

**Baptisms:** Please pray for Cowen Baker who will be baptised in Tetbury Church next Sunday and his parents and godparents

**Tetbury Praying the Town:** Gumstool Hill

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

Monday: James O'Sullivan, Leah, Win, William Dyson

Tuesday: Susie, Ethan, Lynne and Adrian, Jon Penny

Wednesday: Alan, Reg, Kate and Mike, Gavin, Alan

Thursday: Nick, Reg, Doreen Riley, Breeda

Friday: Brian, Gary, Tiffany, Megan

**Departed:** Raymond Oliver

**Years Mind:** Christine Dyer (29/5). ("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 29th MAY 2017

Monday	10.00am	Tetbury	Tower trips and teas in Church
Tuesday	3.00pm	Tetbury	Social committee meet
Wednesday	9.30am	Tetbury	Holy Communion
	7.00pm	Shipton Moyne	PCC meet in Village Hall
Thursday	7.00pm	Long Newnton	PCC meet in Church
Friday	5.00pm	Long Newnton	Wedding rehearsal
	5.00pm	Tetbury	Wedding rehearsal
Saturday	10.00am	Tetbury	Saturday Prayer half hour
	1.00pm	Tetbury	Wedding of Thomas Capewell and Natalie Raggio
	3.00pm	Long Newnton	Wedding of Richard Wilkinson and Hannah Watson

### WORSHIP NEXT WEEK

Tetbury	8.30am	Holy Communion
	10.00am	Family Service with Holy Communion and Baptism (The Revd Poppy Hughes, Rector)
Beverston	10.00am	Matins (Wardens)
Long Newnton	9.30am	Holy Communion (The Revd Ian Aveyard)
Shipton Moyne	11.15am	Holy Communion (The Revd Kim Hartshorne, Preside) (The Revd Poppy Hughes, Rector, Preach)

### BENEFICE CONTACT DETAILS

**Rector:** The Revd Poppy Hughes, The Vicarage, 6 The Green, Tetbury GL8 8DN ♦ Email: [poppy\\_hughes@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:poppy_hughes@hotmail.co.uk)  
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Please contact our Benefice Office with **notices and prayer requests**. Weekly deadline: 8.30am, Thursday, 75 words max please.

## Seventh Sunday of Easter

### Old Testament

### Ezekiel 36.24- 28

Thus says the Lord GOD: I will take you from the nations, and gather you from all the countries, and bring you into your own land. I will sprinkle clean water upon you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses, and from all your idols I will cleanse you. A new heart I will give you, and a new spirit I will put within you; and I will remove from your body the heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. I will put my spirit within you, and make you follow my statutes and be careful to observe my ordinances. Then you shall live in the land that I gave to your ancestors; and you shall be my people, and I will be your God.

### Old Testament

### Acts 1.6-14

When the apostles had come together, they asked Jesus, 'Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.' When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up towards heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, 'Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up towards heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.' Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey away. When they had entered the

city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

### Gospel

### John 17.1-11

Jesus looked up to heaven and said, 'Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.

'I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; <sup>8</sup>for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.'