

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

Fifth Sunday of Easter: 29th April 2018

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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
	10.00am	Parish Eucharist
		The Revd Poppy Hughes, Rector
Beverston		Joining Tetbury or Shipton Moyne
Long Newnton		Joining Tetbury or Shipton Moyne
Shipton Moyne	11.15am	Holy Communion and Baptism and APCM Revd Kim Brown, Preside Revd Poppy Hughes, Preach

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## Prayers for this Sunday

Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ have overcome death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: grant that, as by your grace going before us you put into our minds good desires, so by your continual help we may bring them to good effect; through Jesus Christ our risen Lord. **Amen.**

Eternal God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life: grant us to walk in his way, to rejoice in his truth, and to share his risen life; who is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **Amen.**



## BENEFICE NEWS

**THY KINGDOM COME.** For the 11 days between Ascension on Thursday 10th May to Pentecost on Sunday 20th May we will be taking part in "Thy Kingdom Come". This is a global prayer movement, which invites Christians around the world to pray between Ascension and Pentecost for more people to come to know Jesus Christ. What started out as an invitation from the Archbishops' of Canterbury and York in 2016 to the Church of England has grown into an international and ecumenical call to prayer. More information and resources to follow.

**Tetbury PCC Secretary.** We need to recruit a new Clerk to our PCC (Parochial Church Council). Please do talk to Poppy if you might be able to help. All inquiries welcome - and please don't hold back if you're new to the church. You will work with Poppy to draft agendas, collate papers and minute five PCC meetings each year plus the Annual Parochial Church Meeting in April. A full role description available from Poppy or the Parish Office

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## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**Taize Service** in Tetbury Church on **Thursday 3rd May** at 8pm.

**Thursday 10th May** is **Ascension Day**. There will be a Benefice Communion Service in Tetbury Church at 7.00pm

There will be two events held at **Gloucester Cathedral** over **17** and **18 May**. The first event, 4pm-7.30pm on the Thursday, is the launch of FestivALL opened by Bishop Rachel. In the grounds of the Cathedral there will be live music, dancing, face-painting and activities for children, which include sports, circus skills, arts and crafts and much more. People are also invited to join in with a community picnic. Bring along some picnic food (sandwiches, crisps, fruit, cakes, you get the idea!) which you can enjoy and share with others in a special food tent in the Cathedral grounds.

The following day is a sharing and learning day again held at the cathedral, about local community and statutory organisations that promote inclusive community. All the activities on both days are FREE. For the FestivALL launch you simply turn up. For the sharing and learning day please book onto the workshops. To book there is a link on the home page of the diocesan website, go to the FestivALL website .

Many people find their natural spiritual place is outdoors, in the natural world. Research increasingly indicates the connection between time spent outdoors and both personal wellbeing and environmentally conscious ethics. **Forest Church** is a significant way in which churches are responding to these

realities, exploring what church looks like when it meets outdoors rather than indoors. We will explore these things through stories of Forest Churches, holding with God the question about what God might be calling us to here in Tetbury at Christ Church, Tetbury on **Tuesday 1st May** at 7.30pm from Revd Cate Williams, Mission and Evangelism officer, Diocese of Gloucester

Roger and Margo Smith will be hosting a Lunch Party at Stouts Hill on **Sunday 20th May** to raise funds for **Christian Aid**. Stouts Hill is a private manor house so it will be by invitation only. All we ask is that you donate the price of a Sunday Lunch to Christian Aid. We can only invite 50 guests, so please contact us or Alison Hesketh direct for an invitation, or Roger and Margo

**Excelsa Voces** present Musica Celestis, an evening of contemporary and early music for voices and instruments on **Friday 4th May** at 7.30pm at **St Saviours** Church. Please see the poster at the back of church for more details.

**Jubilate Chamber Choir** with the **Ashcroft Wind Quintet** perform Evening Classics in Tetbury Church on **Saturday 12th May** at 7.30pm. Tickets £10 Adults , £8 senior citizens, under 16s free. And available from the Parish Office. Proceeds partly in aid of Tetbury Church West door appeal.

**Christian Aid Week 13 – 20 May**. Please sign up on the rota at the back of the church to help with our street collection outside Co – Op and the Post Office on Thursday 17, Friday 18, and Saturday 19 May. Please make sure that you have taken a copy of the Christian Aid Week flier from the back of the church. Any queries contact Alison



## PRAYER DIARY

**Baptisms:** Please pray for **Theodore Clover** who will be baptised in Shipton Moyne church today and Thomas Jeffels who will be baptised in Tetbury Church next Sunday and their parents and God parents.

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

**Tetbury Praying the Town:** Cheviot Close and Suffolk Close

Monday: Graham Kean, The Platts family, James & Michael O'Sullivan,

Tuesday: Bill Geers, George, James, Win, Jen, Hannah, Liz

Wednesday Family of Fergus Persse, Sheila Little, Heather Seaman

Thursday: Alan, Suzie, Oliver Ross & family, Michael, Sam, Chris

Friday: Alistair, Alyson, Helena, Clara, Phoebe

**Departed:** Jane Rook, Elsbeth Preston, Wendy Luckett , Joan Warner

## BENEFICE DIARY FOR THE WEEK BEGINNING MONDAY 30th April 2018

Tuesday	7.30pm	Christ Church	Stories of Forest Church
Wednesday	9.30am	Tetbury	Holy Communion
Thursday	8.00pm	Tetbury	Taize service
Friday	11.05am	Tetbury	Visiting ringers
	2.30pm	Tetbury	Wedding rehearsal
Saturday	3.00pm	Tetbury	Wedding of Wesley Ellis and Trudie Avis

## WORSHIP NEXT WEEK

Tetbury	8.30am	Holy Communion
	10.00am	Family Eucharist with Baptism The Revd Kim Brown, preside The Revd Poppy Hughes, Rector, preach
Beverston	10.00am	Matins The Revd Ursula Gray
Long Newnton	9.30am	Holy Communion The Revd Maslen
Shipton Moyne	11.15am	Rogation Service The Revd Rob Church,

## BENEFICE CONTACT DETAILS

**Rector:** The Revd Poppy Hughes, The Vicarage, 6 The Green, Tetbury GL8 8DN ♦ Email: 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.

## **Fifth Sunday of Easter**

### **First Reading**

### **1 John 4.7-21**

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us. By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Saviour of the world. God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. So we have known and believe the love that God has for us.

God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgement, because as he is, so are we in this world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. We love because he first loved us. Those who say, 'I love God,' and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

### **Second Reading**

### **Acts 8.26-40**

An angel of the Lord said to Philip, 'Get up and go towards the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.' (This is a wilderness road.) So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her

entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. Then the Spirit said to Philip, 'Go over to this chariot and join it.' So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, 'Do you understand entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. Then the Spirit said to Philip, 'Go over to this chariot and join it.' So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, 'Do you understand what you are reading?' He replied, 'How can I, unless someone guides me?' And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this: 'Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter, and like a lamb silent before its shearer, so he does not open his mouth. In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken away from the earth.'

The eunuch asked Philip, 'About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?' Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, 'Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?' He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

### **Gospel**

### **John 15.1-8**

Jesus said to his disciples: 'I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine-grower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already .

been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.'