

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

Bible Sunday : 29th October 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) Preacher Catherine Young
Beverston	10.00am	No Service
Long Newnton	11.15am	No Service
Shipton Moyne	11.15am	Holy Communion (The Revd Christopher Mulholland)

Prayers for this Sunday

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: help us so to hear them, to read, mark, learn and inwardly digest them that, through patience, and the comfort of your holy word, we may embrace and for ever hold fast the hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

God of all grace, your Son Jesus Christ fed the hungry with the bread of his life and the word of his kingdom: renew your people with your heavenly grace, and in all our weakness sustain us by your true and living bread; who is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **Amen.**



BENEFICE NEWS

At St Marys' Tetbury we welcome our preacher Catherine Young. Catherine has worked with Wycliffe Bible Translators for more than 20 years, mostly in the Philippines and Bangladesh but has experience in other parts of Asia. Catherine is committed to see everyone have access to the Bible in the language that they understand the best and in a form that is most useful to them - audio, visual or print. Catherine currently lives in Gloucester and, as well as continuing to serve with Wycliffe Bible Translators internationally, leads an MA course at Redcliffe College, Gloucester, preparing students to serve internationally in cross-cultural mission.

The Parish Office will be closed on **Wednesday 1st November**.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Sunday 5th November at 6pm All Souls' Benefice Service, St Marys' Tetbury. A reflective service of readings, prayers and music. We will remember all those for whom we have held funerals this year. Please contact the Parish Office with other names who you would like mentioned.

Advent Quiet Day and Home Groups. Please put a note in your diary! Our Advent Quiet day is on **Friday 24th November**, and our Advent House Groups will be held the weeks beginning Monday 27th November, Monday 4th December and Monday 11th December. Our theme will be the questions Jesus asks. More information to follow.

The next **Julian Group** meeting will be on **Thursday 2nd November** at 2.30pm for 3pm. All are welcome.

The next **Prayer Circle** leaders meeting will be on **Friday 3rd November** at 10am.

Saturday morning prayers: the first Saturday in the month prayers will take place in the church from 10.00-10.30am on **Saturday 4th November**. Everyone is very welcome to share in this informal time of praying together for our Church, our local community, our nation and world, and for our personal concerns. Geraldine and Bill Geers

The **Traidcraft stall** will be open next Sunday in Tetbury Church after the 10am Service.



REQUESTS AND THANK YOUS

Thank you, with your help **60 shoeboxes** for **Operation Christmas Child** are almost complete and will be taken shortly to the collection point in Gloucester. To all who have contributed items, boxes, transport costs and their time towards this project in 2017. **Many thanks**

Thank you to everyone who helped to make the **Barn Dance** a success. A profit of just over £100 was raised for Tetbury Church

Huge thanks to Derek Edwards as he hands on his responsibilities for counting and banking our collection each week in Tetbury Church. This is a service he has done so faithfully for 19 years and we give him our grateful thanks.



PRAYER DIARY

Baptisms: Please pray for **Abigail Edwards** and **Nathaniel Moules** who will be baptised in Tetbury Church next Sunday and their parents and godparents.

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

Tetbury Praying the Town: Southfield

Prayer List (please pray for the sick and departed)

- Monday: Anne Glanville, Grace, Mandy, Wendy Sharpe
- 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:** Ron Poppleton, Stephen Wright

BENEFICE DIARY FOR THE WEEK BEGINNING MONDAY 30th OCTOBER 2017

Monday	2.30pm	Tetbury	Service of Thanksgiving for Stephen Wright
Wednesday	9.30am	Tetbury	Holy Communion
Thursday	2.30pm		Julian Group meeting
Friday	10.00am		Prayer Circle leaders meeting
Saturday	10.00am	Tetbury	Saturday morning prayers

WORSHIP NEXT WEEK

Tetbury	8.30am	Holy Communion
	10.00am	Family Eucharist with Baptism (The Revd Poppy Hughes, Rector)
	6.00pm	All Souls (The Revd Kim Hartshorne, lead) (The Revd Poppy Hughes, preach)
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 Christopher Mulholland)

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.

Bible Sunday

Old Testament

Nehemiah 8.1-4a[5-6] 8-12

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. The scribe Ezra stood on a wooden platform that had been made for the purpose.

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.' So the Levites stilled all the people, saying, 'Be quiet, for this day is holy; do not be grieved.' And all the people went their way to eat and drink and to send portions and to make great rejoicing, because they had understood the words that were declared to them.

New Testament

Colossians 3.12-17

As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Gospel

Matthew 24.30-35

Jesus said to his disciples: 'The sign of the Son of Man will appear in heaven, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see "the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven" with power and great glory. And he will send out his angels with a loud trumpet call, and they will gather his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.

'From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see all these things, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.'