



Mid-Wydean Churches

Serving Coleford, Broadwell, Clearwell, Newland, Redbrooke, Staunton and surrounding areas



Welcome! Especially to Oliver CAINES who is being baptised at St Peter's Church this morning

Time	Place	This week	Next week
09:30	All Saints Newland	AW	No Service
09:30	All Saints Staunton	No Service	AW
09:30	St J's @ St MM Coleford	SB/CH (PR)	SB
11:00	Good Shepherd B'well	AW	BC
11:00	St Peter's Clearwell	SB (BAP)	AW
16:00	St Saviour's Redbrooke	No Service	SB 4pm All age worship

10th May 2015 – 6th Sunday of Easter

Readings

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Acts 10.44-48	138	Acts 1.15-17,21-26	126
Psalms 98	581	Psalms 1	519
1 John 5.1-6	103	1 John 5.9-13	103
John 15.9-17	117	John 17.6-19	119

We don't tend to use the Psalms in Sunday worship - but they are a wonderful resource of the expression of joy and sorrow, praise and lament and hope. Why not look them up yourself?

Prayers

In your prayers this week, please pray for:

☩ **For the sick, anxious and housebound** – especially Fred Meek and David Hepburn; Please let Sarah know names of anyone who would be happy to be added to the list. Names on this list will be removed after four appearances unless someone asks for them to remain listed. Thank you.

☩ **For those who mourn**, especially the family and friends of those whose anniversary of death falls around this time. Do please let Sarah know of any prayers answered, or any changes to the lists that might be needed. Thanks.

Collects for the week

Grant, we pray, almighty God, that as we believe your only-begotten Son our Lord Jesus Christ to have ascended into the heavens, so we in heart and mind may also ascend and with him continually dwell; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

Or

Risen Christ, you have raised our human nature to the throne of heaven: help us to seek and serve you, that we may join you at the Father's side, where you reign with the Spirit in glory, now and for ever. **Amen**

Post Communion Prayer

God our Father, you have raised our humanity in Christ and have fed us with the bread of heaven: mercifully grant that, nourished with such spiritual blessings, we may set our hearts in the heavenly places; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

News and notices...

United Parish Flower Festival at St Peter's Clearwell. Many thanks to all those who created the beautiful flower arrangements, baked, cooked, helped in the kitchen, manned a stall over the weekend and who visited the Flower Festival. The weekend was a great success and raised £1350 towards Parish Funds.

Try Praying initiative. Gloucester Diocese has produced a lovely little booklet designed to encourage people to 'try praying' over a 10 day period, designed for use from Ascension to Pentecost, this year being 14th - 23rd May. Research shows that while you can count percentage church attendance on one hand, many, many more people say that they will sometimes pray. What we are being asked to join in with, is to take a booklet home with us on Sunday, and to give it away to someone. We suggest to them to use it over those 10 days (or thereabouts!). In a few weeks time, we will organise an event within the parish, details to follow. For now, please take one or more booklets with you to give away to someone you think might like to 'try praying'. **Sarah**

Twiddle Muffs – Thank you to all those who have made twiddle muffs – If you still have some can you please get them to Jane by this Friday 15th May.

Birthdays: 12-May: Lawrence Coulthurst StJ, 15-May: George Stuart StJ & Marlene Cole GS. Many Happy Returns. may God bless you on your birthday, and in the year to come.

Banns: St Peters Clearwell - Emily-Jane ROBBINS & Mark POYSER, Kirsty POUNTNEY & Andy MORRIS, Sasha DRAIN-LEYSHON & Shaun ASTON, David NELSON & Katherine BOWN, Kayleigh PREEST & Gavin CREED. (2nd Time of reading)

This week/regular meetings

Mon 11

Tues 12

Weds 13 8:30am @ GS Morning Prayer - all welcome

Thurs 14 Churches Together - Moveable Feast for Ascension Day. **6pm** at the Salvation Army, Broadwell, moving on to the Baptist Church and finishing off at St Margaret Mary Hall. Tickets £7.50 per person. Please let Sarah or Alison know if you are coming. Also if you are able to provide a dessert for the final stop can you please let me know. Alison

Fri 15

Advance dates (for more info please ask):

May 16th – 7pm – Musical evening at the Good Shepherd in aid of Cancer Research and Parish Share. Please call April Gordon on 01594 837503 if you would like to take part.

13th June - Parish Outing to Tyntesfield. You can still book a place if you contact me. If you are not a National Trust member please pay me £11.80 asap. for the House and Gardens entry. If numbers stay at 26 the coach fare will be £10 but, if we can fill it, it will be £7, so grab a friend! All monies needed by May 5th. jmsmithncs@yahoo.co.uk 01594832491

12th July afternoon - Deanery Celebration - fun activities for young people and adults, barbecue, 'scratch' choir and evening praise. Venue TBC.

Also on 12th July: All Saints' Newland 'Cathedral of the Forest. Outdoor production of Twelfth Night given by Jenny Wickes Theatre productions at about 5.30pm.

10th October - Deanery Discovery Day: various information and training opportunities (and good food!) right here in the Forest. Save the date!

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