



# The Mid-Wyedean Churches

serving Coleford, Broadwell, Clearwell, Newland, Redbrook, Staunton and surrounding areas.



## 11<sup>th</sup> December 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent

Welcome! Especially to the Family and Friends of William Whiffin, Lillie Wood & Marti Weaver who are being Baptised today at St Peter's Clearwell.

Time	Place	This week	Next Week
09:30	All Saints Newland	SB	United Parish Eucharist with Bishop Robert 10.30am Good Shepherd
09:30	All Saints Staunton	No Service	
09:30	St J's @ St MM Coleford	BC	
11.00	Good Shepherd B'well	AW/CH(P) 6pm Carol Service	NB. This is the only service in the parish today.
11.00	St Peter's Clearwell	SB (BAP) 4pm Wedding Celebration service	
15:00	St Saviour's Redbrook	No Service	

### Readings

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Isaiah 35.1-10	689	Isaiah 7.10-16	
Psalms 146.4-10 or Canticle: Magnificat	610	Psalms 80.1-8,18-20*	
James 5.7-10	248	Romans 1.1-7	
Matthew 11.2-11	11	Matthew 1.18-25	

### Prayers:

In your prayers this week, please pray for: David Jones, Evelyn Fisher.



✠ **For the sick, anxious and housebound:** 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 for the families & friends of Martin Horner, Doreen Kirby, Lisa Hemms & Margaret Merry who have recently died and also of Gladys Mundy 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.

### Collect for today:

O Lord Jesus Christ, who at your first coming sent your messenger to prepare your way before you: grant that the ministers and stewards of your mysteries may likewise so prepare and make ready your way by turning the hearts of the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, that at your second coming to judge the world we may be found an acceptable people in your sight; for you are alive and reign with the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

Or

God for whom we watch and wait, you sent John the Baptist to prepare the way of your Son: give us courage to speak the truth, to hunger for justice, and to suffer for the cause of right, with Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

### Post Communion

We give you thanks, O Lord, for these heavenly gifts; kindle in us the fire of your Spirit that when your Christ comes again we may shine as lights before his face; who is alive and reigns now and for ever.. **Amen**

### News and notices...

**This afternoon @ 4pm** Celebration of Marriage Service @ St Peter's, Clearwell. Please come along to support this celebration service at Clearwell, now in its second year. All welcome.

**Coleford Churches Together Carol singing** A slight change this year, we are going to try a Friday to coincide with the Country Market. So: 10:30 am at The Clocktower on **FRIDAY 16<sup>th</sup>**! **See you there!**

**18<sup>th</sup> December @ 10.30am.** Bishop Robert, our new Bishop, will be coming to lead us in a United Parish Service at the Good Shepherd. It would be lovely to see as many of you there as possible to welcome our new Bishop. Please contact me if you need a lift so that we can organise car sharing. NB this will be the only service in the parish that morning.

**Quiz sheet:** Jean Smith has put together a fun quiz sheet to help raise funds. Cost is £2 and prize £25. So why not buy one (or two) and have some fun over the Christmas period. Available in your local Church. If there is a tie then names will be put in a hat.

**Crib Festival:** Thank you to all who contributed and supported the Crib Festival last weekend. We raised £497 towards Parish Funds, £50 of which will go to the Coalway Kids Club who were our chosen charity to help towards work on their outdoor space.

**Birthdays:** Many Happy Returns to Gwyneth Teppett, Gwen Nash & Heather James who have a birthday this week and belated birthday wishes to Glynis Bidmead, Trevor Bessant, Geoff Cole and Audrey Jones who I missed off last week! May God bless you this week, and in the year to come!

### This week's regular meetings:

- Mon 12<sup>th</sup> 7.30pm Redbrook House Group @ 1 Wye Villas, Redbrook.
- Tues 13<sup>th</sup> 8.15am @ All Saints, Newland. Morning Prayer. All Welcome  
6.30pm @ St MM – choir practice for Carol service and Sunday 18<sup>th</sup>.
- Weds 14<sup>th</sup> 8.30am @ Good Shepherd, Broadwell. Morning Prayer. All welcome.  
12 noon Meet and Eat @ White Horse, Staunton. All welcome.
- Thurs 15<sup>th</sup> 6pm Joint Carol Service with RC congregation at St MM.  
7.30pm Hot Potato Christmas Dinner @ White Horse Staunton  
No Thursday house group now until January.
- Fri 16<sup>th</sup> 10:30 Coleford Churches Together Carol singing at the Clocktower

### Christmas carol service dates for your diary:

- 11<sup>th</sup> December @ 6pm Carol Service @ Good Shepherd, Broadwell
- 15<sup>th</sup> December @ 6pm Carol Service @ St Margaret Mary RC Church
- 18<sup>th</sup> December @ 4pm Carol Service @ All Saint's, Newland
- 18<sup>th</sup> December @ 4pm Carol Service @ St Peter's, Clearwell (pse note change of time)
- 23<sup>rd</sup> December @ 6pm Carols around the tree @ All Saints, Staunton.

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