



# Mid-Wyedean Churches

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



**14<sup>th</sup> February 2016 - First Sunday of Lent**

Welcome! Especially to the family and friends of Harley Weston who is being Baptised this morning at St Peter's, Clearwell.

Time	Place	This week	Next week
09:30	All Saints <b>Newland</b>	SB	AW
09:30	All Saints <b>Staunton</b>	No Service	No Service
09:30	St J's @ St MM Coleford	AW	WW/FM
11:00	Good Shepherd B'well	SB	SB
11:00	St Peter's Clearwell	AW (BAP)	BC
16:00	St Saviour's Redbrook	No Service	SB

### Readings

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Deuteronomy 26.1-11	194	Genesis 15.1-12,17-18	12
Psalms 91.1-2,9-16*	577	Psalms 27	533
Romans 10.8b-13	170	Philippians 3.17 - 4.1	212
Luke 4.1-13	65	Luke 13.31-35	81

### Prayers

**In your prayers this week, please pray for:**

☩ **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 Bea Erskine and her family as they mourn the death of her father Peter Ansdell; for the families of those who have recently died and also of Terence Fletcher & Frederick Foster 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:**

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ fasted forty days in the wilderness, and was tempted as we are, yet without sin: give us grace to discipline ourselves in obedience to your Spirit; and, as you know our weakness, so may we know your power to save; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

Or

Heavenly Father, your Son battled with the powers of darkness, and grew closer to you in the desert: help us to use these days to grow in wisdom and prayer that we may witness to your saving love in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**Post Communion Prayer:**

Lord God, you have renewed us with the living bread from heaven; by it you nourish our faith, increase our hope, and strengthen our love: teach us always to hunger for him who is the true and living bread, and enable us to live by every word that proceeds from out of your mouth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**



### News and notices...

**Christchurch Lent Talks** and discussion: these Lent sessions of worship, a talk and discussion now in their third year are proving very popular, with some august speakers! 7-9pm each Tuesday in Lent. Please see flyer for full details.

**Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> February 10am – 4pm** - PCC away day for all PCC members. More details to follow.

**Thank you** to those who attended and baked for the Pudding evening. If you haven't already done so can you please forward recipes and photos of your puddings on to either Penny or myself for inclusion into the Parish Pudding Cook Book later on in the year!! Thanks!

**Birthdays:** 19<sup>th</sup> Feb Katharine Smith GS; Many Happy Returns & may God bless you on your birthday, and in the year to come!

**Banns:**

**This week's regular meetings**

Mon 15

Tues 16 7pm Lent Group starts at Christchurch

Weds 17 8:30am @ GS Morning Prayer - all welcome

Thurs 18 10.30am – Faith Week meeting @ Pike House (Wendy Williams)  
7.30pm - Hot Potato evening at the White Horse, Staunton

Fri 19

**Advance dates (for more info please ask):**

**24 February, 7pm - 9pm, Introduction to Spiritual Direction.** Jerusalem Room, 4 College Green, Gloucester, GL1 2LR. An evening for those who wonder if they are called to this ministry or they might benefit from receiving spiritual direction; and for ministers who feel they should know more about it. Cost: £8. To book click here.

**Monday 29<sup>th</sup> February - 12 noon until 1.30 pm.** Soup for Syria @ The Main Place, Coleford. Raising money to help feed the people of Syria who have been displaced by the war. Please give us your support and donations.

**Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> March – 7.15pm PCC meeting @ Good Shepherd.**

**Saturday 16 April, 10am - 3pm - All Inclusive?** Supporting people with additional needs. This event at St Andrew's Church, Churchdown, has a focus on children and families but there will be good principles to learn about including all people with additional needs. More details to follow.

**Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> April - Birmingham Community Gospel Choir – please note that this date has been cancelled due to a clash of events. A New date is being organised.**

**Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> April - 10.00am – 4pm @ Coleford Baptist Church.** Discovering the Future – Navigating the New Mission Landscape - A day of Worship, Prayer, Conversation and Listening to the Spirit.

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