

17th December 2017 – 3rd Sunday of Advent

Place	This Week	Next Week
All Saints Newland	4pm Evensong BE	11.30pm Midnight Mass Joanne Wetherall
All Saints Staunton	No Service	9pm Christmas Eve Mass AW
St J's @ St MM Coleford	9.30am Eucharist AW	11.30pm Midnight Mass BC
Good Shepherd B'well	No service AM 4pm Parish Carol Service	3pm Crib service AW 11.30pm Midnight Mass AW
St Peter's Clearwell	11am Euch AW	11am Service of the Word AW
St Saviour's Redbrook	No Service	4pm Christmas Eucharist SB/MB

Readings

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Isaiah 61.1-4,8-11	718
Psalms 126 or Canticle: Magnificat	602
1 Thessalonians 5.16-24	220
John 1.6-8,19-28	98

Prayers: In your prayers this week, please pray for: Allan Bidmead.

✠ **For the sick, anxious and housebound:** Please let Alan or Alison 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 Margery White & Janette Martin who have recently died and also of Rosemary Powell & Susan Jenkins whose anniversary of death falls around this time. Do please let Alan or Alison 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 forever. **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 forever. **Amen.**

News and notices...

Sunday 17th December @ 4pm – Joint Parish Carol Service @ The Good Shepherd, Broadwell. All Welcome.

Friday 22nd December @ 6pm – Carols around the tree at All Saints Church, Staunton. All Welcome.

Christmas Eve – please note that the only morning service on 24th December will be a Word Service at St Peter's Clearwell. All other Churches will have their services in the afternoon and evening as detailed on the front of the pew sheet.

Christmas Services:

Christmas Day

9 am – Eucharist service @ Bells Hotel, Coleford
 10.30am – Eucharist Service @ The Good Shepherd, Broadwell
 10.30am – Eucharist @ St Peter's, Clearwell

Sunday 31st December – United Parish Eucharist @ The Good Shepherd.

There will not be any other services in the Parish that day.

Christmas week: The Church on the Street will be closed for the whole of the week after Christmas and will re-open on Tuesday 2nd January 2018. There will not be a hard copy pew sheet next week nor the week after. I will send out a digital one at the end of next week and will include any dates for the first week of January.

Food Bank: Thank you very much to everyone who has donated items for the food bank – we have had a wonderful response and the food bank are extremely grateful.

Clubs:

Craft Club will resume at 1.30pm on Thursday 11th January 2018

CAMEO will resume at 2.30pm on 16th January 2018

Saturday morning Coffee and Chat will resume on 17th March 2018

Birthdays: 19-Dec Sue Sparkes St J. Many Happy Returns and may God bless you this week, and in the year to come!

Banns: SPC: Matthew HODGES & Kim WYATT (Second time of asking)

This week's regular meetings:

Mon 18th 7.15pm House group at 1 Wye Villas, Redbrook

Tues 19th 8.15am morning prayer @ All Saints, Newland.

Weds 20th 8.30am @ Good Shepherd, Broadwell. Morning Prayer
 11:30am @ FODC Funeral of Margery White

Thurs 21st 2:30pm @ GSB/FODC Funeral of Janette Martin
 7.30pm Hot Potato Christmas Meal @ White Horse.

Fri 22nd No Clearwell House group today

6pm Carols around the tree at All Saints Staunton. All Welcome.

AMid-Wyedean Clergy

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