



Mid-Wyedean Churches

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



Welcome!

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

17th May 2015 – 7th Sunday of Easter

Readings

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Acts 1.15-17,21-26	126	Acts 2.1-21	127
Psalms 1	519	Psalms 104.26-36,37b*	584
1 John 5.9-13	103	Romans 8.22-27	168
John 17.6-19	119	John 15.26-27;16.4b-15	118

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 Dora MATTHEWS 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

O God the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: we beseech you, leave us not comfortless, but send your Holy Spirit to strengthen us and exalt us to the place where our Saviour Christ is gone before, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

Or

Risen, ascended Lord, as we rejoice at your triumph, fill your Church on earth with power and compassion, that all who are estranged by sin may find forgiveness and know your peace, to the glory of God the Father. **Amen**

Post Communion Prayer

Eternal God, giver of love and power, your Son Jesus Christ has sent us into all the world to preach the gospel of his kingdom: confirm us in this mission, and help us to live the good news we proclaim; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

News and notices...

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. 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!). Please take one or more booklets with you to give away to someone you think might like to 'try praying'. **Sarah**

Bishop Michael. Good news - Bishop Michael's review process has now been completed and he is now fully cleared to minister in his retirement. The delayed farewell celebration service for him is 4:30pm 13th June at the Cathedral - all are welcome, though by no means expected! This is the same day as the parish outing - Sarah and Alan have agreed that Alan and Lesley will do the outing on the bus, Sarah and Mark will come to Tyntesfield by car and then go on up to Gloucester. If there is anyone else who particularly would like to attend +Michael's farewell then Sarah has three spaces in her car! **Sarah**

Elections for Diocesan Synod - lay members. If anyone is interested in standing for Diocesan synod, please let Sarah know by May 30th. To qualify to stand, you need to be a communicant member of the church and on the electoral roll. You do not need to be on Deanery synod. There are three meetings per year, usually two on a Saturday morning and one on a Tuesday evening, in February, June and November.

Birthdays: May God bless all who have a birthday this week

Banns: St Peter's Clearwell - Emily-Jane ROBBINS & Mark POYSER, Kirsty POUNTNEY & Andy MORRIS, Sasha DRAIN-LEYSHON & Shaun ASTON, David NELSON & Katherine BOWN, Kayleigh PREEST & Gavin CREED. (3rd Time of reading)

This week/regular meetings

Mon 18

Tues 19 2pm SPC Cemetery Interment of Ashes Aubrey John NEALE

Weds 20 8:30am @ GS Morning Prayer - all welcome

Thurs 21 7.30pm Hot Potato evening at the White Horse Staunton

Advance dates (for more info please ask):

13th June - Parish Outing to Tyntesfield. We have 30 people now. The booking has been confirmed with Tyntesfield and Grindles but there are still 11 spaces remaining if anyone wishes to come. All friends welcome, they don't have to be church goers! However, I must have the £11.80 entrance fee (free for NT members) asap. All monies for the bus needed by the end of May please. Unless we get any more passengers, it will be £10 per person. (jmsmithmcs@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: Cancelled

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