



Mid-Wyedean Churches

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



29th November – Advent Sunday

Welcome! Especially to the family and friends of Richard and Emily who are being Confirmed today.

Time	Place	This week	Next Week
09:30	All Saints Newland	United Parish Service with Confirmation	No service
09:30	All Saints Staunton		SB
09:30	St J's @ St MM Coleford	Bishop Rachel & team All Saints Newland 10.30am	AW/AH (PR)
11:00	Good Shepherd B'well		AW
11:00	St Peter's Clearwell		SB
16:00	St Saviour's Redbrook		No service

Readings

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Jeremiah 33.14-16	765	Baruch 5.1-9 or Malachi .1-4	925
Psalms 25.1-9	532	Canticle: Benedictus	
1 Thessalonians 3.9-13	222	Philippians 1.3-11	210
Luke 21.25-36	91	Luke 3.1-6	64

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 for Jean Samuels;
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 Linda & Rob and family and the family and friends of Joan Chamberlain and Franz Tornya who have recently died and also of Annie Fowler, Dennis Coombs & Doreen Gwilliam 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, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and to put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility; that on the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.. **Amen**

Or

Almighty God, as your kingdom dawns, turn us from the darkness of sin to the light of holiness, that we may be ready to meet you in our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. **Amen**

Post Communion Prayer

O Lord our God, make us watchful and keep us faithful as we await the coming of your Son our Lord; that, when he shall appear, he may not find us sleeping in sin but active in his service and joyful in his praise; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

News and notices...

1st December @ All Saints Newland – Ecumenical Recorded Carol Service at All Saints, Newland. Congregation and singers will need to be seated by **7pm**. Everyone is welcome to come along and join in with this lovely event. Parking is available at Rookery Farm, Newland, (this will be signposted). People can be dropped off at the church but please use this designated parking.

Saturday 5th December: 10am @ Clock Tower, Carols with the Salvation Army Band.

Sunday 6th December: Toy Service @ 3pm at Coleford Baptist Church. This is taking the form of a simple Nativity this year involving puppets and grown-ups! We are looking for a Mary, Joseph and three Shepherds (all adults) to take part in the service. Donations of New toys (please leave unwrapped) or gift vouchers for older children/teenagers, which will be distributed by the Salvation Army to local children for Christmas, will be gratefully received as will mince pies to be served after the service. So please have a think if you would like to take part in the Nativity play (please contact Sarah) but do please come along to the service and bring a New Toy to brighten up a child's face on Christmas morning!

Sunday 6th December @ 4pm. St Peter's Church, Clearwell. Wedding Celebration Service for couples who have recently married in St Peter's Church.

Birthdays: 5th Dec Glynis Bidmead, StJ; Many Happy Returns & may God bless you on your birthday, and in the year to come!

This week/regular meetings

Mon 30 7pm @ All Saints Church Newland. Rehearsal for recorded carol service.

Tues 1 2.30pm @ Clearwell churchyard, Interment of Joan Chamberlain
2.30pm - CAMEO meet at GSB

7pm @ All Saints Newland. Recorded Carol Service– all welcome

Weds 2 8:30am @ GS Morning Prayer - all welcome
7pm Ladies Christmas meal at the White Horse Staunton

Thurs 3 11am @ SPC funeral of Franz Tornya
7.15pm @ the vicarage - Standing Committee

Advance dates (for more info please ask):

Thursday 10th December @ 7.15pm @ The Good Shepherd. PCC meeting.

Sunday 13th December @ 4pm Carol Service @ St Peter's, Clearwell.

Sunday 20th December @ 4pm Carol Service for the Coleford area @ The Good Shepherd

Sunday 27th December @ 10.30am United Parish Eucharist @ The Good Shepherd.

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