

3rd December 2017 – Advent Sunday

Welcome!

Place	This Week	Next Week
All Saints Newland	3pm Crib Celebration service AW	9.30am Euch AW
All Saints Staunton	4pm Evensong DH	No Service
St J's @ St MM Coleford	9.30am Eucharist AW	9.30am Word CH
Good Shepherd B'well	11am Word CH	11am Eucharist BC
St Peter's Clearwell	11am Euch AW	11am Baptism Service 4pm Wedding Celebration and Carol service AW
St Saviour's Redbrook	No service	4pm AAW/ship MB

Readings

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Isaiah 64.1-9	721	Isaiah 40.1-11	694
Psalms 80.1-8, 18-20	570	Psalms 85.1-2, 8-13*	573
1 Corinthians 1.3-9	177	2 Peter 3.8-15a	255
Mark 13.24-37	54	Mark 1.1-8	37

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 those who have recently died and also of Peter Helder 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:

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:

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...

Monday 4th December @ 7pm Joint singing practice with RC singers for joint service on Thursday 14th Dec.

Wednesday 6th December: Ladies Christmas Dinner at Andersons. 6.45pm for 7pm start.

Sunday 10th December @ 4pm – Wedding Celebration and Carol Service at St Peter's Clearwell. All Welcome.

Wednesday 13th December – 7pm EMEP & Standing Committee Christmas Social.

Thursday 14th December @ 6pm – Joint Carol service with Roman Catholic congregation at St Margaret Mary followed by refreshments in the hall.

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.

Food Bank: As you will be aware we accept donations for the food bank at Church on the Street all year round and I know the organisers are extremely grateful for your generosity. With Christmas coming up I spoke to the local organiser and asked what more we could do for Christmas as the people who come to our Coffee Mornings and Knit and Natter wanted to donate some extra Christmas treats. He was delighted with this and suggested items like special biscuits, chocolate for the children, mince pies, Christmas cakes and puddings, crackers etc. We have already made a great start and Fred took two boxes of food items up to the food bank this morning. If you would like to donate either the normal items that we collect (these will still be needed) or some festive items please pop them in to us over the next couple of weeks or bring them along to the coffee morning here on 7th December. Thanking you in advance.

Christmas Services: Please see separate sheet for all of our Christmas services – these are now in each church.

Birthdays: 5th Dec Glynis Bidmead St J; 7-Dec 8th Dec Geoff Cole GS; 9th Dec Audrey Jones GS. Many Happy Returns and may God bless you this week, and in the year to come!

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

This week's regular meetings:

Mon 4th 7.15pm House Group @ 1 Wye Villas, Redbrook.

Tues 5th 8.15am morning prayer @ All Saints, Newland.

2.30pm CAMEO meet @ Good Shepherd, Broadwell. All Welcome.

Weds 6th 8.30am @ Good Shepherd, Broadwell. Morning Prayer.

Thurs 7th 10.30am Coffee & Chat @ Church on the Street.

1.30pm Craft club @ Good Shepherd.

Fri 8th 11am House group @ 1 Church Road, Clearwell.

Mid-Wyedean Clergy

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