



Mid-Wyedean Churches

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



Welcome! Especially to James Morse, Daisy Morse, Joshua Cole & Kian Selway, all being
Baptised at the Good Shepherd this morning

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

3rd May 2015 – 5th Sunday of Easter

Readings

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Acts 8.26-40	135	Acts 10.44-48	138
Psalms 22.25-31	531	Psalms 98	581
1 John 4.7-21	101	1 John 5.1-6	103
John 15.1-8	117	John 15.9-17	117

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 June BEVAN and also of Peter ROGERS 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

Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ have overcome death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: grant that, as by your grace going before us you put into our minds good desires, so by your continual help we may bring them to good effect; through Jesus Christ our risen Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

Or

Risen Christ, your wounds declare your love for the world and the wonder of your risen life: give us compassion and courage to risk ourselves for those we serve, to the glory of God the Father. **Amen**

Post Communion Prayer

Eternal God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life: grant us to walk in his way, to rejoice in his truth, and to share his risen life; who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

Amen

News and notices...

Today and tomorrow – United Parish Flower Festival at St Peter's Church. Please come along to support this parish event – there are 20+ arrangements in the Church, a plant stall, raffle and photographic exhibition in the village hall and refreshments served each day. **Songs of Praise at 6pm this evening.**

Twiddle Muffs – for all you knitters out there a request from Jane MacBean to knit some Twiddle Muffs. These are for patients with Dementia who live in the Forest. The library has patterns or just Google Twiddle Muffs or ring/email Jane. Needed by 15th May.

Birthdays: 4th May Allan BIDMEAD, Naomi WRIGHT StJ, Margaret WINTER StS, 8th May Ann MEEK StJ, Brenda HARDING GS. Many Happy Returns, and may God bless you on your birthday, and in the year to come.

Banns: St Peters Clearwell - Emily-Jane ROBBINS & Mark POYSER, Kirsty POUNTNEY & Andy MORRIS, Sasha DRAIN-LEYSHON & Shaun ASTON, David NELSON & Katherine BOWN, Kayleigh PREEST & Gavin CREED, Michael Ronald JONES & Stephanie Marie JONES (1st Time of reading)

This week/regular meetings

Mon 4 United Parish Flower Festival at St Peter's Clearwell

Tues 5

Weds 6 8:30am @ GS Morning Prayer - all welcome

Thurs 7 14:30 @ FODC Funeral of June Bevan

Fri 8

Advance dates (for more info please ask):

May 14th - Churches Together- Moveable Feast for Ascension Day. Starters at 6pm at the Salvation Army, Broadwell, on to the Baptist Church for mains, and finishing at St Margaret Mary for Dessert. *More details in individual churches. Tickets are £7.50. We need numbers asap so if you are wanting to come please let me know and also if you are able to provide a dessert for the final stop can you please let me know. Alison*

May 16th – 7pm – Musical evening at the Good Shepherd in aid of Cancer Research and Parish Share. *Please call April Gordon on 01594 837503 if you would like to take part.*

13th June - Parish Outing to Tyntesfield. *26 people have signed up for the trip to Tyntesfield, so I have made a firm booking for the 39 seater coach. You can still book a place if you contact me. If you are not a National Trust member please pay me £11.80 asap. for the House and Gardens entry. If numbers stay at 26 the coach fare will be £10 but, if we can fill it, it will be £7, so grab a friend! All monies needed by May 5th. jmsmithncs@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: various information and training opportunities (and good food!) right here in the Forest. *Save the date!*

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