



Mid-Wydean Churches

The Church of England serving Coleford, Broadwell, Staunton, Clearwell, Newland, and Redbrook and surrounding areas.

Welcome!

9th February 2014 - 4th before Lent

09:30	All Saints Newland	CH	Morning Prayer
09:30	All Saints Staunton	DS	Morning Prayer
09:30	St J's @ St MM Coleford	SB	Eucharist
11:00	Good Shepherd B'well	BC*/CH	Eucharist
11:00	St Peter's Clearwell	SB	Eucharist
11:00	St Saviours Redbrook	MW	Morning Prayer

16th February 2014 - 3rd before Lent

09:30	All Saints Newland	AW	Eucharist
09:30	All Saints Staunton	SB	Eucharist
09:30	St J's @ St MM Coleford	VVV/ FM (AH)	All Age
11:00	Good Shepherd B'well	AW*/ CH	Eucharist
11:00	St Peter's Clearwell	RJ	Eucharist
11:00	St Saviours Redbrook	SB	Eucharist

Readings: Deuteronomy 30.15-20; Ps 119.1-8; 1 Cor 3.1-9; Matt 5.21-37
AH Anne Harley, AW Alan Wearmouth BC Barry Coker, CH Chris Howell, CY Chris Young, DS Doug Stephenson, FM Fred Meek, MW Margaret Winter, SB Sarah Bick, VVV Wendy Williams.
* denotes preacher

Collect

O God, you know us to be set in the midst of so many and great dangers, that by reason of the frailty of our nature we cannot always stand upright:
grant to us such strength and protection as may support us in all dangers and carry us through all temptations;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

or Lord of the hosts of heaven, our salvation and our strength, without you we are lost: guard us from all that harms or hurts and raise us when we fall; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

OT: Isaiah 58.1-9a

Shout out, do not hold back! Lift up your voice like a trumpet! Announce to my people their rebellion,
to the house of Jacob their sins.

Yet day after day they seek me and delight to know my ways, as if they were a nation that practised righteousness and did not forsake the ordinance of their God; they ask of me righteous judgements, they delight to draw near to God. 'Why do we fast, but you do not see? Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?' Look, you serve your own interest on your fast-day, and oppress all your workers. Look, you fast only to quarrel and to fight and to strike with a wicked fist. Such fasting as you do today will not make your voice heard on high. Is such the fast that I choose, a day to humble oneself? Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush, and to lie in sackcloth and ashes? Will you call this a fast, a day acceptable to the Lord?

Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the thongs of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke?

Is it not to share your bread with the hungry, and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover them, and not to hide yourself from your own kin?

Then your light shall break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up quickly; your vindicator shall go before you, the glory of the Lord shall be your rearguard. Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer; you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am.

(Psalm 112.1-9[10])

NT: 1 Corinthians 2.1-12

When I came to you, brothers and sisters, I did not come proclaiming the mystery of God to you in lofty words or wisdom. For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and him crucified. And I came to you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling. My speech and my proclamation were not with plausible words of wisdom, but with a demonstration of the Spirit and of power, so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God.

Yet among the mature we do speak wisdom, though it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to perish. But we speak God's wisdom, secret and hidden, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. None of the rulers of this age understood

this; for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. But, as it is written,

'What no eye has seen, nor ear heard,

nor the human heart conceived, what God has prepared for those who love him'— these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. For what human being knows what is truly human except the human spirit that is within? So also no one comprehends what is truly God's except the Spirit of God. Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit that is from God, so that we may understand the gifts bestowed on us by God.

Gospel - Matthew 5.13-20

'You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot.

'You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hidden. No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

'Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfil. For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, will be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.

Post communion prayer

Go before us, Lord, in all we do with your most gracious favour, and guide us with your continual help, that in all our works begun, continued and ended in you, we may glorify your holy name, and finally by your mercy receive everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

News and notices...

****St John's LCC this coming Thursday****

Fortnightly Bible Study Mondays @ vicarage This is just a reminder of the regular meeting on 1st and 3rd Mondays, all welcome. Next one a week tomorrow (17th Feb).

(We will go to a weekly pattern during Lent.)

Birthdays today 9-Feb Bea ERSKINE our hard working church warden! - Happy Birthday, many happy returns, and may God bless you in the coming year.

Pastoral team - please see the magazine for more info, but if you are interested in being part of a pastoral visiting/home communions team, please let Sarah or Anne Harley know.

This week/regular meetings

Mon 10th 1900 Social events group meeting @ GS

Tues 11th

1000-1400 Cafe and charity shop open @ Salvation Army

1400 CAMEO @ the GS (1st, 2nd and 3rd weeks)

1600-1800 Youth Cafe @ Salvation Army

Weds 12th

0830 Morning Prayer @ meeting room GS - All welcome.

Thurs 13th

1330 Craft Club @ GS

1700 St John's LCC meeting

1900 Pilgrim Course @ the vicarage

Fri 14th

1000-1400 Cafe open @ Salvation Army

Sat 15th

1000-1400 Cafe open @ Salvation Army

Advance dates (for more info please ask):

- Wednesday 19 February 2014 7.30pm - **Leading Intercessions course**, for anyone who does or would like to lead intercessions in Sunday worship, led by +Michael at St Andrew's Churchdown. Ask Sarah or someone from the ministry team for a booking form.
- Thursday 20th February Next **Hot Potato evening**
- 28th Feb-2nd March **Bishop Michael teaching weekend** for Forest Deanery. Watch this space for more details.
- Friday 7th March **Women's World Day of Prayer** at Coalway Methodist Church at 2.00 pm
- Saturday 8th March - **Wedding Prep Day**
- 9th March Benefice service, as +Michael visits us to celebrate the Eucharist at the Good Shepherd AND **Rob's last service** with us.
- 31st March - **Rob's collation service** at Blakeney church
- 13th April Benefice Service for Palm Sunday @ ASN

- **27th April** Benefice confirmation service with +Martyn @ GS.

Prayers

In your prayers this week, please pray for:

✠ **New church in Coleford** - keep praying (it's working!)

✠ **In the Anglican/Diocesan Cycle of prayer:** We pray for Bangor, Wales, Bishop Andrew John; The Anglican Church of Canada, Archbishop Frederick Hiltz; The General Synod of the Church of England meeting in London this week; Our five overseas partner Dioceses especially today the Diocese of Västerås, Bishop Thomas.

✠ **For the sick, anxious and housebound** – especially Averil Ost, Phyl Phelps, Myrtle, Margaret Teague, Bette Drewitt, Sharon (Margaret P's daughter in law), Barbara Coker, Allan B., Margaret Chick, Ann & Mike, Evelynne, Katharine & John, Kath Mason, Jeremy, Bryony Hammersley and Rhiannon Jones;

✠ **For those who mourn**, especially the family and friends of Dorothea EVANS, also of Doris May THOMAS whose anniversary of death falls at this time.

Do please let Sarah know of any prayers answered, or any changes to the lists that might be needed. Thanks.



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