



Mid-Wydean Churches

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

Welcome!

26th January 2014 - Epiphany 3

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

2nd February 2014 - Candlemas

09:30	All Saints Newland	BE	Morning Prayer
09:30	All Saints Staunton	BC	Eucharist
09:30	St J's @ St MM Coleford	AH/RJ*	Eucharist
11:00	Good Shepherd B'well	AH	Eucharist by extension
11:00	St Peter's Clearwell	BC	Eucharist
11:00	St Saviours Redbrook	RJ	Eucharist

Readings: Malachi 3.1-5; Psalm 24.[1-6]7-10; Hebrews 2.14-18; Luke 2.22-40
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, WWW Wendy Williams.
* denotes preacher

Collect

Almighty God,
whose Son revealed in signs and miracles
the wonder of your saving presence:
renew your people with your heavenly grace,
and in all our weakness sustain us by your mighty power;
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 God of all mercy, your Son proclaimed good news to the poor,
release to the captives, and freedom to the oppressed:
anoint us with your Holy Spirit and set all your people free
to praise you in Christ our Lord. Amen.*

OT: Isaiah 9.1-4

But there will be no gloom for those who were in anguish.
In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he

will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations.

The people who walked in darkness

have seen a great light;

those who lived in a land of deep darkness—

on them light has shined.

You have multiplied the nation,

you have increased its joy;

they rejoice before you

as with joy at the harvest,

as people exult when dividing plunder.

For the yoke of their burden,

and the bar across their shoulders,

the rod of their oppressor,

you have broken as on the day of Midian.

(Psalm 27.1,4-12*)

NT: I Corinthians 1.10-18

Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you should be in agreement and that there should be no divisions among you, but that you should be united in the same mind and the same purpose. For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters. What I mean is that each of you says, 'I belong to Paul', or 'I belong to Apollos', or 'I belong to Cephas', or 'I belong to Christ.' Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, so that no one can say that you were baptized in my name. (I did baptize also the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.) For Christ did not send me to baptize but to proclaim the gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power.

For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

Gospel - Matthew 4.12-23

Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the lake, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled:

'Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali,

on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles—

the people who sat in darkness

have seen a great light,

and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death

light has dawned.'

From that time Jesus began to proclaim, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.'

As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the lake—for they were fishermen. And he said to them, 'Follow me, and I will make you fish for people.' Immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him. Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

Post communion prayer

Almighty Father, whose Son our Saviour Jesus Christ is the light of the world:

may your people,

illuminated by your word and sacraments,

shine with the radiance of his glory,

that he may be known, worshipped, and obeyed

to the ends of the earth;

for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **Amen.**

News and notices...

- Sat 8th Feb @ Coleford Baptist **Walk through the Old Testament** day course. £14 course fee. Each church should have a leaflet about this to look at; or call Geraint Williams if you are interested on 832100.

Special General meeting to approve last year's accounts, today 12:30pm Sunday 26th Jan @ GS. All on the church electoral roll are welcome, but do not feel compelled. :o)

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

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

Birthdays 27-Jan Alan WEARMOUTH, 29-Jan Lesley WEARMOUTH and David ATHERLEY (StJ) - Happy Birthday, many happy returns, and may God bless you in the coming year.

This week/regular meetings

Mon 27th

11:30Funeral of Stanley GOOD @ FODC

Tues 28th

1000-1400 Cafe and charity shop open @ Salvation Army

12:30Funeral ofGerald SMITH @ FODC

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

1600-1800 Youth Cafe @ Salvation Army

Weds 29th

0830 Morning Prayer @ meeting room GS - All welcome.

Thurs 30th

1330 Craft Club @ GS

- **Victim Support Volunteering info evening:**

30 January, 6.00pm - 7.30pm at The Main Place

Fri 31st

11:30 Funeral of Greta BUCKNELL @ GS and ME

1000-1400 Cafe open @ Salvation Army

Sat 1st Feb

1000-1400 Cafe open @ Salvation Army

Advance dates (for more info please ask):

- Sat 8th Feb @ Coleford Baptist **Walk through the Old Testament** day course. £14 course fee. Each church should have a leaflet about this to look at; or call Geraint Williams if you are interested on 832100.
- 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.

- **9th March** Benefice service, as +Michael visits us to celebrate the Eucharist at the Good Shepherd.
- **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 Tuam, Killala and Achonry, Ireland, Bishop Patrick Rooke;

Wusasa, Nigeria, Bishop Ali Lamido; St Margaret's Chapel, Gloucester; David Humpries (Chaplain); Our five overseas partner Dioceses especially today the Diocese of Karnataka Central, Awaiting a new bishop.

☪ **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, Evelyne, Katharine & John, Kath Mason, Jeremy, Bryony Hammersley and Rhiannon Jones;

☪ **For those who mourn**, especially the family and friends of Stanley GOOD, Gerald SMITH, Greta BUCKNELL and Dorothea EVANS, also of William BRANKER and Gillian TROUT 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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