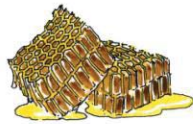


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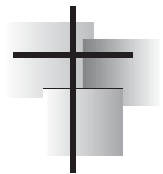


MAGAZINE

for the

Mid-Wydean Churches

All Saints, Newland; All Saints, Staunton; Good Shepherd, Broadwell;
St John, Coleford; St Peter, Clearwell & St Saviour, Redbrook



Mid-Wydean Churches Service times:

St John's @ St Margaret Mary, Coleford:

9.30 am Eucharist 2nd & 16th July
9.30 am Service of the Word 9th & 30th July
No Service 23rd July

All Saints Newland:

9.30 am Eucharist 9th July
4.00 pm Evensong 16th July

All Saints Staunton:

4.00 pm Evensong 7th July
9.30 am Said Eucharist 23rd July
9.30 am Eucharist 30th July

Good Shepherd Broadwell:

11.00 am Baptism 2nd July
11.00 am Eucharist 9th & 30th July
11.00 am Service of the Word 16th July
11.00 am Said Eucharist 23rd July

St Peter's Clearwell:

11.00 am Eucharist 2nd & 16th July
11.00 am Baptism 9th July
11.00 am Service of the Word 23rd & 30th July

St Saviour's Redbrook:

4.00 pm All Age Worship 9th July
11.00 am Eucharist 30th July

The Service of the Word is a non-Eucharistic service which will sometimes include a Baptism.

Service times may vary so please visit our website for up to date details:

www.mid-wydeanchurches.co.uk

The vicar writes...

Oh my goodness doesn't time fly! And events can take you by surprise. Our baby, who was due on 21st August, is now almost certainly going to be coming some weeks earlier than expected.

You always know in theory that whilst you are given a due date, babies can come late or early - in other words have their own mind and do their own thing (and several of you have been keen to point out that the same will continue to be the case for the next 18+ years!).

So now, of course, we are thinking, "we thought we had until nearly the end of August - are we prepared?" Do we have the proverbial oil in our lamps?

Some people really like to have all the details buttoned down and sorted out before an event or a task that has to be achieved, while others seem happier just to respond in the moment to what is happening around them. There, of course, is a whole spectrum in between, and most people can learn to be better prepared or practise being more spontaneous!

For me, I think that what enables you to 'wing it' is actually a more general preparedness developed over years. The Scouting motto is probably something we are all familiar with, even if we were never scouts or guides ourselves - 'Be Prepared'. This doesn't mean carrying a massive rucksack around with you all the time with every conceivable piece of equipment in it, including the kitchen sink. That wouldn't actually make you very flexible or responsive. It is really about the skills and the values that are learned and developed, and the readiness to apply them to the situations we find ourselves in.

In the parable of the ten maidens waiting on the bridegroom coming to the feast, the five wise ones bring extra oil for their lamps. The word for oil used in the passage is very like the word for mercy - in fact, the connection between oil and mercy (or compassion or generosity or grace) was well understood in Jesus's day. And the parable itself is just before the part of the bible where Jesus talks about how those who fed the hungry and welcomed the stranger will be the ones to inherit the Kingdom of Heaven because "just as you did it to one of the least of these, you did it to me."

May we be people who through the grace of the Holy Spirit, are ready to be compassionate and generous to those around us, using our gifts and our skills - not just with one lampful of mercy, but with great jars full of it too. And think of us as we prepare to welcome a longed for 'stranger' into our home and feed him when he's hungry!



"The wise ones, however, took oil in jars along with their lamps. The bridegroom was a long time in coming, and they all became drowsy and fell asleep. ...Therefore keep watch, because you do not know the day or the hour." Matthew 25:4,13

COLEFORD CHURCHES

(the News Sheet of Coleford Churches)

COMING EVENTS

If you have any exciting events planned and would like them mentioned on these pages please contact me either by phone or e-mail. Information below.

- July**
- Mon/Sun 3/9 **COLEORD FESTIVAL OF WORDS - see Coleford Town Website or Tourist Information for more details.**
- Monday 3 Singing for the Brain, 1st & 3rd Monday of every month 11.00 am until 12.30 pm at Main Place, Coleford. Run by Alzheimer's Society for people with any form of Dementia and their carers.
- Tuesday 4 CAMEO meet at Good Shepherd from 2.30 pm.
- Wednesday 5 Great Oaks Hospice, Open Coffee Morning, 10.00-12 noon, coffee and chat, for more information 01594 811910.
- Wednesday 5 Walk for Health Initiative, start 10.15 - 10.30 am approx 1 hour, more details contact Chris Howell 836813.
- Wednesday 5 **NO** Active Balance Class at Coalway Methodist Church (Weekly omitting the first Wed in the month).
- Thursday 6 Church on the Street shop/office coffee morning, 10.00-12.00, all Welcome. (1st Thurs).
- Thursday 6 Craft Club meet at Good Shepherd 1.30 - 3.30 pm.
- Thursday 6 House group meets at 21 Boxbush Road, 7.30 pm.
- Monday 10 Coleford Baptist Church, Coffee Break, 10.30-12 noon, need a lift then contact Maureen Etherington on 836303. (Meet on 2nd Monday of month.) Free tea/coffee and biscuits & warm welcome.
- Wednesday 12 Walk for Health Initiative, start 10.15 - 10.30 am approx 1 hour, more details contact Chris Howell 836813.
- Thursday 13 "All Together Now" - Home Communion 2nd Thursday each month at 2.30 pm, Community Room, Tufthorn Close. All welcome.
- Thursday 13 Craft Club meet at Good Shepherd 1.30 - 3.30 pm.
- Thursday 13 House group meets at 21 Boxbush Road, 7.30 pm.
- Saturday 15 Coffee and chat morning at St Margaret Mary's Hall, 10.00 am to 12 noon, no charge, no raffle, all welcome. (3rd Saturday of month.)
- Monday 17 Singing for the Brain, 1st & 3rd Monday of every month 11.00 am until 12.30 pm at Main Place, Coleford. Run by Alzheimer's Society for people with any form of Dementia and their carers.
- Tuesday 18 CAMEO meet at Good Shepherd from 2.30 pm.
- Wednesday 19 Knit and Natter (or just natter) at Church on the Street, 10.00 am, all welcome. (Held on 3rd Wed of the month.)
- Wednesday 19 Walk for Health Initiative, start 10.15 - 10.30 am approx 1 hour, more details contact Chris Howell 836813.
- Wednesday 19 "Meet and Eat" (Staunton house group) at White Horse, Staunton. Open to all (12 noon. Cost: £5 soup & roll tea/coffee.) (3rd Wed of month.)
- Thursday 20 Craft Club meet at Good Shepherd 1.30 - 3.30 pm.
- Thursday 20 "Hot Potato Night" at White Horse, Staunton, 7.30 pm (3rd Thurs), food and discussion group, all welcome. (Is it possible to be too tolerant?)
- Sat/Sun 22/23 **Coleford Music Festival, free outdoor festival from 1.00 pm each day.** (Please note there will be a Parish Office Cake Sale both afternoons, also an Art Exhibition at Staunton Village Hall + Craft Fair in All Saint's Church.)
- Wednesday 26 Walk for Health Initiative, start 10.15 - 10.30 am approx 1 hour, more details contact Chris Howell 836813.
- Thursday 27 Craft Club meet at Good Shepherd 1.30 - 3.30 pm.
- Thursday 27 House group meets at 21 Boxbush Road, 7.30 pm.
- Friday 30 Friday Lunch Club meets at St Margaret Mary's RC Church Hall, details from 01291 625013. (Last Friday of month.)
- Saturday 29 Monthly Charity Coffee Morning at Coalway Methodist Church Hall 10.30 am, all welcome.

August

- Tuesday 1 CAMEO meet at Good Shepherd from 2.30 pm.
- Wednesday 2 Great Oaks Hospice, Open Coffee Morning, 10.00-12 noon, coffee and chat, for more information 01594 811910.
- Wednesday 2 Walk for Health Initiative, start 10.15 - 10.30 am approx 1 hour, more details contact Chris Howell 836813.
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- Thursday 3 Church on the Street shop/office coffee morning, 10.00-12.00, all welcome.

"KNIT AND NATTER" AT THE CHURCH ON THE STREET

The coffee morning for Christian Aid was so successful that it has been decided to have a monthly "Knit and natter" and it will be held on 3rd Wednesday of the month, anyone can come along and you don't even need to knit, you can come along for a natter! Doesn't matter what Church you belong to, or none, just come along from 10-12 and join in.

LIFE AFFECTED BY CANCER? LET CHARLIE'S HELP YOU.

Charlie's (A Community Interest Company for Charitable Purpose) Cancer Support Group - Supporting people with and post cancer. Free Holistic Therapies, friendship and support, relaxing atmosphere, tea, coffee and cake. Like minded people coming together.

Monthly group to be held on the last Friday of every month, 10.00 am - 2.00 pm at The Belfry Hotel, Littledean, contact Madelaine - 07773 200145 or Jo - 07786 547439

www.charlies.org.uk email - Charlies2014@yahoo.co.uk

CHRISTIAN AID PUDDING EVENING ON THURS 22ND JUNE AT GOOD SHEPHERD CHURCH, BROADWELL.

Sadly this event was not very well attended, but those who did come enjoyed themselves and the food (pudding and cheese!), Enid's crumble was to die for!!!! Over £56 was raised. We are not sure if it was just an unfortunate date, when lots of events were also on eg Methodist outing to Slimbridge, or it was too late in the day for people to want to come out, so we may hold an "Afternoon Tea" which might be more to people's liking.

We still hope to have a Christian Aid Bag Pack in July, we have to wait for a suitable date to be given by the Co-op, but please bear it in mind and come and support us.

WELL DONE MAYOR NICK PENNY AND TOWN COUNCIL - two special Saturdays in June 2017

Coleford's Saturday Day of Dancing (started with masses of Morris Dancers) and Saturday's Busking Festival were very successful and brought a real sparkle to the town, well done for all the hard work that went into holding them and best wishes for the success of the Music Festival in the town 22/23rd July.

<p>THE NEXT DEADLINE DATE FOR MAGAZINE ARTICLES WILL BE ON THE 20th AUGUST 2017</p>

REMEMBER: If you belong to whatever church (or none) you are welcome to come to any of the services or events listed above.

TO ALL READERS/CHURCHES - PLEASE PASS ON ANY DATES OF SPECIAL SERVICES OR EVENTS THAT YOU WANT PUBLISHED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE TO ROBERT RIVERS, HIS E.MAIL ADDRESS IS DETAILED BELOW.

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All Saints, Staunton

Art and Crafts event on Saturday and Sunday, 22nd and 23rd July.

We are still looking for volunteers to help with the refreshments (teas, coffee and cakes) in the Village Hall on those days. Donations of cakes would also be very welcome.

Please ring me on 01594. 833432 if you think you could help us.

Sue Simmons

10 TIL 12 Cafe

Open on Tuesday and Friday
Drinks and a selection of homemade
cakes are available.

Home Cooked Food
served from 11:30 am to 1.30 pm
The Salvation Army, 43 North Rd,
Broadwell, GL16 7BX
salvationarmy-fod.org.uk

St Margaret Mary's Church Hall - High Nash

Busy Bees Parent/Carer Toddler Group
Sessions held every Wednesday at 9.30 - 11.00
am, activities for ages 0-5 years, £1 donation, all
welcome.

Also

Friday Lunch Club, last Friday of every month.
Everyone is welcome is welcome, phone for details
01291 625013.

Family History Help Desk at Coleford Library

The help desk is no longer going to be at Coleford
Library on the First Friday of the month, if
anyone needs help please contact Chris Howell on
836813.

Coleford Baptist Church

Tiggys Parent And Toddlers Group

Meet Friday mornings from 10.00 am to 12.00 pm
during term time. Only £1 per family. For further
info contact Donna Saunders on 01594 832278 -
colefordbaptists.org.

It is a chance for mums, dads, grandparents or
carers to meet in the large hall, play and craft
activities and offer drinks for the adults, fruit
and milk for the children.

Little Angels - Parent and Toddler Group

Mount of Olives Church.
Tuesdays 10.30 am - 12.30 pm, in term time.

Coleford Book Group

3rd Tuesday of the month at members homes
for more information please ring Anita on Dean
835344

Why it is good to talk to yourself

When we see people talking out loud to themselves, we can tend to avoid them as slightly odd. But, in reality, they may be very smart indeed. According to a recent study at Bangor University, those of us who speak to ourselves while focusing on a task do better than those of us who stay silent.

It seems that when we read instructions out loud, our brains absorb information more quickly. As one psychologist at Bangor explained: 'Our ability to generate explicit self-instructions is actually one of the best tools we have for cognitive control.'

Things simply work better when said aloud. Talking to ourselves helps us to better organise our thoughts, plan our actions, consolidate our memories, and control our emotions.

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New non-English speaking believers

Church Mission Society is to launch a 'Learning Community' to support the emergence of more than 20 non-English speaking Anglican congregations that have grown up in and around London.

New congregations now exist serving Arabic, Turkish, Japanese, Spanish, Hindi, Gujarati, Ukrainian and Russian speaking believers in the capital. The Learning Community will aim to celebrate the unique nature of each congregation, as well as support their leaders to grow.

A spokesman from CMS points out: "More than 300 languages are spoken across London every day: our goal is to enable the Church of England increasingly to reflect the diverse nature of our capital city so that everyone is able to hear the good news of Jesus in their own language. In the longer term CMS hopes this model can be reproduced in other urban centres across the UK where many non-English speaking congregations have emerged.

July 2017

imagination

Opening new paths to faith

Investing in our engagement with baptism families to spark an amazing adventure with Jesus Christ

The Bishop of Tewkesbury, the Rt Revd Robert Springett



One of the sights that will stay with me all my life is of a group of Ugandan children drawing water from a well at their school. As they lifted the heavy pump they sang and danced, thankful for the amazing and precious gift of water. We, so used to simply turning the tap and finding it there, take this gift so often for granted, yet it is essential. We need it to wash, to be clean, to protect ourselves from germs and infection, and we need it to keep ourselves alive – without it we die!

It should be no surprise therefore that it is this precious gift that we use in baptism, ordinary water out of the tap, over which we

remember the great story of our faith and by which we pray those baptised may be cleansed from sin, born again, renewed in faith, and continue for ever living the risen life that is found in Jesus Christ.

To be baptised is to be called to live life to the full, to begin an amazing journey with Jesus Christ, who gives us life and wants us to journey with him. It won't always be easy – that is not his promise – but it will always, even in adversity, be filled with new possibilities, with hope and potential, for this is God's gift to us, that he has made us, loves us and calls us to life.

An amazing invitation indeed, offered for all, awaiting just one thing, a response from us...

Baptism bears bringing families back to church



St Lawrence's Church in Cheltenham is using personal invitation and a special gift to welcome baptism families back to church.

A member of the congregation knits a teddy bear for every child baptised at the church. Last Pentecost, they held a Pentecost Teddy Bears' Picnic when all the children were invited to bring their teddies and families for a Messy Church-style session with craft activities. Around 50 people came to the picnic and one family have become regular worshippers.

All families are sent a personal invitation to other key family services in the church's calendar including the crib service, Christingle service and Mothering Sunday.

The Revd Liz Palin, Team Vicar in the North Cheltenham Team Ministry, said: "This is a really important ministry and we all want to welcome more families to church, so for us it was an obvious thing to continue our relationship with our baptism families. It's about helping them to nurture their child in their journey of faith."

Making a difference for baptism families



The Revd Jo Wetherall, Diocesan Children and Families Officer

“This has been really good, so different from last time,” a parent said as she told me how her parish had welcomed her. “I met a really nice ‘man vicar’ at Mums and Toddlers’, who gave me the information. Then we were invited to church to talk about the Christening which I really enjoyed. I met the lady ‘Reverend’ and some other ladies from the church who will be there on Sunday, and now you have come to see us. Last time there was nothing, I just phoned up and we went to the church on the day.”

It isn't really appropriate to punch the air and shout 'yes!' as you walk away from such a visit, but I really wanted to. This church is making baptism a mission priority - they really are taking the bigger Kingdom view, that engaging with baptism families is a step in sparking an amazing adventure with Jesus Christ. Although their professions mean this family will never be long-term members of this church, the baptism is very much an important part of their faith journey.

On the day, the ladies were there to welcome, to read and to encourage. During the service, I wrapped a blanket made by a member of the congregation, around the baby. The “Ahh” which rose from the family and friends was a significant response to a meaningful symbol of welcome and belonging.

Find out more about the Archbishops' Council Research into Baptisms and the ideas and resources available at <https://churchsupporthub.org/baptisms> or contact Jo at jwetherall@glosdioc.org.uk

Events and training

Saying Goodbye: Remembrance Service

Saturday 1 July, 6pm, Tewkesbury Abbey

A service for anyone who has either personally lost a baby at any stage of pregnancy, at birth or in early years, or who has been affected by a family member's or friend's loss. We welcome anyone who is grieving the fact that they haven't had children. Babies and children are also invited to come with their family.

Creation Celebration

Sunday 9 July, 1pm to 4.30pm, Cotswold Farm, off A417 nr Duntisbourne Abbots, GL7 7JS

Suitable for all ages. Bring a picnic and discover the wildlife of this beautiful Cotswold estate, together with people from other local churches. The day will end with tea and cakes and a short time of outdoor

worship. Activities will include walks, nature trails, pond dipping and craft activities all based around the theme of Homes. For more information, please contact Maria Wells, mariageoffwells@gmail.com

Digital media training

Thursday 13 July, 7pm to 8.30pm, St Stephen's, Cinderford

Sharing our stories in new and different ways, including through digital media, is one of the priorities that was highlighted in the new LIFE vision for our Diocese. We would like to help train and resource more of our congregations, clergy and parish teams to feel confident in using social media both to promote our churches and to share stories of individual faith journeys. Places are free, but please let us know you are coming: by emailing kclamp@glosdioc.org.uk or 01452 835515.

Bookings

If you would like to find out about or arrange a wedding or a Christening (they are free) in one of the churches, then you can contact either Revd Sarah Bick on 01594 835476 or Revd Alan Wearmouth on 01594 832660

Baptisms

04/06/2017 Nathaniel George SANDELLS
11/06/2017 Oscar Jay WHALE

We pray for those baptised and their parents that they might come to know the love of Christ



Weddings



03/06/2017 Mark Jonathan CHASE and Faye HYNDMAN
10/06/2017 David PIERCE and Sarah CLEATON
11/06/2017 Adam ABRAHAM and Susan CARNE
15/06/2017 Shaun DENT and Jessica KLINE
30/06/2017 Paul Robert Vincent SPUFFARD and Sophie Rose ARNOLD

We pray for these couples that their love may come to mirror the love of Christ.

Funerals

07/06/2017 Doreen JEFFREY
09/06/2017 Samuel Robert (Bob) SMITH
09/06/2017 Edith BROOKS
21/06/2017 Michael Richard (Mike) JOHNSON
22/06/2017 Leonard (Len) JOHNS.

We pray that they may rest in the love of Christ and those who mourn may find comfort in the love of Christ.



Lift up your eyes

'Are we there yet?' This is a familiar cry from a child frustrated by a long journey, impatient to be at the destination. With the school holidays soon upon us, it's good to be reminded of Psalm 121. This is one of those psalms (Ps 120-134) used by the Jewish pilgrims journeying to Jerusalem for the great festivals.

There were real dangers for these Jewish pilgrims on their journey. They could slip on the road, there was the threat of wild animals and they had to suffer hot days and cold nights. On the Christian journey we are tempted by 'the world, the flesh and the devil', as well as dealing with those who mess up our lives and our questions about God's goodness or existence.

So where do we look for help? 'I lift up my eyes to the hills - where does my help come from?' (Psalm 121:1). Ironically, the Jews would look to the hills, where pagan worship was practiced. Even today, we can go to the wrong places for help eg. horoscopes rather than the Scriptures; work colleagues or friends, rather than fellow Christians. We can also miss where to look for help: 'My help comes from the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth' (2).

Like the Jewish pilgrims, we need to recognise that only God has the power to keep us on the road. Even when God seems silent in our suffering, He is 'watching over us' (5). On our journey He 'will keep us from harm' (7) and 'watch over our coming and going' (8).

'The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make His face to shine on you and be gracious to you; the Lord turn His face towards you and give you peace.' (Numbers 6: 24-6).



Dementia Friendly Community Survey

What is life like for people living with dementia in the Forest of Dean District?

What is good? What is challenging?

If you are living with Dementia or caring for someone with Dementia then have your say. You can complete the survey by: Internet survey, popping in to see us or by completing a paper copy.

Complete online: https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/Dementia_Friendly_Communities_Survey

For a paper copy: Contact: Lena Maller

Forest of Dean District Council Tel: 01594 812609

Replies can be dropped off into one of the collection boxes at:

- Forest of Dean District Council's reception
- Libraries across the Forest
- GP surgeries



Or pop in for a conversation over a cup of tea/coffee at the drop in sessions below:



Newent	St Mary's Church Room	Thursday, 29 th June	12.30 – 4pm
		Monday, 17 th July	11am – 4 pm
	Sheppard House	Tuesday, 13 th June	6 - 8pm
Cinderford	Belle Vue Centre	Thursday, 22 nd June	11am - 6.30pm
		Wednesday, 19 th July	2.30 - 6pm
Coleford	Church on the Street	Monday, 5 th June	10am - 12.30pm
		Thursday, 27 th July	4 - 6pm
Lydney	Goode Court	Friday, 14 th July	10am - 12.30pm
	Lydney Community Centre	Friday, 23 rd June	3 - 6pm

People who have dementia and their carers can also hand in their surveys and/or give their feedback at local memory cafés and support groups across the district

Alzheimer's Society Memory Café at Lydney Town Hall	Last Tuesday of the month (10.30 - 12.30pm) 30 th May, 27 th June, 25 th July and 29 th August
Alzheimer's Society Afternoon Tea Group at Forest Church School Rooms, Harrow Hill	2nd Friday of the month (2 - 4pm) 9 th June, 14 th July and 11 th August
Newent Memory Café at Sheppard House, Newent	10.30 - midday 5 th May, 9 th June, 7 th July, 4 th August
Singing for the Brain at The Main Place, Coleford	1st and 3rd week of the month - Mondays (11 - 12.30pm) 5 th & 19 th June, 3 rd & 17 th July, 7 th & 21 st August.
Sedbury Memory Café at Sedbury Village Hall	First Wednesday of the month (2 - 3.30pm) 7 th June, 5 th July and 2 nd August.
Woolaston Memory Group at Woolaston Methodist Hall	Every Thursday afternoon (2 - 4pm)

Staunton and District Gardening Club

The month of June found us at Howle Hill Nursery and what a magical evening we had! We were made so welcome by Peter Dowle and his team despite the fact they were working on the Gardener's World 50th anniversary celebration gardens at the NEC. I am sure we will all be glued to the TV for that programme.

The nursery and the great deal of experience it offers specialises in designing gardens to their customers ideas/needs whatever size the garden covers, large or small. They grow a lot of their own trees and use these to give the type of garden requested. There was so much colour and much to learn - so many ideas.

Another service the nursery offers it to hire trees whether for a film shoot, visiting celebrities or the like. Trees can be chosen from a huge assortment and range from Classical. Traditional. Oriental. Tropical, and Mediterranean.

Both Peter himself and Andy (who looks after the nursery and supplies the plants and trees needed for the designs), were so knowledgeable and answered our questions as we went round. An excellent evening for us all.

Our next meeting is a visit to a garden at The Pludds on Monday 11th July; for further information do give Lisa a call on 01594 543398 as you are most welcome to join us.

Alison Lusty

Secretary, Staunton and District Gardening Club.

Gloucestershire Historic Churches Trust

Ride+Stride 2017: Explore our historic churches & help us look after them

Over the years Churches within our parish have benefitted from grants from the GHCT. Each September they hold their main fundraising event of the year, the Ride and Stride, where they encourage congregations who have benefitted from their funding to help raise money by doing a sponsored walk or cycle between churches. Half of the money raised can be claimed back by the Parish.

In recent years they have allowed some different events to help raise funds - last year we did a walk to Newland from St John's Church and followed it with a short evening prayer and afternoon tea.

This year we are having a 'Harvest Lunch' on Friday 8th September at The Church of the Good Shepherd where we will ask people for donations towards GHCT - we are not allowed to charge. We will also be doing a walk/ride on the Saturday afternoon 9th September. For this we are going to ask members of our congregations and their family & friends to sponsor the walking/riding team as a whole. We are very aware not everyone will be able to take part in the walk/cycle but would probably be happy to come and have some lunch and/or sponsor the walking team or join us for the service and tea and cake!

Walkers are also very welcome to find their own sponsors too. Please let me know if you would like to take part in the ride/cycle and if you would like a sponsor form.

There will be more information and sponsor forms in each Church by the end of July beginning of August for you to sponsor the group.

With regard to the route, we haven't yet decided quite where and how long it will be but the idea is to finish at Newland with a short service and tea and cakes! We intend being able to offer lifts back to Coleford for those walkers who would like them.

Please have a think about if you would like to join in the walk - it should be a fun afternoon!

Thanks, Alison



St. IGNATIUS of LOYOLA: 31st July

The youngest of 13 children, Ignatius Loyola was born in Spain. When a young soldier he was badly wounded by a cannon ball that shattered his leg. As he recovered he asked for a best selling book of the day, a romance, to read to take his mind off the pain but ended up reading about Jesus and the lives of the saints. His life changed as he resolved to continue being a soldier, but now as a soldier for Christ.

In 1534, at the age of 43, he and 6 others offered themselves to the service of the Catholic Church. They became the Society of Jesus and Ignatius was elected to serve as their first general. When other Jesuits were sent on various missions by the pope, Ignatius stayed in Rome founding homes for orphans and colleges all, in the words of the Jesuit motto, 'ad majorem Dei gloriam' - for the greater glory of God.



BIBLE BOOKS

Can you unscramble these letters to find books in the Bible?

1. a s h j o u
2. i m y t h o t
3. h u r t
4. k u e l
5. b r o s p r e v
6. t o n s l a m i n a t e
7. c h a i m a l
8. t h e r e s
9. c h a i n s t r o i n
10. h i m e r e a j



What kind of man was Boaz before he married?
Ruthless.

Which Bible character had no parents?
Joshua, son of Nun.

Answers: 1.Joshua 2.Timothy 3.Ruth
4.Luke 5.Proverbs 6.Lamentations
7.Malachi 8.Esther 9.Corinthians
10.Jeremiah

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Benefice Website - www.mid-wyedeanchurches.co.uk

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Denise Hogan

Chris Howell

Parish Co-ordinator: Alison Stuttard

Parish Office:

Church on the Street, 6a, St John's Street, Coleford, GL16 8AR. Tel: 01594 368849
office.midwyedean@gmail.com

Arrangements for Baptisms, weddings etc. should be made in the first instance to Rev Sarah Bick.

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