



Mid-Wyedeane Churches

serving Coleford, Broadwell, Clearwell, Newland,
Redbrook, Staunton, and surrounding areas.



Welcome!

Time	Place	This week	Next week
09:30	All Saints Newland	No service	No service
09:30	All Saints Staunton	No service	As normal
09:30	St J's @ St MM Coleford	United Parish Service @10.30	As normal
11:00	Good Shepherd B'well	No service	As normal
11:00	St Peter's Clearwell	No service	As normal
16:00	St Saviours Redbrook	No service	No service

22nd February 2015 – First Sunday of Lent

Readings

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Genesis 9.8-17	8	Genesis 17.1-7,15,16	13
Psalm 25.1-9	532	Psalm 22.23-31	531
1 Peter 3.18-22	251	Romans 4.13-25	165
Mark 1.9-15	37	Mark 8.31-38	47

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 Brett and Fred Meek;

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 Charles ADAMS; also of Cecil KEATING 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, whose Son Jesus Christ fasted forty days in the wilderness, and was tempted as we are, yet without sin: give us grace to discipline ourselves in obedience to your Spirit; and, as you know our weakness, so may we know your power to save; 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

Heavenly Father, your Son battled with the powers of darkness, and grew closer to you in the desert: help us to use these days to grow in wisdom and prayer that we may witness to your saving love in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Post Communion Prayer

Lord God, you have renewed us with the living bread from heaven; by it you nourish our faith, increase our hope, and strengthen our love: teach us always to hunger for him who is the true and living bread, and enable us to live by every word that proceeds from out of your mouth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

News and notices...

Electoral Roll with the annual meeting on the horizon, if there is anyone in our congregations who isn't on the Electoral Roll, but would like to be, look out for a blank form in church to complete and return. Thank you!

Lent course - Starts Tuesday 24th February. Time: 7pm (coffee) for a 7:15pm start. Rev Tony Williams has organised what looks to be a really good talk and discussion series taking place at Christchurch on Tuesday evenings in Lent, and has invited other parishes to share in what they are doing. Speakers for the evenings include Rev Andrew Braddock, Bishop Bob Evens, Bishop Martyn, Rev Robert Simpson and Rev Sarah Bick! So rather than us re-invent the wheel, you are very much encouraged to join in at Christchurch. Sarah intends to be there for all of them, not just the one she is leading, so if you come along, you won't be alone! **Each session stands alone - so if you miss the first one, don't worry, come along for some of the others.**

Other Lent course... over the next couple of weeks we will be asking if it would be good for us to run a daytime alternative to the above, for those who find evenings tricky. Watch this space.

Birthdays

Today - 22nd February - Mary MILES All Saints Staunton - many happy returns, and may God bless you on your birthday, and in the year to come.

This week/regular meetings

Mon 23 11.00 GS/ME Funeral of Charles ADAMS

Tues 24 Lent course starts – see information above

Weds 25 8:30am @ GS Morning Prayer - all welcome (cancelled if there is lying snow)

Thurs 26

Fri 27 St Saviour's, Redbrook - Wedding – Michael PARRY & Siobhan LENNON

Advance dates (for more info please ask):

5th March - PCC 7:15 @ GS

6th March @ 2.00 pm Women's World Day of Prayer Service at Christchurch Church, Ross Road, Christchurch. Everyone welcome - men, women and children.

13th June - date set for parish outing, a Saturday. Save the date! ****Jean Smith is now working on destination/costings etc. Watch this space for further information. **** Thank you to those who have made some suggestions about where we could go.

12th July afternoon - Deanery Celebration - fun activities for young people and adults, barbecue, 'scratch' choir and evening praise @ English Bicknor

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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