

Welcome to the Family and Friends of Ella Joanne CHOREMI who is being baptised today at the Church of the Good Shepherd

1st March 2015 – Second Sunday of Lent

Time	Place	This week	Next week
09:30	All Saints Newland	no service	SB
09:30	All Saints Staunton	BC	no service
09:30	St J's @ St MM Coleford	SB/CH (Pr)	AW
11:00	Good Shepherd B'well	AW (Baptism)	SB(Pr)/CH
11:00	St Peter's Clearwell	SB/CH (Pr)	AW (Baptism)
16:00	St Saviours Redbrook	no service	no service

Readings

This week	page	Next week	page
Genesis 17.1-7,15,16	13	Exodus 20.1-17	70
Psalms 22.23-31	531	Psalms 19	528
Romans 4.13-25	165	1 Corinthians 1.18-25	177
Mark 8.31-38	47	John 2.13-22	99

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 household** – 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 Janet Mary WATTS; also of any 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, you show to those who are in error the light of your truth, that they may return to the way of righteousness: grant to all those who are admitted into the fellowship of Christ's religion, that they may reject those things that are contrary to their profession, and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same; through our Lord Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen **Amen.**

or Almighty God, by the prayer and discipline of Lent may we enter into the mystery of Christ's sufferings, and by following in his Way come to share in his glory;

through Jesus Christ our Lord **Amen.**

Post Communion Prayer

Almighty God, you see that we have no power of ourselves to help ourselves: keep us both outwardly in our bodies, and inwardly in our souls; that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; 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 - Time: 7pm (coffee) for a 7:15pm start at ChristChurch Church. Word has it that this was really good last Tuesday. Sarah's session is this coming week! 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.**

Daytime Lent course... Wednesday mornings 10:30am at the Good Shepherd meeting room for coffee and biscuits and a simple look back at the previous week's readings.

Banns to be read: ASN - Graham Neil PURVIS & Lucy Victoria GREEN

Birthdays Today – 1st March – Davida MORGAN - ASN- many happy returns, and may God bless you on your birthday, and in the year to come.

This week/regular meetings

Mon 2

Tues 3 Lent course 7pm Christchurch. All Welcome

Weds 4 8:30am @ GS Morning Prayer - all welcome

Thurs 5 13:00 @ GS Funeral of Janet Mary WATTS
PCC 7:15 @ GS

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

Advance dates (for more info please ask):

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 run by Mark and Sarah and evening praise @ English Bicknor

Also 12th July All Saints' Newland 'Cathedral of the Forest'. Sandra Newman and Sue Yelland are organising an (outdoors) production of Twelfth Night, given by Jenny Wickes Theatre productions on Sunday 12th July at All Saints' Newland at about 5.30pm. The idea is for people to come and have picnics and enjoy the performance.

Sandra and Sue are looking for people to join them to help put on/organise the evening and if you would like to be involved, please email them on: Sue Yelland susan.yelland@btinternet.com Sandra Newman sandra@birchampcottage.plus.com

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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