

24th December 2017 – Christmas Eve

Place	This Week	Next Week
All Saints Newland	11.30pm Midnight Mass Joanne Wetherall	United Parish Eucharist 10.30am The Good Shepherd, Broadwell Please not that this is the only service in the parish today
All Saints Staunton	9pm Christmas Eve Mass AW	
St J's @ St MM Coleford	11.30pm Midnight Mass BC	
Good Shepherd B'well	3pm Crib service AW 11.30pm Midnight Mass AW	
St Peter's Clearwell	11am Service of the Word CY	
St Saviour's Redbrook	4pm Christmas Eucharist SB/MB	

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Prayers: In your prayers this week, please pray for: Allan Bidmead

✠ **For the sick, anxious and housebound:** Please let Alan or Alison 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 Carol Tornya &

Melvin Hale who have recently died and also of David Jones whose anniversary of death falls around this time. Do please let Alan or Alison know of any prayers answered, or any changes to the lists that might be needed. Thanks.

Collect for today:

Almighty God, you make us glad with the yearly remembrance of the birth of your Son Jesus Christ: grant that, as we joyfully receive him as our redeemer, so we may with sure confidence behold him when he shall come to be our judge; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

(or)

Almighty God, as we prepare with joy to celebrate the gift of the Christ-child, embrace the earth with your glory and be for us a living hope in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Post Communion:

Eternal God, for whom we wait, you have fed us with the bread of eternal life: keep us ever watchful, that we may be ready to stand before the Son of man, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

News and notices...

Christmas Eve – please note that the only morning service on 24th December will be a Word Service at St Peter's Clearwell. All other Churches will have their services in the afternoon and evening as detailed on the front of the pew sheet.

Christmas Services:

Christmas Day

10.30am – Eucharist Service @ The Good Shepherd, Broadwell
10.30am – Eucharist @ St Peter's, Clearwell

Sunday 31st December – United Parish Eucharist @ The Good Shepherd.

There will not be any other services in the Parish that day.

Christmas week: The Church on the Street will be closed for the whole of the week after Christmas and will re-open on Tuesday 2nd January 2018. There will not be a pew sheet next week (31st December).

Clubs:

Craft Club will resume at 1.30pm on Thursday 11th January 2018

CAMEO will resume at 2.30pm on 16th January 2018

Saturday morning Coffee and Chat will resume on 17th March 2018

Resolve: This four week course will be held on 4 consecutive Wednesdays during January starting @ 7pm on 10th January at the Memorial Hall in Clearwell: 'New Year: A time for fresh starts and resolutions. But how easy is it to stick to these resolutions on your own? Diets, diaries, dancing classes – finding the motivation to make real change in your life is tough but this year could be different... This January groups of people will be getting together to support each other as we work to make positive changes to our lives. We will look at how we can put our New Year Resolutions into practice and make lasting changes. Come alone or grab a friend and get ready to get your life on track for 2018.' The course is designed primarily for those who don't go to church regularly but is open to all – all the EMEP team will be attending as we are keen to see what it is all about! Invitations will be given out at all our Christmas services so if you are interested or think you may know someone who is please let me know in the New year so I can give you more details.

Food Bank: I received a lovely letter this morning from the Forest Food Bank thanking us for the donation of £115 and the food collection which they took to the food bank last week. Thank you everyone for your generosity.

Birthdays: For those with a Birthday around Christmas time - Many Happy Returns and may God bless you this week, and in the year to come!

Banns: SPC: Matthew HODGES & Kim WYATT (Third time of asking)

This week's regular meetings:

None during Christmas week.

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