

11th February 2018 – Next Before Lent

Welcome!

Place	This Week	Next Week
All Saints Newland	No service	4pm Evensong BE
All Saints Staunton	No Service	No Service
St J's @ St MM Coleford	No Service 9.30am Eucharist @ Church on Street AW	9.30am Eucharist AW
Good Shepherd B'well	11am Euch BC	11am Word CH
St Peter's Clearwell	11am Word CY	11am Eucharist AW Followed by LCC
St Saviour's Redbrook	4pm AAW/ship MB	No Service

Readings

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2 Kings 2.1-12	356	Genesis 9.8-17	8
Psalms 50.1-6	549	Psalms 25.1-9	532
2 Corinthians 4.3-6	193	1 Peter 3.18-22	251
Mark 9.2-9	47	Mark 1.9-15	37

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

✠ **For the sick, anxious and housebound:** Ivy Harris & Bea Erskine.
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. Do please let Alan or Alison know of any prayers answered, or any changes to the lists that might be needed. Thank you.

✠ **For those who mourn**, especially for Ivy and her family as they mourn the death of her son Bob and also of Eric Nash whose anniversary of death falls around this time.

Collect for today:

Almighty Father, whose Son was revealed in majesty before he suffered death upon the cross: give us grace to perceive his glory, that we may be strengthened to suffer with him and be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

(or)

Holy God, you know the disorder of our sinful lives: set straight our crooked hearts, and bend our wills to love your goodness and your glory in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Post Communion:

Holy God, we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ: may we who are partakers at his table reflect his life in word and deed, that all the world may know his power to change and save. This we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

News and notices...

14th February - Ash Wednesday There will be an Ash Wednesday Service at 11am @ the Good Shepherd.

Lent Lunches – These 'Soup and a roll' lunches will be held on the following Fridays @ 12 noon @ the Good Shepherd: 16th & 23rd February, 2nd, 9th, 16th & 23rd March. We will be asking for a suggested donation which will be split 50/50 between the Parish and Christian Aid. We already have some volunteers to make soup but could do with a few more people and also some folk to come and help with washing up and clearing away. If you can help please let me know on 01594 368849. Thanks. Alison.

Women's World Day of Prayer – Friday 2nd March, 2pm @ St Margaret Mary. This year the Catholic and Anglican congregations are jointly hosting the service at St MM. The ecumenical service had been written by the women of Suriname. We need people to read the prepared words so if anyone from the Mid-Wyedean Churches would like to help please contact Jean Hewlett tel 833361; jeanmhewlett@gmail.com as soon as possible for more info.

11th March – Bishop Robert visits the Parish to take the following services: 9.30am Eucharist @ St Margaret Mary & 11am Baptism Celebration Service @ St Peter's Clearwell. There will also be the normal 11am Eucharist @ GSB and 4pm at SSR.

Lent Group – starts on Tuesday 20th February @ Christchurch @ 7 for 7.30pm.

Alpha Course – starts on Tuesday 20th February @ The Mount of Olives Church @ 7.15pm

Birthdays: To all who have a Birthday this week - Many Happy Returns and may God bless you this week, and in the year to come!

Banns: SPC Jessica May Teague & Daniel Jones; Charles Bundy & Sophie Neville. (Second time of calling).

This week's regular meetings:

Mon 12th
 Tues 13th No Morning prayer @ All Saints, Newland today
 Weds 14th 8.30am @ Good Shepherd, Broadwell. Morning Prayer
 Thurs 15th 1.30pm Craft club @ Good Shepherd, Broadwell
 7.30pm Hot Potato discussion @ The White Horse, Staunton
 Fri 16th 12 noon Lent Lunch @ Good Shepherd, Broadwell
 Sat 17th 4.30pm Mustard Tree meet @ St John's Academy

Dates for your Diaries (more details will be given nearer the time)

26th February – Haiti – Hurricanes and Hope - Christian Aid talk @ St Stephens Church, Cinderford. 7pm.

27th March – Palm Sunday. United Parish Eucharist @ All Saints, Newland.

6th/7th May – Parish Flower Festival @ St Peter's, Clearwell. 'Leisure Pursuits'. If you would like to do a flower arrangement, please call Betty on 562680.

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