



Mid-Wyedean Churches

serving Coleford, Clearwell,
Newland, Redbrook, Staunton
and surrounding communities

Sunday August 3rd
7th Sunday after Trinity

BIBLE READINGS

Ecclesiastes 1.2,12-14; 2.18-23

Psalms 49.1-12

Colossians 3.1-11

Luke 12.13-21

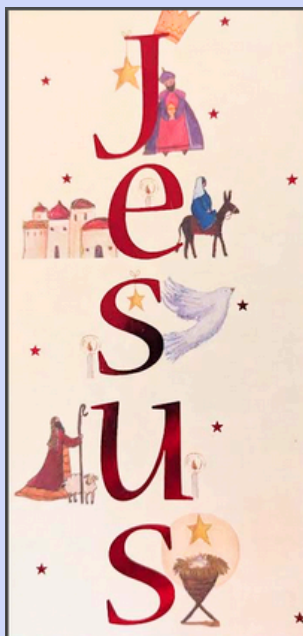
PRAYER FOR THIS SUNDAY

Generous God,
you give us gifts and make them grow:
though our faith is small as mustard seed,
make it grow to your glory
and the flourishing of your kingdom;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

REFLECTIONS.....MARIAN IVENS

Back in 2020 I was very ill in hospital. When I was not just managing the pain I prayed, though mostly, I speechlessly, "just hung in there." It was not easy to be articulate, to pray in words or to converse, but I was blessed with pictures.

Several Christmases ago I was sent this slim card with the name of Jesus written down its length. There was something that made me keep that card and in hospital I was able to ask myself why?



My question led to a frank conversation with Jesus. I confessed that I did not have any problems with God as Father and the Holy Spirit as a spiritual companion, and even with Jesus when he walked on earth, but there was something that I did not "get" regarding the status of Jesus now.

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It was, as Colossians 3 verse 1 says, "**If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of the Father.**" That was "the bit" I had not got! My head, maybe, but not my heart. I find this "head/heart" thing quite a challenge if I am honest!

I believe it was because I was so vulnerable in my illness and my intellect was exhausted, that the truth could bypass my intellect, and I really "got it!" I could not over think it. God in His mercy showed me in a picture, that was more than a picture, Jesus at the right hand of God, as He is NOW, interceding for us, for me. And, against the odds, I recovered. As the hymn goes, "Only by Grace can we enter," and that, only by the blood of Jesus, his death and resurrection; "**For you have died and your life is hid with Christ in God.**"

Colossians 3 v.3

Dear Church Friends, we are more precious to God than our intellect, hearts and bodies can imagine! His Grace is unfathomable.

Love Marian.

SERVICES THIS SUNDAY 3RD AUGUST

The Good Shepherd, Broadwell 10.30am

Parish Communion

St.Saviours, Redbrook 4.00pm

All age, family friendly service

SERVICES NEXT SUNDAY 10TH AUGUST

The Good Shepherd, Broadwell 10.30am

Communion

All Saints, Newland 10.30am

Communion

All Saints, Staunton 4.00pm

Evening Prayer

PRAYERS AND NOTICES

GIVE THANKS....

- **for holidays and times of relaxation-** for the rest it gives our bodies and minds, for the chance to meet family and friends, and for the opportunities to see things from a different perspective

PRAY....

- **for Sue, Andrew and all the family-** John passed away peacefully in his sleep in the early hours of Tuesday morning;
- **Also for Mary, Alan and family** - Wendy Lewis died early Wednesday morning.
- **for all those who mourn-** Denise and all her family; for the family of the late Stuart McKenzie; morning. **'Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.'** Matt 5: 4
- **for those who are ill or in hospital,** including Jackie, Monica, Steve, and others known to us. May they be comforted and healed.

REGULAR EVENTS + MEETINGS

MUSTARD SEEDS

Stay & Play for 0-5 years old.

Tuesdays in term time, 9.45-11.30am
at Coleford Baptist Church.



Next meeting on Tuesday 9th September

TOGETHER FOR PRAYER

Tuesdays 12.00- 1.00 at The Vicarage.
All Welcome

CRAFT CLUB



Crafts in Good Company at The
Good Shepherd, Broadwell,
Thursdays, 2- 4 pm

(No meeting on Thursday 7th August)



Over the summer holidays
families with children often
need more support.

If you wish to help, you can donate food, money, or time.
See the website for details theforest.foodbank.org.uk

Alternatively, In order to get a food parcel from The Forest Foodbank folks will require an e-referral from one of the following agencies:

CCP Gloucestershire Community based support-
Cinderford, Coleford and Lydney, Housing Budgeting
Phone 0300 365 2002

FODCAB -North and West Gloucestershire Citizens
Advice Low income Phone 0300 330 9006

Age UK 01452 422660

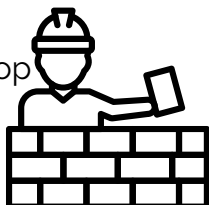
Help through hardship 0808 2082138

FOD Families Assessment Teams Social care 01452
426565

Salvation Army Low income, social care debt 01594
839106

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

Stone Masonry Workshop
26th - 28th September
at Redbrook Church
More details to follow



BROADWELL CHAT

Coffee and chat

Every 1st Thursday of the month 10.00-12.00 at The Good Shepherd Church, Broadwell. Children & pets welcome.

Next meeting Thursday 7th August

MUSIC + COMPLINE (NIGHT PRAYER)

A quiet time at the end of
the week at St.Peters
Church, Clearwell
Fortnightly on Fridays 6.15-
6.45pm, **next on Aug 1st**,
then 15th, 29th and
Sept 12th



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