



Mid-Wydean Churches

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

Sunday August 31st
11th Sunday after Trinity

BIBLE READINGS

Ecclesiasticus 10.12-18 or Proverbs 25.6-7

Psalms 112

Hebrews 13.1-8, 15-16

Luke 14.1, 7-14

PRAYER FOR THIS SUNDAY

God of glory, the end of our searching,
help us to lay aside all that prevents us from seeking your
kingdom, and to give all that we have to gain the pearl
beyond all price, through our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen

REFLECTIONS.....MARIAN IVENS

The opening verses of Hebrews 13 is a list of the characteristics which should mark out the followers of Jesus. "Hospitality," at the top of the list indicates that the virtues which follow flow from this lead. Significantly, the Greek root word for hospitality is "philoxenia," which literally means "love of the stranger." Therefore, verse 2's, "for thereby some have entertained angels," is very apt. This is a direct reference to Genesis 18, where Abraham shows unstinting hospitality to the 3 strangers who visit him, who indeed are "strange," for they are angels!

The story of Sodom and Gomorrah follows directly from this meeting. God destroys the cities for "their pride, excess of food and prosperous ease," BUT most of all because they "did not help the poor the poor and needy." Ezekiel 16 verses 49, 50

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The brutal violence resulting from Lot's entertaining of strangers in his home is graphic and horrifying. The story of Sodom and Gomorrah demanding that we show radical hospitality is important, but as important as hospitality to others is, the deeper meaning is of God's gracious hospitality to us. God's call on us to show hospitality to the poor, the needy and the stranger is connected to seeing ourselves as poor needy strangers to whom God shows overwhelming abundant grace and hospitality, despite our weakness and resistance.

As 1 John 4 verse 19 succinctly observes:
"We love because He first loved us."

Love Marian.

SERVICES THIS SUNDAY 31ST AUGUST

The Good Shepherd, Broadwell 10.30am
Parish Communion

SERVICES NEXT SUNDAY 7TH SEPTEMBER

The Good Shepherd, Broadwell 10.30am
Parish Communion
St.Saviour's, Redbrook 4.00pm
All age, family friendly service

PRAYERS AND NOTICES

GIVE THANKS....

for all the tourists visiting our area in this holiday season, and all the benefits they bring to the local economy, and our way of life. In particular for the many visitors to our church buildings.

PRAY....

- for children and school staff who are going back to school in the next few days, particularly those starting at a new school.

- for those who are ill or in hospital-

Jackie

Monica,

Dean & family,

Sue Ridston, and others known to us.

May they be comforted and healed.

- for people caught up in the conflicts in Gaza and Ukraine, and that the talks between leaders will prove to be fruitful.

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

Christmas Craft Fayre

Saturday 8th November at The Good Shepherd

PRACTICAL TRAINING IN LIME MORTAR + CONSERVATION MASONRY SKILLS

St. Saviour's church, Redbrook
Fri 26th to Sun 28th September

Four highly experienced conservators will supervise and give demonstrations. This course will be of interest to both professionals and amateurs hoping to develop practical conservation skills.

Full fees £200 or £100 for single day. Some discounted and free places are available to local people willing to commit to voluntary work on Redbrook church and for young people who are just starting out.

Email- masonry.midwyedean@gmail.com



RAFFLE PRIZES

Please could we have donations of raffle prizes for the upcoming fashion show and Christmas craft fayre, Donations can be left in the basket in the vestry at the Good Shepherd. Many thanks. Ann

BIRTHDAYS

Happy Birthday Daphne



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

Next meeting 2nd Sept



CRAFT CLUB

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

No meeting 18th September

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 4th September

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 29th
and finally Sept 12th

These will be the last occasions to
experience this beautiful service this year



Good Shepherd Fashion Show

Friday 3rd October 7.00pm
at Terri Chance Boutique,
Lydney

In aid of the refurbishment of
the main doors at The Good
Shepherd Church, Broadwell

Tickets: £5 -Phone Betty on 01594 562680
or email office.midwyedean@gmail.com
or Teri Chance, or on the door