



Mid-Wydean Churches

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

Sunday October 12th
17th Sunday after Trinity

BIBLE READINGS

2 Kings 5.1-3,7-15c

Psalms 111

2 Timothy 2.8-15

Luke 17.11-19

PRAYER FOR THIS SUNDAY

Gracious God,
you call us to fullness of life:
deliver us from unbelief
and banish our anxieties
with the liberating love of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

REFLECTIONS.....REV. ROBERT SIMPSON

Hope you are enjoying the beauty of the trees around us as the leaves change and we are surrounded by these beautiful autumn colours.

Our Old Testament reading this week is one of the most significant in the Old Testament. It signifies a change in direction for God's people. Up to that point the land of Israel was their focus. Sadly, then as now, the Jews had neglected their founding promise to Abraham, **Genesis 12:3b, "through you all peoples shall be blessed!"**

This is the founding promise of both the Jews and the Church. Judah had been conquered by the Babylonians and its leading people taken back to Babylon. Those left thought those exiles were being punished and that God would deliver those remaining in Judah. Jeremiah's words to the exiles turn this on its head.

"Work for the good of the cities where I have made you go as prisoners. Pray to me on their behalf, because if they are prosperous, you will be prosperous too." Jeremiah 29:7. God is acting towards bringing the Jews out of their narrow view of the world. It was the exiles and others who were later taken into exile who provided the communities in which the Church was planted and from which it spread. This challenge is for us. It is too easy to focus on the church and its survival rather than seeing God's new thing.

CONTINUED....

There are many places in the world where people cannot hear the good news of Jesus. So what is God doing? He is bringing them to us. Are we open to God's call? Do we see migrants as a threat or as God call us to an opportunity? Let us support Gloucestershire Action for Refugees and Asylum Seekers (GARAS) in their ministry to asylum seekers.

Have you heard of the silent revival? There is a sea change in how the teens and twenties are viewing faith. Atheism is out and there is a new openness to faith. Let us use the opportunities we have to be open to our children and grandchildren, nephews and nieces about what we believe.

The folk of Jeremiah's time were fearful of the changes in their time- let us be encouraged by God's words and actions and use the opportunities he is giving us in the power of the Spirit.

Every blessing
Robert.

SERVICES THIS SUNDAY 12TH OCTOBER

The Good Shepherd, Broadwell 10.30am

All age, family-friendly service

All Saints, Newland 10.30am

Communion

All Saints, Staunton 4.00pm

Harvest service followed by Harvest tea

SERVICES NEXT SUNDAY 19TH OCTOBER

The Good Shepherd, Broadwell 10.30am

Parish Harvest Communion

HARVEST SERVICES

All Saints, Staunton- Sun 12th Oct

The Good Shepherd, Broadwell - Sun 19th Oct



PRAYERS AND NOTICES

RIP MARGARET WINTER

Margaret Winter died recently at Nevill Hall hospital. This comes very soon after the death of her husband Ken. Margaret had been both warden and lay worship leader at Redbrook. Our prayers for Margaret's family at such a difficult time. Ken's funeral took place with great joy on Saturday 4th 11:30am at St Saviour's. Margaret's service to be arranged for November date tbc

PRAY....

- for Sue R. and the inspiration she is giving to others, Jackie. Monica. Dean and family. Elijah and family, the family of Ken and Margaret Winter
- that Leaders in our local churches are committed to transformation; for growing collaboration among clergy across parish boundaries; that shared ministry may bring support and companionship; that leaders may be inspired by the Holy Spirit and filled with hope; and for the development of strong networks to support all our leaders, enabling the mission and ministry of our Diocese.

GIVE THANKS....

.....And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people. Ephesians 6:18

Please let me know of any people or situations who need to be added to (or taken off!) the prayer requests above.

Many Thanks. John- midwyedeannews@gmail.com



Good Shepherd Fashion Show

The fashion show at Teri Chances boutique on Friday was a great success despite the awful weather people came and a good time was had by all. We raised £500 towards the work needed on the doors at the Good Shepherd. Thanks are due to many people but especially the models and Teri and her team for making it all possible.

Ann

Harvest Service & Harvest Tea

All Saints Church, Staunton
4.00pm 12th October

Soup & Crusty Bread, Dessert, and a Drink

Donations of food will go to The Forest Food Bank.

Suggested donation of £4 towards the tea.

Ring Lou or Denise if you'd like to come 01594 860022



REGULAR EVENTS + MEETINGS



MUSTARD SEEDS

Stay & Play for 0-5 years old.

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

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

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 6th November

CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAYRE



Craft stalls, Raffle, Cake Stall,
light Lunches & Refreshments

Saturday 8th november

10.00-2.00pm

at The Good Shepherd

CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR REQUESTS

I'd appreciate it if we could continue to have donations of raffle prizes (thanks for everything so far), and also now, offers of cakes for the cake stall & as refreshments. Donations can be left in the basket in the vestry at the Good Shepherd.

Many thanks. Ann

REDBROOK MUSIC NIGHTS

Family friendly food & open mic. All Welcome

5.30pm-7.30pm

Second Saturdays-

11th Oct, 8th Nov, 13th Dec

at St.Saviours, Redbrook



Any enquiries, contact Nicholette at the Parish Office on 07933 935534, or at office.midwyedean@gmail.com.

Newsletter Items should be emailed by Wed 12 Noon to John- midwyedeannews@gmail.com