



Mid-Wyedean Churches

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

Sunday October 5th
16th Sunday after Trinity

BIBLE READINGS

Habakkuk 1.1-4; 2.1-4

Psalms 37.1-9

2 Timothy 1.1-14

Luke 17.5-10

PRAYER FOR THIS SUNDAY

Lord of creation,
whose glory is around and within us:
open our eyes to your wonders,
that we may serve you with reverence
and know your peace at our lives' end,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

REFLECTIONS.....REV. SARAH BICK

The gospel reading starts with the disciples asking Jesus to increase their faith. So what had Jesus said that prompted this request?

Well, the two things Jesus had most recently said were (I paraphrase):

Woe betide you if you get in the way of someone else's faith, that, as my representatives, if you do or say anything that misrepresents who I am, woe betide you - this is the millstone round the neck verse, serious stuff.

And secondly, Jesus says that if someone close to you does something wrong and says sorry and you forgive them, and then they repeatedly do the same thing and keep saying sorry, you have to keep forgiving them, with no mounting irritation but at least equal amounts of grace.

So I imagine the disciples are thinking what I would be thinking: Well! This is going to be challenging. Could you see your way to increasing our faith, Lord? - maybe we'll be in with an iota of a chance of living up to this stuff.

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Their request is met with one of the mustard seed-sized faith analogies, in this case telling a mulberry tree to uproot itself and replant itself in the sea.

These men have uprooted themselves and followed Jesus around for a couple of years now, and he seems to imply their faith is minuscule to the point of non-existence? That seems a bit unfair!

But Jesus's point is that the whole way they are looking at it needs reframing. It's not about how big their faith is, if only they understood whom they have faith in. It's not about them, it is about God. When they 'let go and let God', their faith will be able to move ranges of mountains covered in Mulberry trees!

Or even to forgive, again and again.

SERVICES THIS SUNDAY 5TH OCTOBER

The Good Shepherd, Broadwell 10.30am

Parish Communion

St.Saviours, Redbrook 4.00pm

Family-friendly Harvest service

SERVICES NEXT 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

HARVEST SERVICES

St.Saviours, Redbrook- Sun 5th Oct

All Saints, Staunton- Sun 12th Oct

The Good Shepherd, Broadwell - Sun 19th Oct



PRAYERS AND NOTICES

RIP MARGARET WINTER

Margaret Winter died on Monday 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 will go ahead on Saturday 4th 11:30am at St Saviour's.

PRAY....

- for Jackie, Monica, Dean and family, Elijah and family, the family of Ken and Margaret Winter
- for initiatives that combat injustice, protect creation, and overcome exclusion and isolation, that all may flourish.
- for the use of sport, music, and art to build relationships and share the Christian faith.
- for creative ways of connecting with new housing developments, building communities of faith and friendship.
- for people and programmes that inspire young people to explore and grow in faith.

GIVE THANKS....

for the harvest that God provides every year, particularly when there are bumper crops, and also for the beautiful autumn colours.

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

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

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

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 2nd October

BIRTHDAYS

Happy Birthday Sue-here's a lovely pot of cyclamen for you !



.....and Mary- a scrumptious cake for later in the week.



CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAYRE



Craft stalls, Raffle, Cake Stall, light Lunches & Refreshments
Saturday 8th november
10.00-2.00pm
at The Good Shepherd

REDBROOK MUSIC NIGHTS

Family friendly food & open mic. All Welcome

5.30pm-7.30pm

Second Saturdays-
11thOct, 8thNov, 13thDec
at St.Saviours, Redbrook



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