



## Mid-Wydean Churches

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

Sunday November 30<sup>th</sup>

1st Sunday of Advent



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### BIBLE READINGS

Isaiah 2.1-5

Psalms 122

Romans 13.11-14

Matthew 24.36-44

### PRAYER FOR THIS SUNDAY

Almighty God,  
as your kingdom dawns,  
turn us from the darkness of sin to the  
light of holiness,  
that we may be ready to meet you  
in our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen

### REFLECTIONS.....MARIAN IVENS

Let's Celebrate!  
Romans 13 verse 14

This time of year there are parties, dinners; we put on our best clothes and we feel festive and special. To "put on," one dictionary defines as, to "adorn" oneself with clothing - just like when we go partying!

Likewise, when we become Christians, we "put on" Christ, like a garment, a party garment, for we have indeed, much to celebrate; life in all its fullness. From this moment, our goal in life is to become in practice, what we became in position, when we first believed; to become to those who see us what we are to God who sees us - loved and celebrated. At Christmas we celebrate, "Emmanuel, God with us," now, and in this verse from Romans "put" also means now. We are to "put on the Lord Jesus" every day, not just for Christmas celebrations.

### CONTINUED....

"Put on the Lord Jesus," can be a puzzling expression; "one of those religious phrases" - a bit "theological," but read alongside the Gospel reading and the Old Testament reading in this Advent Season, the joy of knowing Jesus as the song says, is incontestable.

"Knowing You, Jesus, Knowing You,  
There is no greater thing,  
You're my all, You're the best,  
You're my joy, my righteousness."  
(Graham Kendrick)

Click here for [Youtube Video](#)

Love Marian

### SERVICES THIS SUNDAY 30<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER

**The Good Shepherd, Broadwell 10.30am**  
Parish Communion

### SERVICES NEXT SUNDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER

**The Good Shepherd, Broadwell 10.30am**  
Parish Communion

**St. Saviours, Redbrook 4.00pm**

All age, family friendly service with the Baptism of Elizabeth Lewis-Jenkins

### GIVE THANKS....

during Advent for the hope that Jesus' return brings; for God's peace in our hearts and communities, and for the fellowship of friends & family.

### PRAY....

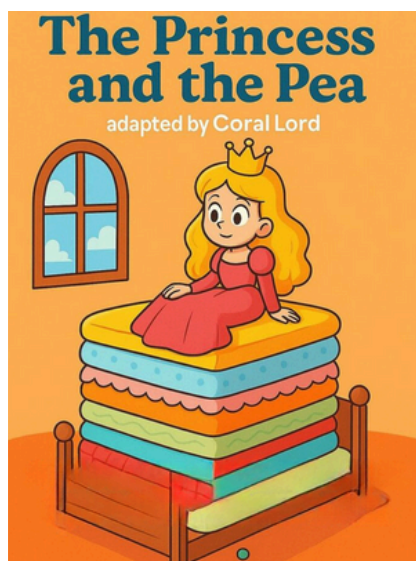
- that God will grant us the grace to hope in Him with unwavering trust. **As we begin this season of Advent**, may our hearts be filled with the hope that comes from knowing **His promises are true.**
- for all those who are sick or sad in our parish:  
Naomi & her baby son Percy- who is about to be moved to Bristol Hospital with a serious infection- that he will recover and gain strength so that his heart operation can soon take place;  
Sue R. and the inspiration she is giving to others  
Philip & his mum Lois  
Jackie  
Dean and family  
Elijah and family.  
Elizabeth Lewis-Jenkins, being baptised on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup>, and her family

### REST IN PEACE JUNE BOVILL

June Bovill sadly died recently at the Community Hospital in Cinderford, following living with dementia for the last few years. We remember June (and Terry) from being part of our St John's family over many years, and the sadness of how much the Covid lockdowns affected their health. We pray for Stella and Steve and the family at this time. June's funeral will take place on Monday 8th December, 11:30 am at the crematorium.

Please let me or Sarah 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

### HIGH-ENERGY PANTO: OH YES IT IS !....



Get ready for giggles, mishaps, and a mountain of mattresses! **The Lydbrook Players** bring you a hilarious, high-energy panto packed with outrageous characters, catchy tunes, and one very tiny pea causing big drama. Will the true princess be found—or just a bruised backside and a lot of chaos?

Lydbrook Memorial Hall  
11th Dec 7:30pm, 12th Dec 7:30pm  
13th Dec 2:30pm, 14th Dec 2:30pm

Tickets  
Children £3  
Adults £7

**Tickets available on the door or online below**

<https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/lydbrook-players/the-princess-and-the-pea/e-agezkq>

**Any enquiries, contact Nicholette at the Parish Office on Fridays 8.30-3.00 or phone 07933 935534,**

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

## REGULAR EVENTS + MEETINGS

### MUSTARD SEEDS



Stay & Play for 0-5 years old.

Tuesdays in term time, 9.45-11.15am  
at Coleford Baptist Church.

### TOGETHER FOR PRAYER

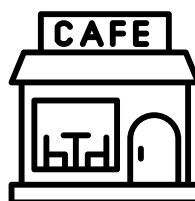
Tuesdays 12.00- 1.00 at The Vicarage.

All Welcome

### BROADWELL CHAT

Coffee and chat **(NB see below!)**

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



**Next meeting Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> December**, when we'll meet at 10.00 at the Good Shepherd, **then be transported to 'Cafe Vanilla', Lydbrook !**, then back to church at 12ish. All welcome, even if you are not a regular. Don't let the cost of the coffee be a problem- **we have several coffees 'paid forward'!** You'll be able to get a lift as well.

### CRAFT CLUB

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



**last meeting of the year Thurs 11th December**  
**restart on Thurs 8th January.**

### REDBROOK MUSIC NIGHTS

Family friendly food & open mic. All Welcome

**5.30pm-7.30pm**

**Second Saturdays**

**Next on 13<sup>th</sup> Dec-Last Chance this year!**

at St.Saviours, Redbrook





# Christmas Services and Events at Mid-Wyedean Churches

## Sunday Dec 14th

10:30am Good Shepherd, Broadwell - Crib and Christingle

5:00pm All Saints Newland - Beer and Carols

## Tuesday Dec 16th

10:00am Coleford Baptist Church - Nursery Rhyme Nativity

## Thursday Dec 18th

7:00pm St.Saviours, Redbrook - Carols on the Green

## Friday Dec 19th

6:00pm All Saints, Staunton - Carols Round the Tree with pets and crafts.

Open from 5pm for craft sale and refreshments, followed by carols at 6:00pm

## Sunday Dec 21st

10:30am St.Peters, Clearwell - Parish carols and communion

4:00pm The Good Shepherd, Broadwell - Carol service with Lessons and Carols

## Monday Dec 22nd

5:30pm Carols at the Coleford Clocktower

## Christmas Eve: Wednesday Dec 24th

6:00pm St.Saviours, Redbrook - Family Friendly Christmas Communion

11:30pm All Saints, Newland - 'Midnight Mass'

11:30pm The Good Shepherd, Broadwell - 'Midnight Mass'

## Christmas Day: Thursday Dec 25th

9:30am Bells Hotel - Informal communion

9:30am All Saints Staunton - Christmas Communion (by extension)

10:30am All Saints, Newland - Christmas Communion

10:30am The Good Shepherd, Broadwell - Christmas Communion

## Sunday Dec 28th

10:30am All Saints Newland - Parish Communion



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Join us to  
celebrate the  
true meaning  
of Christmas

