



Mid-Wydean Churches

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

Sunday December 21st & 28th

4th Sunday of Advent & 1st Sunday of Christmas



BIBLE READINGS 21ST

Isaiah 7.10-16

Psalms 80.1-8, 18-20

Romans 1.1-7

Matthew 1.18-25

BIBLE READINGS 28TH

Isaiah 63.7-9

Psalms 148

Hebrews 2.10-18

Matthew 2.13-23

PRAYER FOR SUNDAY 21ST

Eternal God, as Mary waited for the birth of your Son,
so we wait for his coming in glory;
bring us through the birth pangs of this present age
to see, with her, our great salvation
in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

REFLECTIONS.....REV. SARAH BICK

So, the fourth Sunday of Advent, but also
Christmas itself before our next publication.

And so many things running through my mind
about what to say! 'Gen Z', according to the news,
showing more wisdom than their parents'
generation in seeking a simpler Christmas,
reducing spending money in favour of spending
time with people they love, doing simple things
they enjoy - possibly even coming to church!
Being in the Cathedral with a choir to sing carols
while paying visitors wander round looking at the
decorations and lights, and getting to spend more
money in the refectory and the gift shop - and
finding that rather than walk past us, so many
people just sat in the Nave and listened.
Singing 'It came upon the Midnight Clear' that
same evening and thinking the two thoughts I
always seem to think. 1. When it says 'Angels
bending near the earth' thinking instead of 'Angels
dining at the Ritz' from A Nightingale Sang in
Berkley Square (daft brain I have) 2. More
seriously, with the world as it is, being so struck by
the lines
And man, at war with man, hears not
The love-song which they bring:
O hush the noise, ye men of strife
And hear the angels sing
and making it my prayer.

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And then, for the fourth Sunday of Advent,
remembering Mary and her response to her Angel
messenger.

The spontaneous prayer of her heart realising that
God was turning the world upside down.

He has shown strength with his arm;
he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their
hearts.

He has brought down the powerful from their
thrones,

and lifted up the lowly;

he has filled the hungry with good things,
and sent the rich away empty.

Those of you at the Good Shepherd last Sunday
will have heard me say for me, the incarnation is 'it'.
Gen Z are refinding something real by turning the
excesses of Christmas upside down. Whilst
Christmas is undoubtedly a celebration, let us
remember the mission is saving the world and
saving our hearts.

SERVICES THIS SUNDAY 21ST DECEMBER

10:30am St.Peters, Clearwell

Parish carols and communion

4.00pm The Good Shepherd, Broadwell

Carol service with Lessons and Carols

FOR CHRISTMAS SERVICES SEE PAGE 4

SERVICES NEXT SUNDAY 28TH DECEMBER

10:30am All Saints Newland

Parish Communion

SERVICES SUNDAY 4TH JANUARY

10:30am The Good Shepherd, Broadwell

Parish Communion

**No Redbrook Service in January - next
service 1st Feb**

REGULAR EVENTS + MEETINGS

GIVE THANKS....

for answered prayers- particularly for Naomi's son Percy- who has had a successful heart operation !
.....and also for prayers that have been answered by God in His wisdom, and maybe not in the way we anticipated

PRAY....

- for our Faith- that we will all be inspired to discover what it is to live out our faith every day, and to live as adventurous followers of Jesus Christ.
- for those who are sick or sad in our parish: Naomi & her baby son Percy- for his continued care;
Sue R. and the inspiration she gives to others
Philip & his mum Lois- for his operation to take place soon
Jackie
Dean and family
Elijah and family.

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

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Thanks to Christopher Carver

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CAN YOU CHECK SANTA'S NICE LIST ...
I'M PRETTY SURE I'M ON THAT ONE



MUSTARD SEEDS

Stay & Play for 0-5 years old.
Tuesdays in term time,
9.45-11.15am
at Coleford Baptist Church.

reopens 6th January

TOGETHER FOR PRAYER

Tuesdays 12.00- 1.00 at The Vicarage.
All Welcome

BROADWELL CHAT - COFFEE AND CHAT

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



Next Meeting: Thursday 8th January 2026



CRAFT CLUB

Crafts in Good Company
at The Good Shepherd, Broadwell,
Thursdays, 2- 4 pm
restart on Thurs 8th January.

BIRTHDAYS

Many Happy Returns
to Sue S.



LOVE

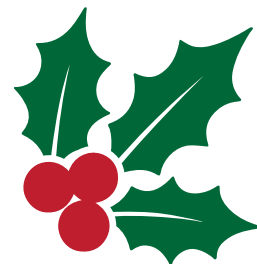
ADVENT 2025: WEEK 4



DAY	VERSE	REFLECTION QUESTION
Sunday Dec. 21	Mark 12:29-30	What do you think it looks like to love God with everything you've got, including your strength, affection, intellect, and entire being?
Monday Dec. 22	Mark 12:29-31	How does loving your neighbor as yourself relate to loving God?
Tuesday Dec. 23	Luke 6:35	When you read about God being kind to ungrateful and wicked people, how do you feel?
Wednesday Dec. 24	1 John 4:8-9	What do you think it means when the Bible says God not only acts in love but <i>is</i> love?
Thursday Dec. 25	1 John 4:17	How would you describe the difference between Jesus' way of love and the common understanding of love as something you can fall in or out of?

[For all of advent, and extra resources click here](#)

Christmas Services and Events at Mid-Wyedean Churches



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!

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 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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