



Mid-Wyedean Churches

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

Sunday January 18th
2nd Sunday of Epiphany

BIBLE READINGS

Isaiah 49.1-7

Psalms 40.1-12

1 Corinthians 1.1-9

John 1.29-42

PRAYER FOR THIS SUNDAY

Eternal Lord,

our beginning and our end:

bring us with the whole creation

to your glory, hidden through past ages

and made known

in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

REFLECTIONS.....MARK BICK

John 1 v29 to 42 – the baptism of Jesus and the calling of the first disciples.

What was it about Jesus that caused these two young working men to upend their lives and follow Him? They had already responded to the call to repentance of John the Baptist. John describes Jesus, filled with the Holy Spirit, as God's Lamb, the Messiah. They respond by following Jesus.

This song from the Iona community immediately came into my mind; expressing the challenge, excitement, depth and breadth of the call of Jesus:

Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?
Will you go where you don't know and never be the same?

Will you let my love be shown, Will you let my name be known,
Will you let my life be grown In you and you in me?

Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name?

Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same?

Will you risk the hostile stare, should your life attract or scare?

Will you let me answer prayer In you and you in me?

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Will you let the blinded see if I but call your name?
Will you set the prisoners free and never be the same?
Will you kiss the leper clean, and do such as this unseen,
And admit to what I mean
In you and you in me?

Will you love the 'you' you hide if I but call your name?
Will you quell the fear inside and never be the same?
Will you use the faith you've found to reshape the world around,
Through my sight and touch and sound
In you and you in me?

Lord, your summons echoes true when you but call my name.
Let me turn and follow you and never be the same.
In your company I'll go where your love and footsteps show.
Thus I'll move and live and grow
In you and you in me.

[Listen to the song by clicking here...](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=o46gPRLdbHU)

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SERVICES THIS SUNDAY 18TH JANUARY

10:30am The Good Shepherd, Broadwell
Parish Communion

SERVICES NEXT SUNDAY 25TH JANUARY

9.30am All Saints, Staunton

Communion

10:30am All Saints, Newland

Communion

GIVE THANKS....

- that baby Percy had a successful heart operation
- that from 18th-25th January, Christians from around the world are having a week of prayer for Christian Unity (see prayer below)

PRAY....

- Loving God, In this fractured world we are called to be instruments of unity. We are called to be a people of prayer, and during this season we pray for greater unity within and between churches, and between Christians of all traditions. Bless us with love for each other, with a desire to understand our differences and to live in peace and harmony together. Be with Christians around the world as we pray together that all may be one so that the world may believe. In the name of Jesus, Amen
- for those who are sick or sad in our parish:
Sue R, Philip & his mum Lois, Jackie, Dean and family, Elijah and family. Lisa, Percy

CONCERT IN AID OF MONMOUTH FLOOD RELIEF



by Border Belles
Ladies Choir

**7.00pm Saturday January 31st
at St. Mary's Priory Church, Monmouth**

Tickets £10, Under 16's free, VIP tickets £25- (drinks reception, meet the mayor & conductor, premium seating)

**Tickets available from The Griffin, Whitecross St,
Salt & Pepper, Monnow St,
Borderbelleschoir@Outlook.com Tel: 07782 509219**

YOUR OLD CHRISTMAS CARDS WANTED



The Cobalt Charity is based at a diagnostic imaging unit which supports the NHS. They **upcycle old Christmas cards** and sell them in different venues, such as Yorkley Community Centre. If you'd like to **donate your old Christmas cards**, I'll provide a box at the back of The Good Shepherd Church, Broadwell, and get them to the charity.

Many thanks. Marian

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
1st Thursday of the month
10.00- 12.00 at The Good Shepherd Church, Broadwell.
Children & pets welcome.
Next meeting Thurs 5th Feb



CRAFT CLUB

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



BIRTHDAYS

Happy Birthday this week Ivy, and for next week Wendy. You might have to share the cake !