



BIBLE READINGS

Isaiah 42:1-9
Psalm 29
Acts 10:34-43
Matthew 3:13-17

PRAYER FOR THIS SUNDAY

Heavenly Father,
at the Jordan you revealed Jesus as your Son:
may we recognize him as our Lord
and know ourselves to be your beloved children;
through Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen

REFLECTIONS.....REV ROBERT SIMPSON

This week we come to the Baptism of Jesus. We have jumped some 30 years from the visit of the Magi to John the Baptist's ministry with which Matthew continues his gospel.

John the Baptist is Jesus cousin, some 6 months older, he sees himself, from the words of Isaiah 3 as the voice of one crying in the wilderness to prepare the way of the Lord. We see Jesus sharing in this preparing, One of us!

Yet here there is a new beginning. The baptism of water is not just for repentance, but for the remission of sins! Let's look at what happens, heaven was opened, the Spirit of God descends on Jesus and the Father affirms Jesus as his Son. Baptism's meaning is enlarged, the kingdom of heaven is open for all.

Sunday January 11th
1st Sunday of Epiphany

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Time to reflect on what that means for us. Are we receiving the Spirit of God? Jesus ministry begins and continues through his receiving the Spirit. This is the Father's love gift to us.

Do we seek this each day, acceptance by the Father: you are my child whom I love. Receiving God's life through the Spirit, thus continuing the work of Jesus by showing and sharing his love.

Reflect each morning on the life Jesus has made possible for us then receive and thus communicate it - word and deed- the recreation Jesus came to bring.

Happy new year and Every blessing
Robert

SERVICES THIS SUNDAY 11TH JANUARY

**9.30am All Saints, Staunton- change of time
for this day only**

Morning Prayer

10:30am The Good Shepherd, Broadwell

All age, family friendly service

10:30am All Saints, Newland

Communion

SERVICES NEXT SUNDAY 18TH JANUARY

10:30am The Good Shepherd, Broadwell
Parish Communion

GIVE THANKS....

that around 59 million young lives have been saved since 2000 thanks to the measles vaccine, the World Health Organization reports. The total number of countries that have now eliminated measles stands at 96.

PRAY....

- for those who are sick or sad in our parish:
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.

Lisa - who has young person's arthritis, and is still only in her early 30's. At the moment she is on the strongest painkillers possible. She is off work and hoping the painkillers will have an effect so she can return.

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

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

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

**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 Hazel-
hope you're going out
for a lovely meal in
one of your favourite
places!