



**Mid-Wyedean**  
Churches

**Sunday March 3rd 2024**

3rd Sunday of Lent

### **BIBLE READINGS**

Exodus 20.1-17

Psalm 19

1 Corinthians 1.18-25

John 2.13-22

### **PRAYER FOR THIS SUNDAY**

Eternal God,  
give us insight to discern your will for us,  
to give up what harms us,  
and to seek the perfection we are promised  
in Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen

### **REFLECTIONS.....BY BEA ERSKINE**

So here is

Reflection for the third Sunday in  
Lent. Year B.

The readings for the third Sunday in Lent, are certainly full of drama and awe. The reading from Exodus begins with God's voice instructing the people in the ten commandments. Judging by the reaction of those that were there, it was a booming voice coming from the top of Mount Sinai and they begged Moses not to let God speak to them directly, as it was just too frightening. Then we have in John's gospel, Jesus's white-hot anger at the iniquity he encountered in the temple at Passover and however many times you may have read this passage, it is very dramatic and can still shock us.

### **CONTINUED.....**

Both these passages give a glimpse of the truly awesome power of God and challenge us not to try and domesticate how we think of the living God into something more manageable. These readings bring us up sharply and remind us as we continue through Lent to keep our eye on the Cross, that the crucified and risen Jesus, the embodiment of God's law, the new temple, more terrifying and mysterious than Mount Sinai; full of awe and wonder, travels with us as we walk through the wilderness into the extraordinary light of Easter morning

Bea

### **SERVICES THIS SUNDAY 3RD MARCH**

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

### **SERVICES NEXT SUNDAY 10TH MARCH**

**All Saints, Staunton gam**

Morning prayer

**The Good Shepherd, Broadwell 10.30am**

Parish Communion

**All Saints, Newland 10.30am**

Communion

# PRAYERS AND NOTICES

## WE GIVE THANKS.....

for the commandment of the Lord,  
which enlightens our eyes.  
Daily we desire to follow the decrees of the  
lord, which are, so we tune our lives to the  
Lord, our rock and our redeemer.

## PLEASE PRAY FOR.....

a world where so many people struggle  
to live in peace. We pray for those who  
have to search every day for food or walk  
long distances for clean water. We pray  
for those who are being persecuted for  
their faith. We remember those who  
have fled their homes in fear, especially  
the people of Ukraine and Gaza. We  
thank you, for all the people around the  
world who are trying to bring about  
cease fires and peace agreements.  
Softened hardened hearts and help all  
sides to compromise.  
Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer**  
we pray for those who are suffering  
physical pain, the pain of grief and  
mourning, or the pain of depression  
and mental ill health.  
We trust in your love for all people, and  
your deep desire for their well-being.  
As we name in our hearts those who  
are in the grip of suffering and pain, we  
ask that they may know your comfort  
and healing, both now and in the days  
to come.

Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer**

## Regular Events & Meetings

### CYGNETS 2 SWANS YOUTH DRAMA CREW

Every Sunday, Coleford Baptist Church, 2-4pm.

### MUSTARD SEEDS

Stay & Play for 0-5 years old.  
Every Tuesday in term time, 9-10:45am  
at Coleford Baptist Church. Story and song time,  
messy play, plenty of toys. Drinks & Snacks.

### TOGETHER FOR PRAYER

The Vicarage, Tuesday 12 noon

### LENT BOOK CLUB

Wednesdays 6:30-8pm at Bea's house.  
Book: NT Wright, *Reflecting the Glory*.

### CRAFT CLUB

Crafts in good company at The Good  
Shepherd, Broadwell, Thursdays, 2- 4 pm.

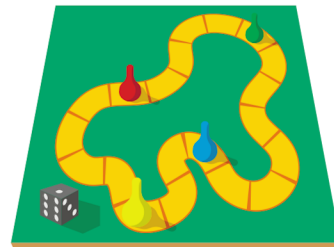
### THE "CHOSEN"

Discussion group - Fridays at  
the Baptist Church  
1pm Bring (and share) lunch,  
1:30 watch the show followed  
by discussion ending at 3pm.



### GAMES NIGHT

Board Games with food.  
Every Friday 5-7pm at  
Coleford Baptist Church.  
All Welcome



### BIRTHDAYS

Happy belated birthday for **Davida Morgan**  
1st March & Birthday wishes for  
**Jean Samuals** on the 6th



### DRESS TO BLESS PRE-LOVED CLOTHES SALE

9th March 18:30-21:00  
At Coleford Baptist Church  
£5 Entry Including drink  
Any Clothes Donations  
Please Email:

jessthompson@theshalomnetwork.org.uk

Donations needed  
for our  
Dress to Bless  
Pre-loved clothes sale

We are looking for donations of clothes in good condition for our  
Dress to Bless evening in March.  
Clothes need to be washed & ironed (if needed) and ready to go  
on a coat hanger.  
Please contact Jess Thompson for where & when to drop of  
donations  
Email: jessthompson@theshalomnetwork.org.uk  
Coleford Baptist Church, Newland Street, GL16 8AJ  
Saturday 9th March 2024  
6.30pm - 9pm  
£5 entry including drink  
For more information about

Contact Nick at the Parish Office Tue, Wed & Thurs 8am-1pm on 07933 935534, or at  
office.midwyedean@gmail.com.

## Last weeks answers

### BIBLE CROSSWORD XIV - SOLUTION



Across: 1 Red Sea, 5 Judged, 10 Dead Sea, 11 Warrior, 12 Esther, 15 Battle, 16 Rituals, 17 Susa, 18 Sent, 19 Edomite, 20 Just, 22 Gera, 25 Defiled, 27 Sardis, 28 Divine, 31 Pharpar, 32 Wedding, 33 Stadia, 34 Nomads.

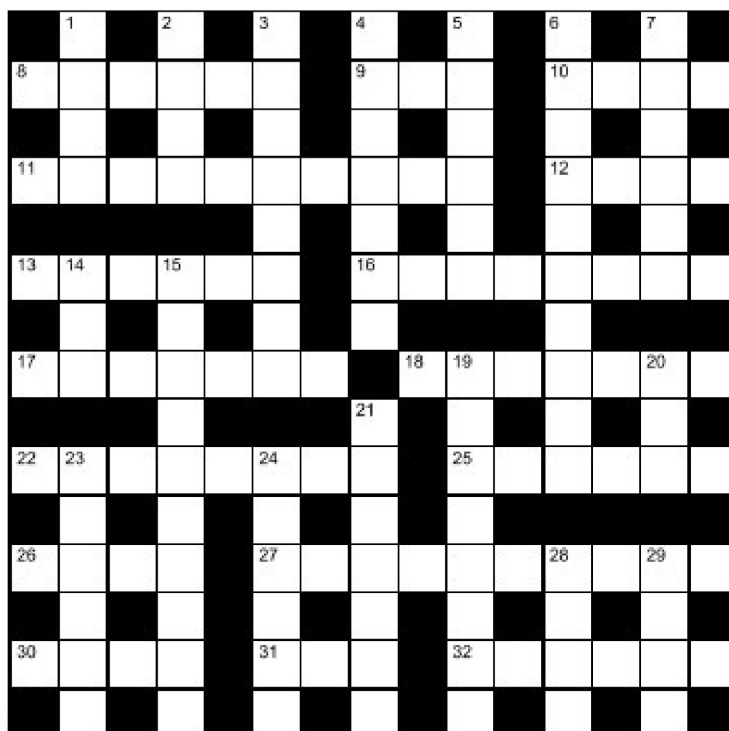
Down: 2 Erastus, 3 Sister, 4 Ahab, 5 Jews, 6 Dorcas, 7 Epistle, 8 Adders, 9 Priest, 13 Riddles, 14 Turmoil, 15 Blotted, 20 Joseph, 21 Servant, 23 Edified, 24 Avenge, 25 Dipped, 26 Diadem, 29 Area, 30 Twin.

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## BIBLE CROSSWORD II

### Across

- 8 Religious service (6)
- 9 Vessel (3)
- 10 Drive forcibly (4)
- 11 Christ does this for us (10)
- 12 Bethesda was the name of this (4)
- 13 Servant of a prophet (6)
- 16 One who leaves the straight and narrow path (8)
- 17 Check the money (7)
- 18 Fragrant offering; make angry (7)
- 22 Come out from among them (8)



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- 25 Works with clay (6)
- 26 Main part of text (4)
- 27 Chucked it too far (10)
- 30 Treachery sealed with this (4)
- 31 Simon washed his (3)
- 32 Migratory grasshopper (6)
- 2 Brother of James; Hardy book (4)
- 3 Choice by vote (8)
- 4 Evening glow (7)
- 5 All sing the tune (6)
- 6 To reduce deficiency (10)
- 7 Take no notice of (6)
- 14 Look at (3)
- 15 Alternative Revelation (10)
- 19 Son of Jacob (8)
- 20 The blind will (3)
- 21 Regrets; Serpent (anag) (7)
- 23 Angels by another name (6)
- 24 Decorates (6)
- 28 Say it and you will be in danger of the council (4)
- 29 Cleanse (4)

### Down

- 1 Standard for the tribe of Judah (4)

Answers for Bible crossword 11 next week