

Mid-Wydean
Churches

Sunday March 24th 2024

Palm Sunday- start of Holy Week

BIBLE READINGS

Isaiah 50.4-9a

Psalm 31.9-16

Philippians 2.5-11

Mark 11.1-11

PRAYER FOR THIS SUNDAY

True and humble king,
hailed by the crowd as Messiah:
grant us the faith to know you and love you,
that we may be found beside you
on the way of the cross,
which is the path of glory. Amen

REFLECTIONS.....REV. BEA ERSKINE

It is Palm Sunday and we have the Passion readings where the narrative really begins to speed up, hurtling inexorably towards the crucifixion. Although our attention may be drawn towards Jesus' death upon the cross, the gospel passages are packed full of so many instances of very human responses to what is going on around in the bigger story.

For example, the woman pouring the expensive nard over Jesus's head, how did she know? The fury of those around at the waste of this. Judas Iscariot betraying Jesus, tempted by money. The disciples vehemently agreeing with Peter that they would not deny Jesus. The human condition is played out in full in so many responses, throughout the Passion story.

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It is easy to think that the disciples should have believed and understood what Jesus was telling them, after all they had been with him through his ministry, heard his preaching, seen his miracles, surely, they had all the evidence they needed? But no, instead you can almost feel their panic at everything unravelling around them,

The Messiah is not meant to die in this way. Palm Sunday invites us all, not only to walk with Jesus and the disciples towards the crucifixion, but also to take a moment to reflect upon what our own response might be had we too been witnesses to this earth-shattering moment in time.

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SERVICES THIS SUNDAY 24TH MARCH

All Saints Newland 1030am

Parish Eucharist for Palm Sunday

28th March 6pm Baptist Church

Maundy Thursday "Last Supper" Meal

29th March Good Friday Walk of witness

10:15am outside St Margaret Mary

Easter day next Sunday 31st March

All Saints Staunton 9.30am

Easter Eucharist with Easter Egg Hunt & Quiz

The Good Shepherd, Broadwell 10.30am

St.Peter, Clearwell 10.30am

All Saints, Newland 10.30am

Easter Eucharist with Village Easter Egg hunt

PRAYERS AND NOTICES

GIVE THANKS.....

For the many workers, who will be giving up their Easter weekend to serve & help others. We thank you for their work and dedication in everything they do. We especially thank all the Emergency workers, Doctors and NHS Staff during this Easter period

PLEASE PRAY FOR.....

our community, for our country, and the many cultures and peoples worldwide. Give us balance in times of distraction and uncertainty.

PRAY FOR THE

Czech Republic, Poland, Slovakia

- greater respect for the Roma people and others who are marginalized and who lack adequate livelihoods in these lands
- welcoming and engaging those of other faiths and ethnicities
- growth in spiritual as well as physical health
- democratic governance that advances God's justice and peace for all.

THANK YOU FOR FOOD IN A WORLD WHERE MANY KNOW ONLY HUNGER; FOR OUR FAITH IN A WORLD WHERE MANY KNOW FEAR; FOR FRIENDS IN A WORLD WHERE MANY KNOW ONLY LONELINESS.

LORD, THANK YOU FOR THIS EASTER CELEBRATION AND ALL THE GIFTS YOU GIVE US.

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*.

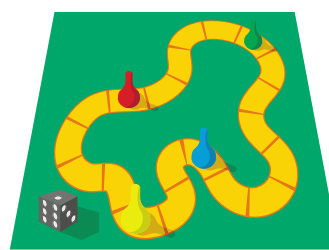
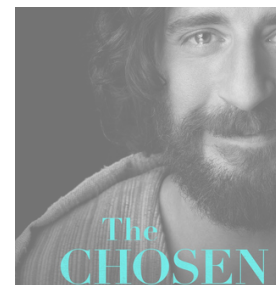
CRAFT CLUB

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 Birthday to **Jane and Pat** this week. May God bless you on your birthday and throughout the year.

HOLY WEEK + EASTER EVENTS

28TH MARCH MAUNDY THURSDAY 'LAST SUPPER' MEAL

6PM BAPTIST CHURCH

**BOOKING REQUIRED (LINK [HTTPS://BIT.LY/3TY4NKZ](https://bit.ly/3TY4NKZ)) OR
CALL SARAH.**

SUGGESTED DONATIONS ON THE DOOR £10/£5 CONCESSION

**29TH MARCH GOOD FRIDAY WALK OF WITNESS AND
WORSHIP**

**GATHER FOR A 10:15 START OUTSIDE ST MARGARET MARY,
10:30 WORSHIP AT THE CLOCKTOWER**

**30TH MARCH EASTER EVE 17:00 ST SAVIOUR REDBROOK
THIS ONE TBC**

**31ST MARCH EASTER SUNDAY EUCHARISTS 9:30 ALL SAINTS
STAUNTON, WITH EASTER EGG HUNT AND QUIZ**

10:30 GOOD SHEPHERD

**10:30 ALL SAINTS NEWLAND, WITH VILLAGE EASTER
EGG HUNT**

10:30 ST PETER CLEARWELL

EASTER

He is Risen

