



Mid-Wydean Churches

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

Sunday August 24th
10th Sunday after Trinity

BIBLE READINGS

Isaiah 58.9b-14

Psalms 103.1-8

Hebrews 12.18-29

Luke 13.10-17

PRAYER FOR THIS SUNDAY

Lord of heaven and earth,
as Jesus taught his disciples to be persistent in prayer,
give us patience and courage never to lose hope,
but always to bring our prayers before you;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

REFLECTIONS.....REV. BEA ERSKINE

The healing of the crippled woman in the gospel reading this week is, as miracles tend to be, jaw dropping and wonderful. Unable to stand up straight and bent over, this poor woman had suffered with 'a spirit that had crippled her for eighteen years' and then Jesus sets her free from her 'ailment'. There is much commentary on this passage about the cause of her illness and how to interpret it, but what caught my eye this time was the interpretation by the leaders in the synagogue.

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Furious that Jesus was 'working', healing the sick on the sabbath, he shouts at them to come back and get cured on the other six days of the week! In the Old Testament we hear how God rests from the work of creation to bless the sabbath as a day of rest. In observing the day in this way, they think it is kept holy, but as Jesus says, in doing so, that shouldn't mean they avoid holy work, be this either in complete rest, or one of active sabbath service in the name of God. Denying urgent medical treatment and not providing water for your animals are not acts of holiness. The question for us this week could be, when should we set down our work and what might active holiness mean for us on the sabbath?

SERVICES THIS SUNDAY 24TH AUGUST

All Saints, Staunton 9.30am

Communion

All Saints, Newland

8.00am Communion

10.30am Animal Blessing Service

SERVICES NEXT SUNDAY 31ST AUGUST

The Good Shepherd, Broadwell 10.30am

Parish Communion

PRAYERS AND NOTICES

GIVE THANKS....

That 'He sends The breezes and the sunshine, and soft refreshing rain.
All good gifts around us are sent from heav'n above; Then thank the Lord, O thank the Lord for all His love'.

PRAY....

- for those who are ill or in hospital-

Jackie

Monica,

Dean & family,

Sue Ridston, and others known to us.

May they be comforted and healed.

- for those students who will receive their

GCSE exam results on Thursday 21st

August

for **people caught up in the conflicts** in Gaza and Ukraine, and that the talks between leaders will prove to be fruitful.



Over the summer holidays
families with children often
need more support.

If you wish to help, you can donate food, money, or time.

See the website for details theforest.foodbank.org.uk

Alternatively, In order to get a food parcel from The Forest Foodbank folks will require an e-referral -see the website above for details.

PRACTICAL TRAINING IN LIME MORTAR + CONSERVATION MASONRY SKILLS

St. Saviour's church, Redbrook
Fri 26th to Sun 28th September



Four highly experienced conservators will supervise and give demonstrations. This course will be of interest to both professionals and amateurs hoping to develop practical conservation skills.

Full fees £200 or £100 for single day. Some discounted and free places are available to local people willing to commit to voluntary work on Redbrook church and for young people who are just starting out.

Email- masonry.midwyedean@gmail.com

REGULAR EVENTS + MEETINGS

MUSTARD SEEDS

Stay & Play for 0-5 years old.

Tuesdays in term time, 9.45-11.30am
at Coleford Baptist Church.



Next meeting on Tuesday 9th September

TOGETHER FOR PRAYER

Tuesdays 12.00- 1.00 at The Vicarage.

All Welcome

Week off this week, next meeting 2nd Sept



CRAFT CLUB

Crafts in Good Company at The Good Shepherd, Broadwell,

Thursdays, 2- 4 pm

BROADWELL CHAT

Coffee and chat

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

Next meeting Thursday 4th September

MUSIC + COMPLINE (NIGHT PRAYER)

A quiet time at the end of the week at St.Peters Church, Clearwell
Fortnightly on Fridays 6.15-6.45pm, **next on Aug 29th** and finally Sept 12th



Good Shepherd Fashion Show

Friday 3rd October 7.00pm
at Terri Chance Boutique,
Lydney

In aid of the refurbishment of the main doors at The Good Shepherd Church, Broadwell

Tickets: £5 -Phone Betty on 01594 562680
or email office.midwyedean@gmail.com
or Teri Chance, or on the door

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