



Mid-Wyedean Churches

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

Sunday August 10th
8th Sunday after Trinity

BIBLE READINGS

Genesis 15.1-6
Psalm 33.12-22
Hebrews 11.1-3,8-16
Luke 12.32-40

PRAYER FOR THIS SUNDAY

Lord God,
your Son left the riches of heaven
and became poor for our sake:
when we prosper save us from pride,
when we are needy save us from despair,
that we may trust in you alone;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

REFLECTIONS.....REV. ROBERT SIMPSON

I hope you are having a good summer, a time of renewal!

This verse from the readings is one of my favourites;

"To have faith is to be sure of the things we hope for, to be certain of the things we cannot see."

Hebrews 11:1

As humans we live by faith all the time. When I was a young child I remember the grocers or greengrocers boys riding their sturdy bikes delivering the orders. 70 years on it is the vans from the supermarkets delivering the internet orders.

This reminds us that faith is something we depend on in life, more than ever, if we add Amazon and the other internet delivery companies. We depend on faith. It is hard to live without it!

Faith is the gift of God to help us get to know Him, to grow in that relationship and to walk in the way He has prepared for us to walk in so that He can fulfil His promises to us. If we can trust Amazon or Ocado how much more can we trust God.

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In our Gospel reading, Luke records Jesus promise, **"Do not be afraid, little flock, for your Father is pleased to give you the Kingdom. Sell all your belongings and give the money to the poor. Provide for yourselves with purses that don't wear out, and save your riches in heaven, where they will never decrease, because no thief can get to them, and no moth can destroy them. For your heart will always be where your riches are."** **Luke 12:32-34**

We cannot have our cake and eat it as my mother would say. Jesus invites us to put our money where our mouth is. In a culture that is built on the material, Jesus shows a different way, the heavenly way. This life is a preparation for living in the Kingdom. Are our lives being renewed by the Spirit of Jesus day by day?

Our son is having his house renovated and at the moment it is a mess. He is putting up with this so that he may enjoy the fruits of this change. When we open the door Jesus comes and begins renewing our lives, turning hovels into palaces in preparation for eternal life. This is the heart of living by faith. Are we working with God or against Him as we go through this process of transformation, not just for our benefit, but as part of God's recreation of all things.

Every blessing
Robert

SERVICES NEXT SUNDAY 10TH AUGUST

The Good Shepherd, Broadwell 10.30am

Communion

All Saints, Newland 10.30am

Communion

All Saints, Staunton 4.00pm

Evening Prayer

SERVICES NEXT SUNDAY 17TH AUGUST

The Good Shepherd, Broadwell 10.30am

Parish Communion

PRAYERS AND NOTICES

GIVE THANKS....

- for holidays and times of relaxation- for the rest it gives our bodies and minds, for the chance to meet family and friends, and for the opportunities to see things from a different perspective

PRAY....

- for all those who mourn-

Sue, Andrew and family;

Mary, Alan and family;

Denise and family;

The family of the late Stuart McKenzie;

'Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.' Matt 5: 4

- for those who are ill or in hospital, including Jackie, Monica, Steve, and others known to us. May they be comforted and healed.
- for the upcoming retreat at Llangasty Abbey
- for those students who will receive their A level exam results on Thursday 14th August

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

CRAFT CLUB



Crafts in Good Company at The Good Shepherd, Broadwell,

Thursdays, 2- 4 pm

(No meeting on Thursday 7th August)

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

BIRTHDAYS

Happy Birthday Gordon, & Linda next week !



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

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 15th** then 29th and Sept 12th



DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

Fashion Show

3rd October 7.00pm

Terri Chance Boutique, Lydney.
More details to follow

Any enquiries, contact Nicholette at the Parish Office on 07933 935534, or at office.midwyedean@gmail.com.

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