



Mid-Wyedean Churches

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

Sunday September 14th

13th Sunday after Trinity

BIBLE READINGS

Exodus 32.7-14

Psalms 51.1-11

1 Timothy 1.12-17

Luke 15.1-10

PRAYER FOR THIS SUNDAY

Almighty God,
you search us and know us;
may we rely on you in strength
and rest on you in weakness,
now and in all our days;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

REFLECTIONS.....REV. ROBERT SIMPSON

Hi all

I trust you have all had a good summer and are looking forward to what the Lord has in store for us this autumn.

We live in troubled times with deep divisions in our society. This is a challenge for us as we are called to be peacemakers and reconcilers.

I would like to share some thoughts about our Gospel reading, Luke 15:3-7, the lost sheep. This is a familiar and much loved parable but I was struck by some observations by theologian Paula Gooder. She sets the scene that this was a very rich shepherd, as most of Jesus' hearers would have either been manual labourers with a few sheep who they would have taken to pasture during the day and put them with all the other sheep at night, guarded by one of them. They would know all their sheep by name and their sheep would recognise their voice.

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The shepherd in the story was very different from them and would not be expected to look after his own sheep. Losing a sheep is bad enough but then to leave the 99 was pure stupidity risking the loss of many other sheep to robbers and predators. The listeners would have been amazed or amused.

Yet the punch line is God's care for each individual. God will risk everything for the one. Of course the cost to God was the death of His Son.

In a world where there seems so little care and outsiders are feared, we are challenged and empowered to receive God's love in order to reach out as channels of His love, both as individuals and the church.

Every blessing
Robert.

SERVICES THIS SUNDAY 14TH SEPTEMBER

The Good Shepherd, Broadwell 10.30am

All age, family friendly service

All Saints, Newland 10.30am

Communion

All Saints, Staunton 4.00pm

Evening Prayer

SERVICES NEXT SUNDAY 21ST SEPTEMBER

The Good Shepherd, Broadwell 10.30am

Parish Communion

PRAYERS AND NOTICES

GIVE THANKS....

- for our 'green and pleasant land' and for the relative peace we enjoy

PRAY....

- for Sue, Andrew and family, Jackie, Monica, Dean and family, Elijah and family, Margaret Winter and family
- for people caught up in the violence in Gaza, and that a peaceful solution will soon be found
- also for the people affected by the war in Ukraine, and other places of ongoing conflict across the world

- Please let me know of any people or situations who need to added (or taken off!) the prayer requests above. Thanks.
John- midwyedeannews@gmail.com

Ken Winter died in hospital last weekend. Ken and his wife, Margaret were members of the congregation at Redbrook Church for many years, and very active in the village. Please remember Margaret in your prayers. There will be a funeral and life Celebration at Redbrook Church. Date to be confirmed.

RAFFLE PRIZES

Please could we have donations of raffle prizes for the **upcoming fashion show** and **Christmas craft fayre**. Donations can be left in the basket in the vestry at the Good Shepherd. Many thanks. Ann

REDBROOK MUSIC NIGHT: DATES

Family friendly food and	11 th October
open mic. 5pm-7pm	8 th November
Second Saturday	13 th December



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

REGULAR EVENTS + MEETINGS

MUSTARD SEEDS

Stay & Play for 0-5 years old.

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



TOGETHER FOR PRAYER

Tuesdays 12.00- 1.00 at The Vicarage.
All Welcome

MEMORY CAFÉ- FOD DEMENTIA ACTION

2nd Tuesday of each Month 2.30-4.00pm
Coleford Baptist Church
To Confirm dates phone 01594 837769



CRAFT CLUB

Crafts in Good Company at The
Good Shepherd, Broadwell,
Thursdays, 2- 4 pm

No meeting on Thur 18th Sept

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 2nd October



BIRTHDAYS

Happy Birthday for
Thursday Fred

MUSIC + COMPLINE (NIGHT PRAYER)

A quiet time at the end of the week
at St.Peters Church, Clearwell
Friday Sept 12th 6.15- 6.45pm,

**This will be the last occasion to
experience this beautiful service
this year**



DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAYRE

Saturday 8th November at
The Good Shepherd

12-21st
September
heritage open days



Click this link for programme information - which
includes all three of our Grade 1 listed buildings!
<https://www.forestofdeanheritageopendays.org.uk>

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