



Mid-Wyedean Churches

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

Sunday October 26th

Last Sunday after Trinity

BIBLE READINGS

Jeremiah 14.7-10, 19-22

Psalm 84.1-7

2 Timothy 4.6-8, 16-18

Luke 18.9-14

PRAYER FOR THIS SUNDAY

Merciful God,
teach us to be faithful in change and uncertainty,
that trusting in your word and obeying your will
we may enter the unfailing joy of Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen

REFLECTIONS.....REV. BEA ERSKINE

Hobson's Choice.

If you had to choose between the Pharisee and the Tax Collector, who would you be? The Pharisee, a bit smug, pleased with himself, is confident that his good works and generosity make him rather better than everyone else. Or are you the tax collector, demanding money from all and sundry and standing there beating his breast and asking God for forgiveness.

It is quite a conundrum. It might feel instinctive to align ourselves with the tax collector as he seems humble, penitent, rather more likeable. But tax collectors at the time were often on the take and not always very pleasant characters. The pharisee, on the other hand seems a bit pompous and self satisfied, but he is also very generous, observes his faith seriously and in his eyes, does his best.

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What this parable does I think, is tells us about ourselves as followers of Christ, even if it makes for slightly uncomfortable reading. Jesus seems to be illustrating to us that we can't buy our way in to God's good books, trusting in our own efforts, however worthy and welcome they may be. He is challenging us to humble ourselves before God, who is loving and merciful and trust in Him. In the world we live in today, where so much hinges on outside perception, this is quite an ask, but most definitely one worth striving for.

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SERVICES THIS SUNDAY 26TH OCTOBER

There is no service at **The Good Shepherd, Broadwell**, but you are welcome to attend one of our other services below or Coleford Baptist at 10.30am

All Saints, Staunton 9.30am

Communion

All Saints, Newland 10.30am

Communion

SERVICES NEXT SUNDAY 2ND NOVEMBER

All Saints, Newland 10:30am

Parish Communion for All Saints

St.Saviours, Redbrook 4.00pm

All age, family friendly communion

St.Peter's, Clearwell 3.00pm

All Souls Service

All Saints, Newland 4.00pm

All Souls Service

All Saints, Staunton 4.00pm

All Souls Service

The Good Shepherd, Broadwell 6.00pm

All Souls Service

PRAYERS AND NOTICES

GIVE THANKS....

- that Penny & her husband have now finally moved 'Up North' to be closer to their family, and for her years of service in the Parish.

PRAY....

- for Sue R. and the inspiration she is giving to others, Jackie, Monica (Sue Sparkes elderly aunt) who has recently moved from 'Up North' into a local care home, Dean and family. Elijah and family, the family of Ken and Margaret Winter
- for our Faith, that we shall live as adventurous followers of Jesus Christ, and that we will all be inspired to discover what it is to live out our faith every day.

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

ADVENT BOOK CLUB

Exercise your spiritual muscles in good company with the study of an Advent study guide (details to follow) at The Old Grammar School, Newland.
Start date Wednesday 26th November 6.30-8.00pm
All welcome!

FUNERAL OF MARGARET WINTER

will take place at St.Saviours, Redbrook on Saturday 22nd November at 12.00 midday.

OPPORTUNITY

Don't forget there are Christian books at the back of The Good Shepherd Church which you can take away to study over a cuppa at home.



Sat Nov 15, 5:00- 7:00 pm
St. James Church, Bream
X:site is a celebration event for 7yr olds to School yr 7, to help them meet and get to know Jesus. It involves games, songs, videos, creative prayer, crafts and Bible stories.

Email xsiteforestofdean@gmail.com for more info.

REGULAR EVENTS + MEETINGS



MUSTARD SEEDS

Stay & Play for 0-5 years old.

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

Half term break, Next meeting 4th Nov

TOGETHER FOR PRAYER

Tuesdays 12.00- 1.00 at The Vicarage.

All Welcome

Half term break, Next meeting 4th Nov



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 6th November

CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAYRE



Craft stalls, Raffle, Cake Stall, light Lunches & Refreshments

Saturday 8th november

10.00-2.00pm

at The Good Shepherd

CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR REQUESTS

I'd appreciate it if we could continue to have donations of raffle prizes (thanks for everything so far), and also now, offers of cakes for the cake stall & as refreshments. Donations can be left in the basket in the vestry at the Good Shepherd.

Many thanks. Ann

REDBROOK MUSIC NIGHTS

Family friendly food & open mic. All Welcome

5.30pm-7.30pm

Second Saturdays-

8thNov, 13thDec

at St.Saviours, Redbrook



Any enquiries, contact Nicholette at the Parish Office on Fridays 8.30-3.00 or phone 07933 935534,
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