



Mid-Wyedean Churches

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

Sunday November 23rd Sunday next before Advent Christ the King

BIBLE READINGS

Jeremiah 23.1-6
Psalm 46
Colossians 1.11-20
Luke 23.33-43

PRAYER FOR THIS SUNDAY

God the Father,
help us to hear the call of Christ the King
and to follow in his service,
whose kingdom has no end;
for he reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, one glory. Amen

REFLECTIONS.....REV.BEA ERSKINE

This Sunday we are coming to the end of the church year with the Feast of Christ the King. In Luke's gospel this week, it is hard to imagine a situation less regal. Crucifixion was the most lowly, brutal and agonising death, the sheer incongruity of 'feast and king' alongside the description of the final moments of Jesus' time on earth is almost incomprehensible. Deeply moving we would rather hide our faces than think about this shocking scene. But this Kingship is utterly different it is one of love, compassion, forgiveness and justice. Just imagine the sheer relief of the criminal in his agony when Jesus tells him he will be with him in Paradise.

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As we pray for the coming of the Kingdom, the great rescue for humankind, when all will be made well, we can do so with the confidence that this King doesn't want us to suffer in the darkness of unknowing, but bring us into the light.

This week, as the days grow ever shorter, the nights colder and we head into winter and the coming of Advent, we can reflect that Jesus in his last moments on earth proclaimed a repentant sinner would be with him in Paradise. Christ the King; of hope, love and forgiveness.

Praise God!
Bea.

SERVICES THIS SUNDAY 23RD NOVEMBER

The Good Shepherd, Broadwell

No Service. However, we would encourage you support our other services below

All Saints, Staunton 9.30am

Communion

All Saints, Newland 10.30am

Communion

SERVICES NEXT SUNDAY 30TH NOVEMBER

The Good Shepherd, Broadwell 10.30am

Parish Communion

GIVE THANKS....

for bright crisp days outside, for warm homes and hot food inside !

PRAY....

- for all those who are sick or sad in our parish- Sue R. and the inspiration she is giving to others, Philip & his mum Lois, Jackie, Dean and family. Elijah and family. and that God enables us to be His hands and feet in supporting them.
- for **those leading worshipping communities**, that they may be inspired by the Spirit and filled with hope..
- that we can **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.

REST IN PEACE JUNE BOVILL

June Bovill sadly died last week at the Community Hospital in Cinderford, following living with dementia for the last few years. We remember June (and Terry) from being part of our St John's family over many years, and the sadness of how much the Covid lockdowns affected their health. We pray for Stella and Steve and the family at this time. June's funeral will take place on Monday 8th December, 11:30 am at the crematorium.

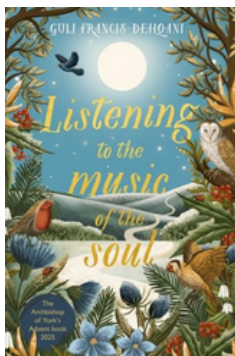
ARCHDEACON HILARY LEAVING

Archdeacon Hilary will be leaving her post after 6 years, and there will be a gathering to express our thanks, pray for her and wish her well in **Gloucester Cathedral on Sun 23 Nov at 3 pm.**

FUNERAL OF MARGARET WINTER

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

ITS NOT TOO LATE TO JOIN THE ADVENT BOOK CLUB.....



At Bea's house- Bell's Old Grammar School, Newland GL16 8NW.

Start date: **Wednesday 26th November 6.30-8.00pm.**

This year's book: Listening to the Music of the Soul, by Guli Francis-Dehqani. Please email Bea if you would like to join, or for her to order you a book erskinebea@gmail.com.

An opportunity for a relaxed evening of fellowship and discussion, everyone welcome to join us.

GO WALKING



Improve your physical & mental health with an easy, flat 30-50 minute stroll in company. Every Friday at 10.30am Meet @ Clock Tower COLEFORD For more details contact Ann 07967 046 159 [Click here to find out more](#)

Any enquiries, contact **Nicholette** at the Parish Office on Fridays 8.30-3.00 or phone 07933 935534, Newsletter Items should be emailed by Wed 12 Noon to John- midwyedeannews@gmail.com

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

REGULAR EVENTS + MEETINGS MUSTARD SEEDS



Stay & Play for 0-5 years old.

Tuesdays in term time, 9.45-11.15am at Coleford Baptist Church.

TOGETHER FOR PRAYER

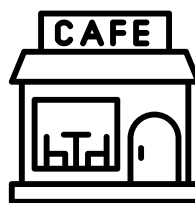
Tuesdays 12.00- 1.00 at The Vicarage.

All Welcome

BROADWELL CHAT

Coffee and chat **(NB see below!)**

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



Next meeting Thursday 4th December, when we'll meet at 10.00 at the Good Shepherd, **then be transported to 'Cafe Vanilla', Lydbrook !**, then back to church at 12ish. All welcome, even if you are not a regular. Don't let the cost of the coffee be a problem- **we have several coffees 'paid forward'!** You'll be able to get a lift as well.

CRAFT CLUB

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



REDBROOK MUSIC NIGHTS

Family friendly food & open mic. All Welcome

5.30pm-7.30pm

Second Saturdays

Next on 13th Dec-Last Chance this year!

at St.Saviours, Redbrook

