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December 2018 – January 2019



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Join us in church this Christmas!


Service and event times:

Christmas Eve

3pm	Crib Service @ The Good Shepherd, Broadwell
4pm	Christmas Eve Eucharist @ St Saviour's Church, Redbrook
9pm	Christmas Eve Eucharist @ All Saints Church, Staunton
11.30pm	Midnight Mass @ St Peter's Church, Clearwell
11.30pm	Midnight Mass @ The Good Shepherd, Broadwell
11.30pm	Midnight Mass @ St Margaret Mary, Coleford

Christmas Day

10.30am	Christmas Eucharist @ All Saints Church, Newland
10.30am	Christmas Eucharist @ The Good Shepherd, Broadwell

 THE CHURCH
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Wishing all our readers a Peaceful Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year

Sunday Service information for November & December 2018 For the Mid-Wydean Parish

Sunday	23 rd December	Sunday 30 th Dec	6 th January	13 th January	20 th January	27 th January
All Saints Newland	No Service	United Parish Service 10.30am @ Good Shepherd Broadwell Please note that this is the only service in the Parish today	No Service	9.30am Eucharist	4pm Evening prayer	No Service
All Saints Staunton	9.30am Eucharist		4pm Evening prayer	No Service	No Service	9.30am Eucharist
St John's @ St Margaret Mary High Nash Coleford	No Service at St Margaret Mary or at Church on the Street		9.30am Eucharist	9.30am Word	9.30am Eucharist	9.30am Word @ Church on the Street
Good Shepherd, Broadwell	No morning service 4pm Carol Service		11am Baptism	11am Eucharist	11am Word	11am Eucharist
St Peter Clearwell	11am Service of the Word		11am Eucharist	11am Word	11am Eucharist	11am Word LCC after service
St Saviour, Redbrook	No Service		No service	4pm All Age W/ship	No Service	4pm Eucharist

Please note that there may be some changes to these services so please check our website if you are not sure. <http://www.mid-wydeanchurches.co.uk/>

Parish Services for 2019

April 14th – Palm Sunday @ All Saints Newland

May 5th – Alan's Retirement Service @ The Good Shepherd, Broadwell

July 21st – Confirmation Service @ St Peter's Church, Clearwell

September 29th – Harvest Festival @ Good Shepherd, Broadwell

November 3rd – All Saints Day @ All Saints Church, Staunton

December 29th – Sunday after Christmas @ St Margaret Mary RC Church, High Nash, Coleford

Please note that these services start at 10.30am and are the only services in the parish on the selected dates.

Regular Mid-Wyedean Events



Mondays

2nd Monday of the month @ 2.30pm

Memory Café at Church on the Street, 6a St John's Street: **14th January, 11th February & 11th March.**

Wednesdays

There is Morning Prayer each Wednesday @ 8.30am at The Good Shepherd, Broadwell.

Thursdays

2nd Thursday of the month @ 2.30pm 'All together now' meet for Home Communion at Tufthorn Community Room, High Nash. All Welcome. Restarts on 14th February 2019.

Craft Club runs each Thursday @ 1.30pm at The Good Shepherd, Broadwell. First date for 2019 is **Thursday 17th January**

Tuesdays

1st & 3rd Tuesday of the month @ 2.30pm CAMEO meet at The Good Shepherd, Broadwell. All welcome! First meeting of 2019 on **Tuesday 15th January.**

Every Tuesday @ 1.30pm the Shalom Group meet at Church on the Street for their 'Biblical Interactivity' Session. Please call Miriam on 07765 111405 for more details and to book your place. First Meeting of 2019 is **Tuesday 15th January.**

There is Morning Prayer @ 8.15am each Tuesday at All Saints Church, Newland.

Fridays

2nd Friday of the month @ 11am Clearwell. Home Communion @ 1 Church Road, Clearwell. All welcome.

4th Friday of the month @ 11am. Clearwell House group @ 1 Church Road, Clearwell. All Welcome.

Saturdays

3rd Saturday of the month @ 10am Coffee and chat @ St Margaret Mary Hall, High Nash. All Welcome. This will resume on Saturday 16th March.

3rd Saturday of the month Mustard Tree meet at 4 pm at St John's Academy. First meeting of 2019 is Saturday 19th January



Other Regular Events

Monday

2nd Monday of month - Coffee Break 10.30 - 12 at Baptist Church, contact Maureen Etherington on 836303 for more details.

Wednesday

1st Wednesday of the month - Great Oaks Hospice, Open Coffee Morning, 10.00-12 noon, coffee and chat, for more information 01594 811910

Weekly on a Wednesday - Walk for Health Initiative, start 10.15 - 10.30 am, approx 1 hour, more details contact Diane Garner on 01594 810321.

Busy Bees - Weekly on a Wednesday 9.30 - 11.00 am @ St Margaret Mary's church hall - High Nash - Busy Bees parent/carer toddler group meet. Sessions held every Wednesday, activities for ages 0-5 years, £1 donation, all welcome.

Friday

Tiggies - Weekly on a Friday 10.00 am to 12.00 pm during term time @ Coleford Baptist church Tiggies carers and toddlers group. Only £1 per family. For further info contact Donna Saunders on 01594 832278 - colefordbaptists.org. This is a chance for mums, dads, grandparents or carers to meet in the large hall, play and craft activities and offer drinks for the adults, fruit and milk for the children.

Saturday

Last Saturday of the month - Monthly Charity Coffee Morning at Coalway Methodist Church Hall, 10.30 am. All Welcome.

LCC meetings for January and February

27th January 2019 – St Peter's Clearwell after the 11am Service

3rd February 2019 – All Saints Staunton and Newland after the 4pm service @ All Saints Staunton.

St John's congregation @ St Margaret Mary after the 9.30am service.

The Good Shepherd, Broadwell after the 11am service.

PCC meetings and APCM (Annual Parish Meeting)

PCC – Wednesday 13th March @ 7pm at The Good Shepherd, Broadwell

APCM – Wednesday 10th April @ 7pm at The Good Shepherd, Broadwell



January 2019

Faith: Time for a fresh start?

The champagne bottles are out with the recycling, the fireworks are a dim and distant memory, and another New Year's Eve has been and gone. New Year is time when lots of us are thinking about building a better version of ourselves. Diets, diaries, dancing classes—finding the motivation to make real change in your life is tough. But this year could be different...

Early in 2019, groups of like-minded people around the Diocese of Gloucester will be getting together to support each other as we work to make life-long positive changes in our lives. In the Ugly Duckling Company's four week course, Resolve, (theuglyducklingcompany.com) you can explore how to look after your body, strengthen your mind, inspire your soul and deepen your relationships.

One person who went last year said, "This course particularly has been really good at making you realise that we are all in the same boat. I think it's easy sometimes to come to church and listen to a sermon and think "I'll never be that good, I'll never be up to it, I'll never make it. It's a very human course." Another said, "It brings this hope and it raises awareness of changes that you need to make in your life." Find the video on the Diocese of Gloucester's YouTube channel.



How can I join in?

Contact kclamp@glosdioc.org.uk with your name and postcode to be put in touch with your nearest Resolve group. If you can't get to a group meeting, you might want to try some of these suggestions from the course for making resolutions stick.

"If you're looking to make a major change in your life, just do one thing at a time. Stick with it for a good few months before

you consider doing something else. What you're trying to do is get to the point where it becomes effortless, where it becomes a habit. Choose one thing and do it in a way that you believe is accomplishable." —*Dr Roger Bretherton, Pyschologist.*

"The whole area of communication is of paramount importance. Open, honest communication—it's a two-way thing." —*Dr Alyson VanDenBroek, GP.*



Take it further

In the time after pancake day (Shrove Tuesday) until Easter, the Diocese of Gloucester is also running a new course called 'Shapes for Living' which helps people to meet together in small groups to find new 'Shapes for Living'. Aimed at those who already have a Christian faith, it looks at five areas of life—relating, praying, working, playing and growing and will help people to restore balance in all areas of life.

If you are interested in getting involved, you could get in touch with your local church through www.achurchnearyou.com and find out how to join people in your local area.

If you'd rather follow the material alone, there will be weekly videos from the Bishop of Gloucester, Bishop Rachel, ideas that you could use alone or with your family and questions to help you think around the subject. Visit gloucester.anglican.org/your-ministry/shapes-for-living/ from 6 March.

Events

Enjoyed Christmas celebrations in one of our churches? Why not come along again.

The Xmas Factor, free Christmas trail

15 December to 6 January at Gloucester Cathedral

Do you have the Xmas factor? Take part in the free Christmas trail. Journey around the Cathedral, meet the stars of the first Christmas and find out what gave them the X-Factor. After the trail, visit the shop and collect a free star to take home to decorate your own tree with. www.gloucestercathedral.org.uk

Epiphany Carol Service,

Sunday 6 January, 6pm to 8.15pm at Tewkesbury Abbey

(Lots of other venues too, see AChurchNearYou.com for details)

A special service to celebrate the day that the three wise men arrived at the stable in Bethlehem. It's the 12th day of Christmas and marks the end of the official Christmas season for Christians.

Resolve

St James' Church Centre, Bream, Wednesday 9 January (dates TBC)

Contact Chris Maclay, the local vicar on chris.maclay@gmail.com for up to date details.

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Information and contact details for:

Ministry Team:

Vicar: Revd. Sarah Bick, The Vicarage, 40 Boxbush Road, Coleford, GL16 8DN. Tel: 01594 835476 email: sarah@thebickerage.org.uk

(Sarah has returned from Maternity leave and is working part time - Monday, Tuesday and Thursdays until January 2019)

Associate Minister:

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The Parish office is open Monday – Thursday 9 - 1pm. The Parish Coordinator is normally in the office Monday – Thursday afternoons until 4pm but may sometimes be out dealing with Parish business.

The Parish website is: <http://www.mid-wyedeanchurches.co.uk/>

Safeguarding:

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If Mark is unavailable and you want an alternative contact then please contact:

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If none of the above is available please contact:

Judith Knight at Church House, Gloucester: Tel: 01452 835526 Other useful numbers:

Help for children and young people:

Childline: 0800 1111

Help for adults concerned about a child (NSPCC)

Help and advice: 0808 800 5000

• Action on Elder Abuse Helpline: 0808 808 8141

• National Domestic Violence Helpline: 0808 2000 247 or

Gloucestershire Domestic Abuse Support Service:

01452 726570

• FODDC Older and Vulnerable Lead Officer: Lena Maller 01594 812609 or lena.maller@fdean.gov.uk