



# CHURCH NEWS



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From the Anglican churches of Corsham, Gastard, Lacock with Bowden Hill and Neston

June 2017

Team Rector: Revd Dr. Andrew Johnson 01249 713232 Team Vicar: Revd Adam Beaumont 01249 730984 Team Curate: Revd Dr. Phill Harrison 01225 810839

## CHURCH SERVICES

### Sunday 28 May – Sunday after Ascension

Readings: Ezekiel 36:24-28; Acts 1:6-14; John 17:1-11

- 10.00 Family Service at Corsham
- Rogation Walk at Gastard
- Holy Communion at Neston
- 10:30 Holy Communion at Lacock
- 6:30 Evensong at Lacock

### Sunday 4 Jun – Pentecost

Readings: Numbers 11:24-30; Acts 2:1-21; John 20:19-23

- 8:00 Holy Communion at Corsham
- 9:00 Holy Communion at Bowden Hill
- Jump Start Sunday at Neston
- 10:00 Holy Communion at Corsham and Gastard
- 10:30 Morning Worship at Lacock
- 6:00 Ecumenical Songs of Praise, Corsham Baptist
- 6:30 Informal Worship at Lacock

### Sunday 11 Jun – Trinity Sunday

Readings: Isaiah 40:12-7,20-end; 2 Cor 13:11-end; Matthew 28:16-20

- 8:00 Holy Communion at Corsham
- 9:00 Earlybirds at Corsham
- 10:00 Morning Worship at Corsham, Gastard and Neston
- 10:30 Holy Communion at Lacock
- 12:15 Baptism event at Corsham
- 6:00 Evensong at Corsham
- 6:30 Holy Communion with Healing Ministry at Lacock

### Sunday 18 Jun – Trinity 1

Readings: Exodus 19:2-8a; Romans 5:1-8; Matthew 9:3-10:8

- 8:00 Holy Communion at Corsham
- 10:00 Holy Communion at Corsham
- Family Service at Neston
- 4.30 Sunday Cub at Neston
- 6.30 Team Service at Corsham

### Sunday 25 Jun – Trinity 2

#### Gastard Patronal

Readings: Jeremiah 2:7-13; Romans 6:1b-11; Matthew 10:24-39

- 8:00 Holy Communion at Corsham
- 10.00 Family Service and Parish Picnic at Corsham
- Holy Communion at Neston
- 10:30 Holy Communion at Lacock
- 6:00 Holy Communion with Healing Ministry at Corsham
- Patronal Evensong at Gastard
- 6:30 Evensong at Lacock

### Sunday 2 Jul – Easter 4

Readings: Jeremiah 28:5-9; Romans 6:12-end; Matthew 10:40-end

- 8:00 Holy Communion at Corsham
- 9:00 Holy Communion at Bowden Hill
- Jump Start Sunday at Neston
- 10:00 Holy Communion at Corsham and Gastard
- 10:30 Morning Worship at Lacock
- 6:00 Evensong at Corsham
- 6:30 Informal Worship at Lacock

#### Midweek Services

- Wednesday 10am BCP Communion at Corsham (Weekly, not 31 May)
- Thursday 10am Holy Communion at Neston (1st Thurs of the month)
- Friday 3.30pm Messy Church at Corsham (1st Friday of the month)

#### THE RECTOR WRITES

Following my biannual Ministerial Development Review last year by the Diocese of Bristol, I was strongly advised to apply for a three month period of Extended Ministerial Development Leave (otherwise known as EMDL or sabbatical) as I qualify through having served more than ten years in ordained ministry. Some of you may remember Revd Roger Clifton having a similar sabbatical when he was Rector before me.

I applied early last year and heard over the summer that my application had been granted by the Diocese. I shall therefore be taking EMDL from Saturday 10 June to Monday 11 September inclusive, returning to work on Tuesday 12 September.

This will be an opportunity not only to recharge my spiritual batteries and as usual spend some time with my family during the summer holidays, but also to carry out some research into how ministers can best sustain themselves spiritually at a time when the pressures and expectations placed upon church leaders, both lay and ordained, are growing all the time.

During my absence our Team Vicar Revd Adam Beaumont will have overall responsibility for the Benefice, ably assisted by our Team Curate Revd Phill Harrison, retired clergy, Licensed Lay Ministers, Churchwardens and members of the five churches. I have however agreed with Adam and Phill that Adam will have particular pastoral responsibility for Lacock and Bowden Hill and Gastard alongside his half-time post as Deanery Missioner, and Phill will have pastoral responsibility for Corsham and Neston. This arrangement will obviously need to be flexible to allow for days off and periods of holiday over the summer, but I hope it provides some clarity and continuity of contact both for Adam and Phill and the four parishes.

I hope this will be a good opportunity for others to grow and develop their leadership gifts while I am away, and that the Benefice will benefit practically and spiritually from the lessons I learn during my sabbatical. I shall be praying for the growth of our Team during this period and would appreciate your prayers for me, Natalie and Hannah as I prepare for this significant time away from parish ministry.

*With love in Christ, Andrew*

#### 6.30PM TEAM SERVICE, SUNDAY 11 JUN

Please join us in Church House for our monthly opportunity to explore a particular spiritual topic in some depth, with interactive discussion, informal worship and refreshments.



Our parishes support  
**FAIRTRADE**  
wherever possible

#### DEADLINE FOR NEXT ISSUE

Items for the next issue should be submitted not later than  
**MIDDAY on WEDNESDAY 28 Jun 2017.**

Email to: [news@corshamandlacockchurches.org.uk](mailto:news@corshamandlacockchurches.org.uk) or

Post/deliver to: 1 Park Lane, Corsham. ☎ 01249 701783 (answering machine available).  
If you would like to receive this Information sheet by email every month then please send a request to the above email address.

**ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S WALKING GROUP**

A strong easterly wind very helpfully blew 15 walkers westwards on our 8 mile May walk. Our route started in Ford, along the old coach road to North Wraxall and Upper Wraxall. Lunch was taken on the edge of Lucknam Park, then from Thickwood we dropped into the sheltered Bybrook valley to Slaughterford and back to The White Hart for well-deserved refreshment.

Photos at [www.corshamandlacockchurches.org.uk](http://www.corshamandlacockchurches.org.uk) click on 'Activities' and scroll down.

There is no walk in June due to the Corsham Walking Festival [www.corshamwalkingfestival.org.uk](http://www.corshamwalkingfestival.org.uk) Many walks are now fully booked so book soon to avoid devastating disappointment! Our next walk will be on Friday, 7<sup>th</sup> July, further details to follow.

**CORSHAM MOTHERS' UNION****"THY KINGDOM COME"**

Come and join members of the Corsham Mothers' Union in a Global Moment act of worship where we can all unite in prayer on Wednesday 31 May 2017 at 1.45 pm in Church House as part of the Archbishops of Canterbury and York's #Pledge2Pray in the 10 days between Ascension and Pentecost. All are welcome. Cathy Reynolds, Corsham MU branch leader.

**ST. BART'S PARISH PICNIC 25<sup>TH</sup> JUNE**

Following the St Bart's 10.00am Family Service at 11.15am in the upper church yard a Parish Picnic has been organised. The event is being advertised in the community as well as among our congregations, in the hope that Corsham people will come along to the service and then stay on for the picnic or if this does not appeal simply come along to the picnic and share in with the fun and the planned activities. During the picnic we will have music, a treasure hunt, face painting, children's games, bash a donkey, and a tug of war challenge for adults and possible one for the youngsters. So pack a picnic and invite your friends to come along and join in with what I am sure will be a happy most enjoyable afternoon.

**TASTE OF Corsham**  
17<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2017

**High Street & The Martingate Centre**  
**10am-4pm**  
*Come and discover great food and drink from Corsham and Wiltshire*

**TASTINGS - MUSIC - MASTERCLASSES AND MORE**

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**Part of Festival Fortnight**

9-11 June



[www.corshamwalkingfestival.co.uk](http://www.corshamwalkingfestival.co.uk)

15-18 June



[www.blueskyfestival.org.uk](http://www.blueskyfestival.org.uk)

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**TEAM WEBSITE**

The team website is now available again. A planned server upgrade, coupled with the cyber-attack which, although did NOT affect our site, diverted resources and resulted in increased security, conspired to make the migration to new equipment complicated and time-consuming. If you note any errors or inaccuracies on the site please report them by email to: [admin@corshamandlacockchurches.org.uk](mailto:admin@corshamandlacockchurches.org.uk).

**MEN'S GROUP**

The June meeting is on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> Jun at 8.00 pm in The Royal Oak. Andy Rose will give a talk and show us some of his brilliant photos of India. All men welcome.

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**Opening Hours:** (Telephone answering machine/email available outside of these times)  
 Monday 7-8pm; Wednesday 10-12.30 and 2-4pm; Saturday 10-11am