



CHURCH NEWS



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

October 2017

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CHURCH SERVICES

Sunday 1 Oct – Trinity 16

Readings: Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-end; Philippians 2:1-13; Matthew 21:23-32
(Harvest - Lacock): Deut 8:7-18; 2 Corinthians 9:6-15; Luke 12:16-30

- 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 Harvest at Lacock
- 12:15 Baptism event at Corsham
- 6:00 Evensong at Corsham
- 6:30 Informal Worship at Lacock

Sunday 8 Oct – Trinity 17

Readings: Isaiah 5:1-7; Philippians 3:4b-14; Matthew 21:33-end

- 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
- 6:00 Evensong at Corsham
- 6:30 Holy Communion with Healing Ministry at Lacock

Sunday 15 Oct – Trinity 18

Readings: Isaiah 25:1-9; Philippians 4:1-9; Matthew 22:1-14

- 8:00 Holy Communion at Corsham
- 9:00 Matins at Bowden Hill
- 10:00 Holy Communion at Corsham and Neston
- 10:30 Family Service at Lacock
- 4.30 Sunday Club at Neston
- 6.30 Team Service at Corsham

Sunday 22 Oct – Trinity 19

Readings: Isaiah 45:1-7; 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10; Matthew 22:15-22

- 8:00 Holy Communion at Corsham
- 10:00 Family Service at Corsham
Matins at Gastard
Holy Communion at Neston
- 10:30 Holy Communion at Lacock
- 6:00 Holy Communion with Healing Ministry at Corsham
- 6:30 Evensong at Lacock

Sunday 29 Oct – Bible Sunday

Readings: Nehemiah 8:1-4a, 8-12; Colossians 3:12-17; Matthew 24:30-35

- 8:00 Holy Communion at Corsham
- 10:00 Matins at Corsham and Neston
Holy communion at Gastard
- 10:30 Praise and Worship at Lacock
- 12:15 Baptism event at Corsham
- 6:00 Evensong at Corsham
- 6:30 Holy Communion at Bowden Hill

Midweek Services

- Wednesday 10am BCP Communion at Corsham (Weekly)
- Thursday 10am Holy Communion at Neston (1st Thurs of the month)
- Friday 3.30pm Messy Church at Corsham (1st Friday of the month)

APPOINTMENT OF THE NEXT BISHOP OF BRISTOL

There will be an open meeting to learn about the role and process at St Andrew's Church Chippenham at 7.30pm on 12th October (coffee from 7pm).

THE RECTOR WRITES

I would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who worked so hard to cover my absence from the Team during my recent sabbatical, and also to thank you for your prayers for me and the family during that time. So what did I do during my three months away from the Team? Well, a sabbatical is meant to be a 3 month period devoted to sustained **re-creation** and **reflection** about one or more aspects of ministry.

Sustained **re-creation** was achieved through the absence of email, telephone calls and face-to-face contact with people about work, and spending quality time with the family. **Reflection** consisted of three strands:

- Reviewing my calling to follow God, with an emphasis on developing a practice of silent contemplative prayer – this came out of reading a book by Ian Cowley entitled *The contemplative minister: learning to lead from the still centre*, where he says this: 'the heart of priestly ministry is, first, the call to an ever deepening relationship of love for God, and, second, to lead others into that relationship and to enable them to respond to God in loving service and mission. The heart of our vocation is to know God and to teach our people to pray and to respond to God's call'. This review was carried out through reading several books, attending a day course led by Ian Cowley, and visiting a parish in the Diocese of Salisbury which has a regular monthly silent prayer group.
- Reviewing my calling to ordained ministry in general after twelve years in ordained ministry – this was accomplished through further reading and attendance at a guided retreat.
- Reviewing my calling to serve in multi-parish benefices and in particular to leadership in the Greater Corsham and Lacock Team – this was achieved through reading and reflection on my experience of multi-congregation ministry throughout my time as an ordained Anglican minister.

I am starting to share some of the fruit of these reflections with the Team as I get back into a rhythm with work, but in the meantime would appreciate your continuing prayers for wisdom as I ease my way back into ministry and plan where to direct my energies in the weeks and months that lie ahead.

Once again, thank you for the gift and privilege of time away from the Benefice, and for the many expressions of support and encouragement I have received since my return.

With love in Christ, Andrew

6.30PM TEAM SERVICE - SUNDAY 15th October

The Team Service will not now be taking place, as instead there is an Ecumenical Bible Sunday Service at St Aldhelm's Church at 6.00pm. Please do join our brothers and sisters in Christ from across the Corsham area for this special service.



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DEADLINE FOR NEXT ISSUE

Items for the next issue should be submitted not later than
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TEAM CURATE ON PLACEMENT

Our hardworking Team Curate Phill Harrison is on placement in the Greenway Group of Churches in Chippenham from Monday 25 September, returning to work in our Team on Wednesday 15 November. During this period he will not be available for duty in our Team, so please contact either Revd Andrew or Revd Adam with any enquiries.

Please also pray for Revd Phill as he extends his ministerial experience to another team of churches during this period.

ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S WALKING GROUP

The 14 walkers who set out from Castle Combe on our 9 mile September walk were accompanied by a fairly persistent downpour along the Fosseway and across to Littleton Drew. The wet M4 looked an uninviting place to be as we walked westwards parallel to its eastbound carriageway for a while. St Mary the Virgin church at Burton provided sanctuary and the rare luxury of chairs and tables for lunch, our thanks to church warden Marje Caie. Back in Castle Combe, under sunshine and blue skies, we took some refreshment in the garden of the White Hart. Photos on the Walking Group page of the church website.

Our October outing of about 8 miles is on Friday 13th; please meet at 10:00hrs at St Philip's and St James' church, Neston. Thank you to Charles Todd who will lead a fine walk to Great Chalfield. There is plenty of on-street parking, please bring snack/picnic.

PEACOCK ARTS TRAIL

The Peacock Arts Trail will be happening in and around Corsham from 30 September to 8 October and over 60 venues are open to visit in the local area. They feature, sculpture, jewellery, fashion, photography and more. There are also exhibitions, workshops and the chance for a spot of retail therapy.

At Lacock the beautiful 'New Farm' on the Lacock Road to Corsham is home to the studios of a plethora of creative people. Painters (and local teachers) Rebecca McCarthy-Carter and Chloe Yandell have their workshops there. Anna Currey is a children's book illustrator who created "One Ted Fell Out of Bed" with Julia Donaldson. Also based at New Farm are Paul Carter is a talented carpenter making unusual furniture from reclaimed wood and professional photographer Alun Crockford.

The Greenhouse, Wadswick Green, is hosting beautiful watercolours by Melksham artist Joy Jefferys. Over in Whitley, Marianne, the talented lady behind the 'Grey Clouds & Silver Linings' jewellery range, will be welcoming visitors to the lovely new studio in her back garden. The free arts trail lets people pick and choose their own journeys of discovery. It's amazing how many talented people live locally!

Pick up a brochure at Corsham Town Hall, local libraries or visit www.peacockartstrail.co.uk.

MENS GROUP

The group meets this month 30th October 2017 8.00 pm at The Royal Oak. Ernest Hird will give us a talk on 'The Corsham Alms Houses'. **Please note this is a week later than normal because of half term.**

THE MOTHERS' UNION

Our speaker on Wednesday 1 November will be Tom Daley from Bristol Refugee Rights. The centre in Bristol helps refugees to learn English and Maths and also provides them with food and rely on donations. The refugees only get one meal a day and it is mainly rice, so how can we help. We plan to have a "Rice Sunday" on 15 October in St Bart's so please could you bring gifts of packet rice, tinned fish or tinned vegetables to the service and the Mothers' Union will be able to send Tom Daley back to Bristol loaded with supplies. Please no pasta or meat as the refugees don't eat that. If you are not able to attend the service and would like to contribute I will leave a box on the cross pew in St Bart's or contact Cathy Reynolds 01225 811865 to arrange collection.

REVELATION CHRISTIAN RESOURCE CENTRE

It is now definite that Revelation CRC will be closing both its shop and charity in the New Year. We will be trading normally until Christmas and will still be able to place customer orders until then. This will be followed by a big Sale of remaining stock throughout January before our final day of trading on Wednesday 31st January 2018. Please come and join us for our last Christmas and make it the best yet! 01249 463227.

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CORSHAM CHURCHES FOOD BANK: UPDATE

We're very grateful for the support we continue to get from local churches. In addition, we have a very willing team of volunteers drawn from all sections of the community. Year by year, since the food bank was set up, the number of local people we support has increased. 35 families were identified to receive extra food this summer during the school holidays when school meals were not available. At Christmas, families and individuals referred to us by various local organisations will receive a standard food box and some extra Christmas items – last year the total was 42 (189 bags of food) and we expect to have more referrals this year.

At our recent committee meeting we discussed how we could reach out more effectively to older people, reluctant (for a variety of reasons) to approach a food bank. We reviewed the list of food items we provide and considered whether we should extend the range to include toiletries. We also decided to increase the value of the green grocer vouchers we offer for fresh produce. We talked about creating our own website, improving our storage systems and updating our mobile phone - and the meeting still finished on time!

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