



# CHURCH NEWS



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

September 2017

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## CHURCH SERVICES

### Sunday 3 Sep – Trinity 12

Readings: Jeremiah 15:15-21; Romans 12-9-end; Matthew 16:21-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

### Sunday 10 Sep – Trinity 13

Readings: Ezekiel 33:7-11; Romans 13:8-end; Matthew 18:15-20

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

### Sunday 17 Sep – Trinity 14

Readings: Genesis 50:15-21; Romans 14:1-12; Matthew 18:21-35

- 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 24 Sep – Trinity 15/Harvest

Readings: Jonah 3:10-4:11; Philippians 1:21-end; Matthew 20:1-16  
(Harvest): Deuteronomy 8:7-18; 2 Corinthians 9:6-15; Luke 12:16-30

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

### 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

### Midweek Services

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

### RECTOR'S SABBATICAL

Revd Andrew will return from sabbatical on 12 September. Until then Revd Adam and Revd Phill will continue duties as previously advised.

### THE CURATE'S CORNER

The "Rector Writes" will return next month; in the meantime Revd Phill continues to provide some thoughts this month.

In my job I get to meet (and share tea and biscuits!), with a lot of different people each week. Unsurprisingly, the weather is a favourite topic of conversation; it is often the starting point from which a bigger or more significant discussion may develop. Given the rather cool temperatures that we had this August, the state of the weather certainly shot right to the top of the small-talk charts list. But whilst we bemoan a soggy summer, it remains a fact that the world's average temperature has hit the highest level on record for the last three years in a row. The frequency of extreme weather events is also increasing. As I write this, more than a third of Bangladesh is currently underwater, with flooding there resulting in the worst humanitarian crisis in years.

Addressing a crowd, Jesus squints at the sky and says to them, 'When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, "It is going to rain"; and so it happens... You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?' (Luke 12:54,56). As global warming nudges the mercury ever higher we peer up into an uncertain sky, wondering where it will all end. The question is not so much what should we say about the weather, but what does the weather say about us?

### 6.30PM TEAM SERVICE - SUNDAY 17TH SEPTEMBER

We meet at 6:30pm in Church House for a time of worship, prayer and discussion. This month we will look at the personality and work of the Holy Spirit. Please join us if you can and there will be refreshments afterwards.

### HOUSE GROUP

We meet on Thursday 7th September at 7:30pm at 17 Light Close. For the Autumn season we are going to follow a 7-session study guide on the character of Elijah. We are also going to make time for discussion, worship and prayer as we usually do. Further details from Neil Pidduck (01249) 715848.

### LETTER FROM BISHOP MIKE

As the Rt Revd Mike Hill prepares to retire as Bishop of Bristol on 30 September 2017, he has written a final letter to parishes in the Diocese of Bristol. The letter sets out his commitment to resourcing new ministers, calling for churches to pray for, equip and release a new generation of workers into the harvest field and specifically those to lead our churches. The letter can be viewed on our website (under News) or the Bristol Diocese website. If you are unable to access the internet please contact Brian (details below) who can provide a printed copy.



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### DEADLINE FOR NEXT ISSUE

Items for the next issue should be submitted not later than  
**MIDDAY on WEDNESDAY 27 Sep 2017.**  
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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**



Our 9 mile August walk was a game of two halves for the twenty walkers who set out from Corsham. The first half towards Neston, Gastard, Catridge and Piccadilly was a tale of paths obstructed by crops, including a 7' high field of maize and of overgrown stiles, despite some energetic pre-walk path clearance. Several encounters with lively inquisitive horses provided a distraction from these mundane challenges. Some of us missed The Red Arrows when they turned up a bit later than arranged. By comparison the second half through New Farm, Ladbrookside and Corsham Park was an absolute breeze; easier still was getting a welcome drink at The Flemish Weaver afterwards.

Photos of this and other walks (mainly courtesy of Nigel Jackson – thank you) can be seen on the church website, click on 'Activities' and scroll down.

Our September walk of about 9 miles meeting at 10:00hrs on Friday, 8<sup>th</sup> will start and finish at The Market Cross, Castle Combe. Parking is in the free car park at the top of the hill or roadside parking at the bottom. Suggest bringing a 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](http://www.peacockartstrail.co.uk).

**MENS GROUP**

The group resumes this month on 25th September 2017 at 8.00pm at The Royal Oak, Corsham when Sharon Thomas from Corsham Town Council will present a "Corsham Update".

**PORTRAITS**

How about a portrait of your children, grandchildren, grandparents, or parents. Roger Parry will take it, print it and mount it for just £5 (up to a 10x8 mount). Alternatively he will print and mount a favourite picture of yours (subject to suitability of size). Proceeds to the St. Bart's £2 challenge. Contact him on 01225 812633 or [rparry973@gmail.com](mailto:rparry973@gmail.com).

**£8 per person**

# Gastard Village Harvest Celebration and Supper

**At Gastard Village Hall**

**Sunday 24th September 6.30pm**

**Tickets £8.00 from  
Sandy Fletcher  
01249 715006**

**Organised by St John's Church**

**Bring your own Drinks!**

**ST BART'S HARVEST SUPPER**

Saturday 23 Sep 6.30-9.00pm in St Bart's Church featuring a variety of new acts and old favourites including musical performances, comedy, poetry and acrobatics (well... perhaps not acrobatics), all hosted by our indefatigable curate. For one night only...

**HOBBIES AND CRAFTS SHOW**

This will take place in St Bartholomew's church on Saturday 16 September from 10.30am to 4.00pm. Entry is free. There will be displays of Models, including an operational model railway, Photography, Paintings, Quilts and many more crafts - some craft items will be for sale. Refreshments of Teas, Coffee and Cake will be available.

**THE MOTHERS' UNION**

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday 6 September at 2.30pm in St Bartholomew's church for our Wave of Prayer. Members and non-members are always welcome.

**For More information:**

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