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Please note that the correct Payee for cheques is

PCC of Lacock with Bowden Hill

Please remember in your prayers:



Mo Kelly, Betty Howard, Irene Docherty, Michael Freeman, Oscar,
Peter Orner, Leo Stevens, John Webb, Tom Gledhill,
Mabel Davis, Colleen McDuling

Lacock School and its teachers, governors and pupils, especially those preparing to move on this summer.

Rev Andrew on Extended Ministerial Development Leave (Sabbatical)

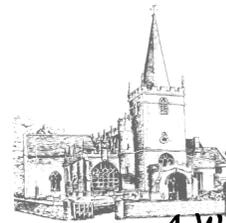
Postcards raise cash for vital missionary support work: MAF (Mission Aviation Fellowship) collect postcards to raise funds—last year, their team of expert volunteers raised £16,000! Any postcards can be useful – used or unused, holiday postcards, commemoratives, any at all. There is a collection box for postcards for MAF under the organ loft – please do bring any unwanted cards. Thanks. Read more about MAF's work at www.maf-uk.org

Cream Teas at Neston Church 3.30-5 p.m. Sundays 16th & 23rd July



If you are a visitor to our Church, we welcome you. Please do take this news sheet and our warmest greetings back to your own parish and congregation.

Please stay for coffee after the service. We are a Fair Trade church.
And do have a look at the bookstall—lots of new stock to browse and buy



PARISH OF LACOCK WITH BOWDEN HILL



A WARM WELCOME TO ALL WHO WORSHIP HERE

Services today, Sunday 16th July

9.00 a.m. Matins at St Anne's Bowden Hill

10.30 a.m. Family Service

6.30 p.m. Informal Worship (Team Service)
at Church House, Corsham



Services next Sunday, 23rd July

10.30 a.m. Holy Communion

6.30 p.m. Evensong



Church Cleaning—Monday 17th 10 a.m.

Please come along to help for an hour if you can.

Thursday July 20th

1.30 p.m. Lacock School Leavers' Service

All welcome



Coffee rota—help needed please

Can anyone do coffees after the next Family Service on August 20th please?
(This is the Lacock at War weekend so a lot of people are busy with that).

If anyone can help with this, please speak to Fiona or email

Fiona@fionadraper.co.uk. Thanks.

Please take this newsletter home with you and use it for your prayers and your reference during the week

Collect for the Fifth Sunday after Trinity

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church is governed and sanctified: hear our prayer which we offer for all your faithful people, that in their vocation and ministry they may serve you in holiness and truth to the glory of your name; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

or

Almighty God, send down upon your Church the riches of your Spirit, and kindle in all who minister the gospel your countless gifts of grace; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 55: 10-13 Pew Bible p.521

“As the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return to it without watering the earth and making it bud and flourish, so that it yields seed for the sower and bread for the eater, so is my word that goes out from my mouth: It will not return to me empty, but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it. You will go out in joy and be led forth in peace; the mountains and hills will burst into song before you, and all the trees of the field will clap their hands. Instead of the thornbush will grow the juniper, and instead of briars the myrtle will grow. This will be for the LORD’s renown, for an everlasting sign, that will endure forever.”

New Testament Reading: Romans 8: 1-11 Pew Bible p.797

Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit who gives life has set you free from the law of sin and death. For what the law was powerless to do because it was weakened by the flesh, God did by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh to be a sin offering. And so he condemned sin in the flesh, in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fully met in us, who do not live according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. Those who live according to the flesh have their minds set on what the flesh desires; but those who live in accordance with the Spirit have their minds set on what the Spirit desires. The mind governed by the flesh is death, but the mind governed by the Spirit is life and peace. The mind governed by the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God’s law, nor can it do so. Those who are in the

realm of the flesh cannot please God. You, however, are not in the realm of the flesh but are in the realm of the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God lives in you.

And if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, they do not belong to Christ. But if Christ is in you, then even though your body is subject to death because of sin, the Spirit gives life because of righteousness. And if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies because of his Spirit who lives in you.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 13: 1-9, 18-23 Pew Bible p.690

That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat by the lake. Such large crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat in it, while all the people stood on the shore. Then he told them many things in parables, saying: “A farmer went out to sow his seed. As he was scattering the seed, some fell along the path, and the birds came and ate it up. Some fell on rocky places, where it did not have much soil. It sprang up quickly, because the soil was shallow. But when the sun came up, the plants were scorched, and they withered because they had no root. Other seed fell among thorns, which grew up and choked the plants. Still other seed fell on good soil, where it produced a crop—a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown. Whoever has ears, let them hear.”

“Listen then to what the parable of the sower means: When anyone hears the message about the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what was sown in their heart. This is the seed sown along the path. The seed falling on rocky ground refers to someone who hears the word and at once receives it with joy. But since they have no root, they last only a short time. When trouble or persecution comes because of the word, they quickly fall away. The seed falling among the thorns refers to someone who hears the word, but the worries of this life and the deceitfulness of wealth choke the word, making it unfruitful. But the seed falling on good soil refers to someone who hears the word and understands it. This is the one who produces a crop, yielding a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown.”