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PCC of Lacock with Bowden Hill



Please remember in your prayers:

Margaret Moore, Diana Bye, Mo Kelly, Oscar, Leo Stevens,
Mabel Davis, Colleen McDuling

Family and friends of Michael Freeman

Dan and Leah Penno married here yesterday

Iain and Sophie preparing for their wedding next Saturday

Emergency Hurricane Appeal: On behalf of Youth Church I'm asking that you join with us in supporting the emergency appeal for victims of Hurricane Irma and now Hurricane Maria, which hit Dominica on Tuesday, by Samaritan's Purse, the shoe-box charity. The funds will be providing hygiene kits, blankets and rolls of heavy duty plastic sheeting for shelter. Irma was the strongest storm in a decade and Maria was an unprecedented successive category 5 storm. There will be a collection at the back of Church after the service tomorrow. Thank You, Hannah 'Whoever has a bountiful eye will be blessed, for he shares his bread with the poor' Proverbs 22:9

Green Cafe: We are now starting to prepare our next year of activities, If you have any suggestions and/or have any spare time to help either with planning events or helping as a volunteer at any of the cafes please contact Rachael on 730636



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



PARISH OF LACOCK WITH BOWDEN HILL



A WARM WELCOME TO ALL WHO WORSHIP HERE

Services today, Sunday 24th September



10.30 a.m. Holy Communion

6.30 p.m. Evensong

At Holy Communion we use wafers and fair-trade communion wine. If you have reason to need either gluten-free wafers or non-alcoholic wine please quietly say, 'gluten-free', or 'non alcoholic' to the person serving you at the rail and they will provide for you.

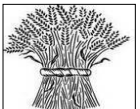
Services next Sunday, 1st October

9.00 a.m. Holy Communion (BCP) at St Anne's Bowden Hill

9.30 a.m. Parish Breakfast

10.30 a.m. Harvest Festival—all age service

*The opportunity to bring your gifts and give thanks to God.
All donations of food will be given to the elderly in the parish or to Doorway, the Chippenham charity for the homeless.*



6.30 p.m. Informal Worship



Saturday September 30th

12.30 p.m. Wedding of Iain Cook and Sophie Parsons

Church Cleaning—Monday 25th at 10 a.m.

More helpers always welcome please

Friday 29th: MacMillan Coffee Morning at The George from 10 a.m.

The Church will be decorated for Harvest on Friday after the coffee morning

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

Collect for the Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity

God, who in generous mercy sent the Holy Spirit upon your Church in the burning fire of your love: grant that your people may be fervent in the fellowship of the gospel that, always abiding in you, they may be found steadfast in faith and active in service; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

or

God, defend your Church from all false teaching and give to your people knowledge of your truth, that we may enjoy eternal life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Old Testament Reading: Jonah 3:10-4:11 Pew Bible p. 654

When God saw what the Ninevites did and how they turned from their evil ways, he relented and did not bring on them the destruction he had threatened. But to Jonah this seemed very wrong, and he became angry. He prayed to the LORD, ‘Isn’t this what I said, LORD, when I was still at home? That is what I tried to forestall by fleeing to Tarshish. I knew that you are a gracious and compassionate God, slow to anger and abounding in love, a God who relents from sending calamity. Now, LORD, take away my life, for it is better for me to die than to live.’ But the LORD replied, ‘Is it right for you to be angry?’

Jonah had gone out and sat down at a place east of the city. There he made himself a shelter, sat in its shade and waited to see what would happen to the city. Then the LORD God provided a leafy plant and made it grow up over Jonah to give shade for his head to ease his discomfort, and Jonah was very happy about the plant. But at dawn the next day God provided a worm, which chewed the plant so that it withered. When the sun rose, God provided a scorching east wind, and the sun blazed on Jonah’s head so that he grew faint. He wanted to die, and said, ‘It would be better for me to die than to live.’ But God said to Jonah, ‘Is it right for you to be angry about the plant?’ ‘It is,’ he said. ‘And I’m so angry I wish I were dead.’

But the LORD said, ‘You have been concerned about this plant, though you did not tend it or make it grow. It sprang up overnight and died overnight. And should I not have concern for the great city of Nineveh, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand people who cannot tell their right hand from their left – and also many animals?’

New Testament Reading: Philippians 1:21-30 Pew Bible p. 829

For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain. If I am to go on living in the body, this will mean fruitful labour for me. Yet what shall I choose? I am torn

between the two: I desire to depart and be with Christ, which is better by far; but it is more necessary for you that I remain in the body. Convinced of this, I know that I will remain, and I will continue with all of you for your progress and joy in the faith, so that through my being with you again your boasting in Christ Jesus will abound on account of me. Whatever happens, conduct yourselves in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ. Then, whether I come and see you or only hear about you in my absence, I will know that you stand firm in the one Spirit, striving together as one for the faith of the gospel without being frightened in any way by those who oppose you. This is a sign to them that they will be destroyed, but that you will be saved – and that by God. For it has been granted to you on behalf of Christ not only to believe in him, but also to suffer for him, since you are going through the same struggle you saw I had, and now hear that I still have.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 20:1-16 Pew Bible p. 696

Jesus said: ‘For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire workers for his vineyard. He agreed to pay them a denarius for the day and sent them into his vineyard. About nine in the morning he went out and saw others standing in the market-place doing nothing. He told them, “You also go and work in my vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.” So they went. He went out again about noon and about three in the afternoon and did the same thing. About five in the afternoon he went out and found still others standing around. He asked them, “Why have you been standing here all day long doing nothing?” “Because no one has hired us,” they answered. He said to them, “You also go and work in my vineyard.” When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, “Call the workers and pay them their wages, beginning with the last ones hired and going on to the first.” The workers who were hired about five in the afternoon came and each received a denarius. So when those came who were hired first, they expected to receive more. But each one of them also received a denarius. When they received it, they began to grumble against the landowner. “These who were hired last worked only one hour,” they said, “and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the work and the heat of the day.” But he answered one of them, “I am not being unfair to you, friend. Didn’t you agree to work for a denarius? Take your pay and go. I want to give the one who was hired last the same as I gave you. Don’t I have the right to do what I want with my own money? Or are you envious because I am generous?” So the last will be first, and the first will be last.’