

Weekly Information Sheet

1 October 2017
Trinity 16



PLEASE TAKE THIS SHEET HOME WITH YOU as a reference source during the coming week.
Also check the website for any breaking news and for much more information.

HOUSE GROUP

We meet on Thursday 5th October at 7:30pm at 17 Light Close for Bible Study, Worship and Discussion. We are currently studying a series on the character of Elijah. Further details from Neil Pidduck (Tel 01249 715848).



HELP NEEDED.

We have the opportunity boost Church funds by providing refreshments of tea/coffee/cake/biscuits in church during the Peacock Arts Trail. Dates and times as follows: Sunday 1st October from 1.30 until 5 pm. Saturday 7th October 10 am until 5 pm and Sunday 8th October 12 noon until 5 pm. It would be great if we could cover the times with a rota of several people covering about 2 hours. If you are able to help in any way, please contact L'nora on 01225 859202.

WHAT IS THE MOTHERS' UNION?



We are WOMEN but not always (men belong as well); we are MARRIED but not always (some of us are single, widowed or divorced); we are MOTHERS but not always (some of us do not have children); we are members of the CofE but not always (some of us attend other churches); we are not limited in our age range. We usually meet MONTHLY (1st Wednesday, 2.30pm in Church House) and SUPPORT FAMILY LIFE - in the UK and Overseas; we SUPPORT our scheme for holidays for those in need; we give goods to the WOMENS' REFUGE and the RISE We KNIT for needs at home and overseas; we SUPPORT our local CLERGY and CHURCHES and we regard PRAYER as a vital part of our lives. For more information contact Cathy Reynolds, Corsham Branch Leader. Tel:01225 811865.

DIARY DATES

Tues 3 Oct	7.30pm	LT meeting at Church House (please note venue change)
Weds 4 Oct	6.30pm	Brigade meet for Badgework in Church House
	2.30pm	MU meet in Church House
Thurs 5 Oct	Morning	Church Cleaning (Team B)
	7.30pm	House group meets
Fri 6 Oct	3.30pm	Messy Church
Mon 9 Oct	2.00pm	Craft & Co met at 33 Park Lane

APPOINTMENT OF THE NEXT BISHOP OF BRISTOL – GETTING INVOLVED

Do you want to play your part in helping discern who our next Bishop will be? Please come to an open meeting to learn about the role and process; to pray and to share your views as part of the consultation. A meeting will be held in Chippenham Deanery at St Andrew's Church Chippenham at 7.30pm on 12th October 2017 (coffee from 7pm).



You can also express your views directly so they can be fed into the consultation, visit <https://www.bristol.anglican.org/our-next-bishop>.

MOTHERS' UNION – NEXT MEETING

Our next meeting is on Wednesday 4 October at 2.30pm in Church House when our speaker will be from the Leprosy Mission. See also October Church News for additional information.

For More information:

Revd Dr Andrew Johnson - rector@corshamandlacockchurches.org.uk ☎ 01249 713232
Church Office: Ted Davies - office@corshamandlacockchurches.org.uk ☎ 01249 701720
Team Website: - <http://corshamandlacockchurches.org.uk>

PASTORAL VISITING: If you know of someone who is in need of pastoral care please contact L'nora Olney on 01225 859202 so that appropriate arrangements can be made. These might include a visit at home or in hospital and/or the provision of home communion.

DEADLINE FOR NEXT ISSUE

Items for inclusion in each Sunday's sheet should be submitted not later than **MIDDAY on the preceding Wednesday.**

Email to: 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 please send a request, putting **Weekly Info Sheet** in the subject line, to news@corshamandlacockchurches.org.uk.

Sunday 01 October 17 – TRINITY 16

The Collect

Lord of creation, whose glory is around and within us: open our eyes to your wonders, that we may serve you with reverence and know your peace at our lives' end, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **AMEN**

Old Testament Reading – Ezekiel 18:1-5, 25-end (NRSVA)

The word of the Lord came to me: ²What do you mean by repeating this proverb concerning the land of Israel, 'The parents have eaten sour grapes, and the children's teeth are set on edge'? ³As I live, says the Lord God, this proverb shall no more be used by you in Israel. ⁴Know that all lives are mine; the life of the parent as well as the life of the child is mine: it is only the person who sins that shall die.

²⁵Yet you say, 'The way of the Lord is unfair.' Hear now, O house of Israel: Is my way unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair? ²⁶When the righteous turn away from their righteousness and commit iniquity, they shall die for it; for the iniquity that they have committed they shall die. ²⁷Again, when the wicked turn away from the wickedness they have committed and do what is lawful and right, they shall save their life. ²⁸Because they considered and turned away from all the transgressions that they had committed, they shall surely live; they shall not die. ²⁹Yet the house of Israel says, 'The way of the Lord is unfair.' O house of Israel, are my ways unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair?

³⁰Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, all of you according to your ways, says the Lord God. Repent and turn from all your transgressions; otherwise iniquity will be your ruin. ³¹Cast away from you all the transgressions that you have committed against me, and get yourselves a new heart and a new spirit! Why will you die, O house of Israel? ³²For I have no pleasure in the death of anyone, says the Lord God. Turn, then, and live.

New Testament Reading – Philippians 2:1-13 (NRSVA)

Imitating Christ's Humility

If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, ²make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. ³Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. ⁴Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. ⁵Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, ⁶who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, ⁷but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, ⁸he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross.

⁹Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven

and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Shining as Lights in the World

¹²Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; ¹³for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

Gospel Reading – Matthew 21:23-32 (NRSVA)

The Authority of Jesus Questioned

²³When he entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, 'By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?' ²⁴Jesus said to them, 'I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. ²⁵Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?' And they argued with one another, 'If we say, "From heaven", he will say to us, "Why then did you not believe him?"' ²⁶But if we say, "Of human origin", we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet.' ²⁷So they answered Jesus, 'We do not know.' And he said to them, 'Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things.

The Parable of the Two Sons

²⁸'What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, "Son, go and work in the vineyard today." ²⁹He answered, "I will not"; but later he changed his mind and went. ³⁰The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, "I go, sir"; but he did not go. ³¹Which of the two did the will of his father?' They said, 'The first.' Jesus said to them, 'Truly I tell you, the tax-collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. ³²For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax-collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him.

SERVICES FOR THE NEXT WEEK AT ST BART'S

Weds 4 Oct

10.00am Holy Communion led by Revd Andrew

Sun 8 Oct – Trinity 17

8.00am Holy Communion led by Revd Andrew

9.00am EarlyBirds

10.00am Morning Worship led by Revd Adam
Anthem: IRELAND – Greater Love

6.00pm Evensong led by LLM Neil Pidduck.