



Weekly Information Sheet

8 October 2017
Trinity 17

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.

DIARY DATES

Mon 9 Oct	2.30pm	Craft & Co meet at 33 Park Lane
Weds 11 Oct	6.30pm	Brigade meet at Corsham Gym for games
Thurs 12 Oct	7.30pm	Next Bishop: meeting at St Andrew's (see below)
Fri 13 Oct	Morning	Church Cleaning (Team C)
Sat 14 Oct	1.00pm	Wedding in Church

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>

HOBBIES & CRAFTS DAY

We are pleased to note that £1,558 was raised at the recent Hobbies and Crafts day on 16 Sep. Many thanks to all who contributed in any way to this magnificent total.

FAIRTRADE STALL

The next appearance of the FairTrade stall will be on 5 Nov.

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.

MOTHERS' UNION

At next week's 10am service Theresa Matthews will be enrolled as a new member; all members are encouraged to attend to support Theresa.

The speaker at our next meeting 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 relies on donations. The refugees only get one meal a day and it is mainly rice, so 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 there will be a box on the cross pew or contact Cathy Reynolds (01225 811865) to arrange collection.

ECUMENICAL SERVICE FOR BIBLE SUNDAY

The Team Service scheduled for 6.30pm on Sunday 15 October 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.

HANDMADE CARDS

The craft group have a large selection of lovely handmade cards for all different occasions and will be selling them after Church on Sunday 15th and Sunday 22nd October.

PLANNED GIVING CARDS

From Sunday 15 October attractive planned giving cards will be available at the door of the church for those who give financially to St Bart's in ways other than by cash or giving envelopes placed in the collection plate, for example by direct debit or standing order. If this applies to you, please pick up one of the cards and place it in the collection plate during the offertory so you feel included in the thanksgiving offered at every service for the financial generosity of the congregation.

For More information:

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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.

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The Collect

Gracious God, you call us to fullness of life: deliver us from unbelief and banish our anxieties with the liberating love of Jesus Christ our Lord. **AMEN**

Old Testament Reading – Isaiah 5:1-7 (NRSVA)

The Song of the Unfruitful Vineyard

Let me sing for my beloved my love-song concerning his vineyard: My beloved had a vineyard on a very fertile hill. ² He dug it and cleared it of stones, and planted it with choice vines; he built a watch-tower in the midst of it, and hewed out a wine vat in it; he expected it to yield grapes, but it yielded wild grapes.

³ And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and people of Judah, judge between me and my vineyard. ⁴ What more was there to do for my vineyard that I have not done in it? When I expected it to yield grapes, why did it yield wild grapes?

⁵ And now I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard. I will remove its hedge, and it shall be devoured; I will break down its wall, and it shall be trampled down. ⁶ I will make it a waste; it shall not be pruned or hoed, and it shall be overgrown with briars and thorns; I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain upon it.

⁷ For the vineyard of the Lord of hosts is the house of Israel, and the people of Judah are his pleasant planting; he expected justice, but saw bloodshed; righteousness, but heard a cry!

New Testament Reading – Philippians 3:4b-14 (NRSVA)

If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: ⁵ circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; ⁶ as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

⁷ Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. ⁸ More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ ⁹ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. ¹⁰ I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, ¹¹ if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

Pressing towards the Goal

¹² Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. ¹³ Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, ¹⁴ I press on towards the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

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

The Parable of the Wicked Tenants

³³ 'Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a watch-tower. Then he leased it to tenants and went to another country. ³⁴ When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. ³⁵ But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. ³⁶ Again he sent other slaves, more than the first; and they treated them in the same way. ³⁷ Finally he sent his son to them, saying, "They will respect my son." ³⁸ But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, "This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance." ³⁹ So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. ⁴⁰ Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?' ⁴¹ They said to him, 'He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time.'

⁴² Jesus said to them, 'Have you never read in the scriptures: "The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord's doing, and it is amazing in our eyes"?'

⁴³ Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom. ⁴⁴ The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and it will crush anyone on whom it falls.'

⁴⁵ When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. ⁴⁶ They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

SERVICES FOR THE NEXT WEEK AT ST BART'S

Weds 11 Oct

10.00am Holy Communion led by Revd Andrew

Sun 15 Oct – Trinity 17

8.00am Holy Communion led by Revd Richard Hovey

10.00am Holy Communion led by Revd Andrew

Anthem: English Troped Kyrie

6.00pm Ecumenical Bible Sunday Service at St Aldhelm's Church