

Weekly Information Sheet



16 July 2017
Trinity 5

MENS GROUP OUTING

Transport for the Group outing on Monday 24 July will depart from the Newlands Road Bus Stop at 5.30pm.

Please note there is no meeting in August; we resume on **25th September 2017** at 8.00 pm at The Royal Oak when Sharon Thomas from Corsham Town Council will present a "Corsham Update".

RIDE & STRIDE – ADVANCED NOTICE

The annual Ride and Stride event will be taking place on **Saturday 9 September 2017** between 10am and 6pm.

This event involves visiting as many of Wiltshire's churches as you can between 10am and 6pm either by bicycle, on foot, on horse-back or by mobility scooter. Choose and many (or as few) churches as you wish.

Half of the money collected through sponsorship comes back to your chosen parish and the other half goes to the Wiltshire Historic Churches Trust, to enable it to make grants for the upkeep of churches and chapels in the county

St Bart's has been a beneficiary of a grant in the past. Entry forms will be in our churches soon. Please ask sponsors to tick the gift aid box which means that an extra 25p can be claimed for every £1 raised.

SERVICES FOR THE NEXT WEEK AT ST BART'S

Weds 19 Jul

10.00am Holy Communion led by Revd Phill

Sun 23 Jul – Trinity 6

8.00am Holy Communion led by Revd Phill

10.00am Family Service led by Revd Victor

Anthem: ASTON – I give you a new commandment

6.00pm Holy Communion with Healing Ministry led by Revd Adam

DIARY DATES

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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.

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.

Fri 21 Jul	Morning	Church Cleaning – Team C
	5.00pm	Wedding rehearsal
Sat 22 Jul	2.00pm	Wedding
Mon 24 Jul	5.30pm	Men's Group – outdoor event
Weds 26 Jul	12.00pm	August Church News Deadline

TEAM SERVICE

You are welcome to our monthly informal evening service held every 3rd Sunday in Church House, Corsham. On Sunday 16th July at 6:30pm we meet for informal worship, discussion based on a Bible passage and prayer. Our time together is concluded with refreshments and time to chat. Our theme for the evening will be Jesus, the Son of God. Further details from Neil Pidduck: tel (01249) 715848.

AUCTION OF PROMISES

The Auction of Promises at St Bart's on 8 July raised £900. Thanks to everyone who gave promises or bid for them. Thanks too are extended to the organisers and "The Gavel" who encouraged such wonderful giving.

SAFARI LUNCH

We are planning a Safari Lunch on Saturday 12 August, hosts needed for main course and sweet and also names of those who would like to come and enjoy the wonderful culinary delights prepared by our hosts. Cost will be £8 per person for church funds. Names to Cathy Reynolds Tel: 01225811865 or L'nora Olney 01225 859202 as soon as possible please.

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 16 July 17 – TRINITY 5

The Collect

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. **AMEN**

Old Testament Reading – Isaiah 55:10-13 (NRSVA)

For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return there until they have watered the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, ¹¹ so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

¹² For you shall go out in joy, and be led back in peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall burst into song, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands. ¹³ Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress; instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle; and it shall be to the Lord for a memorial, for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

New Testament Reading – Romans 8:1-11 (NRSVA)

Life in the Spirit

⁸ There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. ² For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. ³ For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and to deal with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, ⁴ so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. ⁵ For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. ⁶ To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. ⁷ For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law—indeed it cannot, ⁸ and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

⁹ But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not

belong to him. ¹⁰ But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. ¹¹ If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

Gospel Reading – Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23 (NRSVA)

The Parable of the Sower

That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the lake. ² Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. ³ And he told them many things in parables, saying: 'Listen! A sower went out to sow. ⁴ And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. ⁵ Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. ⁶ But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. ⁷ Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. ⁸ Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. ⁹ Let anyone with ears listen!'

The Parable of the Sower Explained

¹⁸ 'Hear then the parable of the sower. ¹⁹ When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. ²⁰ As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; ²¹ yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. ²² As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. ²³ But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.'

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