



CHURCH NEWS



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From the Anglican churches of Corsham, Gastard, Lacock with Bowden Hill and Neston

May 2017

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CHURCH SERVICES

Sunday 30 Apr – Easter 3

Readings: Zephaniah 3:14-end; Acts 2:14a, 35-41; Luke 24:13-35

- 8:00 Holy Communion at Corsham
- 10:00 Matins at Corsham and Neston
Holy Communion at Gastard
- 10:30 Praise & Worship at Lacock
- 6:00 Holy Communion with Healing Ministry at Corsham
- 6.30 Holy Communion at Bowden Hill

Sunday 7 May – Easter 4

Readings: Genesis 7; Acts 2:42-end; John 10:1-10

- 8:00 Holy Communion at Corsham
- 9:00 Holy Communion at Bowden Hill
Jump Start Sunday at Neston
- 10:00 Holy Communion at Corsham and Gastard
- 10:30 Morning Worship at Lacock
- 6:00 Evensong at Corsham
- 6:30 Informal Worship at Lacock

Sunday 14 May – Easter 5

Readings: Genesis 8:1-19 Acts 7:55-end; John 14:1-14

- 8:00 Holy Communion at Corsham
- 9:00 Earlybirds at Corsham
- 10:00 Morning Worship at Corsham and Neston
Matins at Gastard
- 10:30 Holy Communion at Lacock
- 12:15 Baptism event at Corsham
- 6:00 Evensong at Corsham
- 6:30 Holy Communion with Healing Ministry at Lacock

Sunday 21 May – Easter 6

Readings: Genesis 8:20-9:17; Acts 17:22-31; John 14:15-21

- 8:00 Holy Communion at Corsham
- 9:00 Matins at Bowden Hill
- 10:00 Holy Communion at Corsham
Family Service at Neston
- 10:30 Family Service at Lacock
- 6.30 Team Service at Corsham

Sunday 28 May – Sunday After Ascension

Readings: Ezekiel 36:24-28; Acts 1:6-14; John 17:1-11

- 8:00 ~~Holy Communion at Corsham~~
- 10.00 Family Service at Corsham
Rogation Walk at Gastard
Holy Communion at Neston
- 10:30 Holy Communion at Lacock
- 6:00 ~~Holy Communion with Healing Ministry at Corsham~~
- 6:30 Evensong at Lacock

Midweek Services

- Wednesday 10am BCP Communion at Corsham (Weekly)
- Thursday 10am Holy Communion at Neston (Monthly, 1st Thursday)
- Friday 3.30pm Messy Church at Corsham (1st Friday)

SERVICE PATTERN CHANGES

1. There will be an additional service of Holy Communion with Healing Ministry at Corsham at 6.30pm on 30 Apr.
2. There is no 8am or 6.30pm service at Corsham on 28 May.

THE RECTOR WRITES

Imagine that you receive a pledge card through your front door in the run up to the general election in June. On one side it has five pledges:

- to preach good news to the poor
- to proclaim freedom for the prisoners
- to recover the sight of the blind
- to release the oppressed
- and to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour

If you have not already thrown the card in the bin, you turn it over to find out whether this is the latest offering from the Monster Raving Loony Party. Instead you see the logo of a cross and the words 'Jesus Party'. The five pledges above are taken from the so-called Nazarene Manifesto from Isaiah that Jesus applied to himself.

As far as I am aware there is no Jesus Party fielding candidates at the general election, yet I think there are at least two good reasons why we should vote as Christians:

- The first is that Jesus encouraged those around him to be responsible citizens. He told them to continue to pay taxes to Caesar, for example, when paying tax was even more unpopular than it is today
- The second reason we should vote is a simple matter of justice. What right do we have to withhold our vote, when many people throughout the world long to have the democratic right to vote in elections?

So it is important that we 'make our cross count' by exercising our right to vote as Christians. But it is even more important that we 'make *the* cross count'. No matter how good our political leaders are, they are never going to completely remove poverty and suffering from society. But through Jesus' death on the cross and resurrection to everlasting life we do have the hope of life beyond death, where all sorrow and sighing will cease and every tear will be wiped from our eyes.

So please join me in both exercising your right to vote on Thursday 8 June but also seeking to share the Christian hope of new life with the communities we serve.

With love in Christ, Andrew

6.30PM TEAM SERVICE, SUNDAY 21 MAY

Please join us in Church House for our monthly opportunity to explore a particular spiritual topic in some depth, with interactive discussion, informal worship and refreshments. We are currently exploring the ten holy habits we see in the first Christian community described by Luke in Acts 2, for example prayer, worship and Bible teaching, and you can be assured of a warm welcome.



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DEADLINE FOR NEXT ISSUE

Items for the next issue should be submitted not later than
MIDDAY on WEDNESDAY 24 May 2017.

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 every month then please send a request to the above email address.

ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S WALKING GROUP

A beautifully sunny day welcomed a group of nine sun-worshippers to our eight mile April walk. Heading west from Monkton Combe we followed the Limestone Link path along the remains of the Somerset Coal Canal to Midford and Combe Hay, through the canal tunnel to our scenic lunch stop overlooking the Wiltshire countryside. We continued to Southstoke, Horsecombe Vale and back to Monkton Combe. Along the way we paid homage to Harry Patch, the last fighting Tommy, also to William 'Strata' Smith, the father of English Geology. Photo's of our walks are on the church website www.corshamandlacockchurches.org.uk click on 'Activities' and scroll down.

The next walk will be about 8 miles on Friday, 5th May, meeting 10:00hrs at The White Hart PH, Ford, SN14 8RP. Kind permission to use upper car park but parking is limited, please car share if possible. Suggest bringing snack/picnic.

MEN'S GROUP

The May meeting is on Monday 22nd May at 8.00 pm in The Royal Oak. John Maciver and John Box will give a talk entitled 'The RNLI'. All men welcome.

CORSHAM MOTHERS' UNION

Our speaker at the next meeting on Wednesday 3 May at 2.30pm is Gill Wilding who is the co-ordinator for Friends for Parents at the Bristol Children's Hospital and the MU provide tea and coffee so that parents staying with sick children can easily get refreshments. If you would like to help by providing a jar of coffee or packet of tea please put it in the box on the cross pew or bring it to the meeting and I will give it to Gill. All are welcome to attend MU meetings.

ORGAN AND MUSIC RECITAL, NESTON CHURCH

Neston Church is fortunate to have a fine example of a late Victorian organ, which can deliver a remarkable sound. You may have enjoyed it accompanying hymns at our Sunday services or carols by candlelight. It is now in need of restoration and we have started fundraising to put the organ back in good order. Local resident and accomplished organist Nick Edwards, along with fellow musicians Cathy Crozier-Cole (flute) and Matthew Taylor (violin) have kindly offered to perform a recital of pieces, including *The Lark Ascending* by Vaughan Williams and Handel's *Organ Concerto in F* as part of our fundraising on Sunday 7th May at 3pm.

Tickets £5 for adults and £3 for children, including refreshments, are available from *The Corsham Bookshop, Neston Country Inn, Corsham Tourist Information Centre*

CHIPPENHAM MALE VOICE CHOIR – "IN CONCERT"

Thursday 11 May 17 at 7.30pm in the Town Hall, Corsham featuring a concert of popular and traditional music. Tickets are priced at £8, from Philip Miles 01249 701956. Proceeds in aid of St John the Baptist Church, Gastard.

THY KINGDOM COME – Rural Prayer Breakfast

You are invited to join in praying for the Chippenham Deanery Rural Churches on Saturday 20 May 8.30-10.00am at Marshfield Church (SN14 8NT).



TASTE OF Corsham
17th JUNE 2017

FREE PARKING ALL DAY!

High Street & The Martingate Centre
10am-4pm

Come and discover great food and drink from Corsham and Wiltshire

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STRANGE WEAPONS

AN EVENING WITH GARTH HEWITT

Drawing on his extensive catalogue of songs old and new, Garth sings songs of struggle and hope, regrets and homecomings

7.30pm
Saturday 20th May 2017
St Cyriac's Church Lacock, SN15 2LB

Tickets from 01249 249447
or email stellaskipper@aol.com
£5.00 Adults £3.00 U 16s

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Opening Hours: (Telephone answering machine/email available outside of these times)
 Monday 7-8pm; Wednesday 10-12.30 and 2-4pm; Saturday 10-11am