



CHURCH NEWS



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

August 2017

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CHURCH SERVICES

Sunday 6 Aug – Transfiguration

Readings: Daniel 7:9-10,13-14; 2 Peter 1:16-19; Luke 9:28-36

- 8:00 Holy Communion at Corsham
- 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 13 Aug – Trinity 9

Readings: 1 Kings 19:9-18; Romans 10:5-15; Matthew 14:22-33

- 8:00 Holy Communion at Corsham
- 10:00 Morning Worship at Corsham, Gastard and Neston
- 10:30 Holy Communion at Lacock
- 6:00 Evensong at Corsham
- 6:30 Holy Communion with Healing Ministry at Lacock

Sunday 20 Aug – Trinity 10

Readings: Isaiah 56:1, 6-8; Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32; Matthew 15:21-28

- 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

Sunday 27 Aug – Trinity 11

Readings: Isaiah 51:1-6; Romans 12:1-8; Matthew 16:13-20

- 8:00 Holy Communion at Corsham
- 10:00 Family Service at Corsham
- Matins 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

Sunday 3 Sep – Trinity 12

Readings: Jeremiah 15:15-21; Romans 12-9-end; Matthew 16:21-end

- 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

Midweek Services

- Wednesday 10am BCP Communion at Corsham (Weekly)
- Thursday 10am Holy Communion at Neston (1st Thurs of the month)
- Friday 3.30pm Messy Church at Corsham (1st Friday of the month)

CLERGY COVER DURING RECTOR'S SABBATICAL

Team Vicar, Revd Adam Beaumont, will have overall responsibility for the Benefice with particular pastoral responsibility for Lacock and Bowden Hill and Gastard whilst the Team Curate, Revd Phill Harrison, will have pastoral responsibility for Corsham and Neston.

THE CURATE'S CORNER

During the Rector's sabbatical our curate, Revd Phill, provides some thoughts this month:

Arrow prayers. A name for quick prayers said, or thought, at a moment's notice. No more than a couple of sentences long and sometimes as short as one word ("Help!" is a good one). Arrow prayers are a way of keeping in touch with God in the midst of a busy day, things to do, places to go, people to see etc. They don't replace 'proper' prayers, any more than a passing "Hello" replaces a proper conversation with a friend, but they do help us to include God in the normal stuff of life.

The bible reminds us that we should pray for our leaders and St. Paul often asks his readers to pray for him (see Colossians 4:3-4). We have just passed the half way point of our Team Rector's Extended Ministerial Development Leave (or, to decode the church speak, his sabbatical), so I thought I'd share one of my own regular arrow prayers with you. Living where he does, I pass The Rectory regularly, often several times a day. It has become my habit to use the sight of Andrew's home as a reminder to pray for him, particularly during this period away from parish ministry. So as I negotiate the mini roundabout on my way to St. Bart's I send up an arrow prayer: Dear Lord, please give Andrew clarity and refreshment (think glacier mints!). Amen.

6.30PM TEAM SERVICE

Please note there is no Team Service in August.

CHRISTIAN RESOURCES CENTRE

The Revelation Christian Resource Centre will be closing in the New Year. The growth of the internet as a means of purchasing resources has made it increasingly difficult to keep the business viable. And the Trustees decided that the best option was to have an orderly closure, rather than waiting until the situation becomes urgent. Revelation Christian Resource Centre will continue to trade until after the Christmas period which will then be followed by a four week winding up period, ending on the 31st January 2018.

We would like to thank everyone for their support over the years and encourage you to continue to use us while we are still trading.

SAFARI LUNCH

St Bart's 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.



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DEADLINE FOR NEXT ISSUE

Items for the next issue should be submitted not later than
MIDDAY on WEDNESDAY 30 Aug 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 beautiful summer day with temperatures in the twenties accompanied twenty walkers on a hilly 8 miles from Biddestone to Slaughterford and to Down Wood where a shady spot was found for lunch. We continued to Fox Corner, The Groves and Monks Wood and were pleased to find that The White Horse was still open upon our return. Some photos of the walk can be found at: http://corshamandlacockchurches.org.uk/?page_id=3898;

Our next outing will be on Friday, 11th August, meeting at 10:00hrs in the rear car park (free) of the Springfield Community Campus, Beechfield Rd., Corsham, SN13 9DN. The walk is about 9 miles and will finish at the Flemish Weaver, High Street, Corsham, the kitchens will probably be closed when we return but Ploughman's Lunches should be available, if desired.

GASTARD VILLAGE HARVEST CELEBRATION AND SUPPER

Sunday 24th September at 6.30pm In Gastard Village Hall.

Harvest hymns and prayers followed by supper of baked potatoes, cold meats & salads and a selection of puddings.

£8 pp. Bring your own drinks (glasses provided)

Tickets from Sandy Fletcher: 01249 715006

MOTHER'S UNION

As part of a united and co-ordinated response from members in Dioceses across the country, Mothers' Union is planning to support families who were affected by the Grenfell Tower tragedy in June by offering holidays under the charity's Away From It All (AFIA) scheme. Margaret Blazey, Diocesan President for Mother's Union in the London Diocese, said, "We are working with the Bishop of Kensington's office in co-ordinating plans to help as many families as possible through our AFIA project who have been caught up in this terrible tragedy." (AFIA is funded by Mothers' Union members to help people who are experiencing stress in their family life to enjoy much-needed family time together. The cost of the holiday or travel expenses are met by Mothers' Union.) In 2016 Mothers' Union provided 3,400 people across the UK and Ireland with a much needed break. The holidays take many different forms. Some are specially organised family weeks where a number of families and a team of volunteers go away together with activities and outings arranged. Others may take place in a holiday home owned by Mothers' Union, usually posited near a beach. Some holidays take the form of day trips.

Mothers' Union's CEO, Bev Jullien, said, "It is hard to imagine what these families are currently experiencing and what they have gone through. At Mothers' Union we thought about how best we could support them." She continued, "We have been running AFIA holidays for more than 50 years. These holidays reflect the heart of who we are by showing practical support where it is needed most."

Mothers' Union Dioceses across the length and breadth of the United Kingdom are offering their support. The charity recognises that this is not a short term issue and that the impact of this tragedy will continue for many years to come. Mothers' Union is inviting families to apply for a holiday at a time that best suits them, whenever that might be.

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PORTRAITS

As part of the St Bart's £2 talent challenge Roger Parry is offering to take portrait pictures and produce a 7x5 print mounted in a 10x8 mount for the grand total of £5.00. If you are interested please contact Roger on 01225 812633 or email rparry973@gmail.com

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 Monday 7-8pm; Wednesday 10-12.30 and 2-4pm; Saturday 10-11am