



# CHURCH NEWS

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

July 2017

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## CHURCH SERVICES

### Sunday 2 Jul – Trinity 3

Readings: Jeremiah 28:5-9; Romans 6:12-end; Matthew 10:40-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

### Sunday 09 Jul – Trinity 4

Readings: Zechariah 9-12; Romans 7:15-25a; Matthew 11:16-19 & 25-30

- 8:00 Holy Communion at Corsham
- 9:00 Earlybirds at Corsham
- 10:00 Morning Worship at Corsham, Gastard and Neston
- 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 16 Jul – Trinity 5

Readings: Isaiah 55:10-13; Romans 8:1-11; Matthew 13:1-9 & 18-23

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

### Sunday 23 Jul – Trinity 6

Readings: Isaiah 44:6-8; Romans 8:12-25; Matthew 13:24-30 & 36-43

- 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 30 Jul – Trinity 7

Readings: 1 Kings 3:5-12; Romans 8:26-39; Matthew 13:31-33 & 44-52

- 8:00 Holy Communion at Corsham
- 10:00 Matins at Corsham and Neston  
Holy Communion at Gastard
- 10:30 Praise and Worship at Lacock
- 6:30 Patronal Holy Communion at Bowden Hill

### Midweek Services

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

I recently received a note from someone who'd visited one of our churches whilst it was open during the week. They felt that they hadn't received the warm welcome they were expecting from whoever was in the church at the time, and wanted to know what I thought about this. The argument ran along these lines: Jesus always had time for people, we're Jesus' followers, so we should always have time for people too (even if we think we might be busy doing something else). On the face of it this is a perfectly reasonable argument, but it does fail to recognise that whilst we ARE the people of God, we are also the fallen, imperfect people of God. Each one of us is a work in progress, a stage on the way. As Jesus' followers we would like to be like him, but we aren't there just yet.

When we identify ourselves as Christians we put our heads above the proverbial parapet and we invite others to judge us against a standard that we cannot possibly measure up to. But we must do it nonetheless; and be honest about our brokenness (apologise when necessary!) and point people towards the One who loves us despite our failings.

### 6.30PM TEAM SERVICE, SUNDAY 16 JUL

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. Neil Pidduck will be leading this event.

### 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

Several Parishes in our team have been a beneficiaries 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.



Our parishes support  
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wherever possible

### DEADLINE FOR NEXT ISSUE

Items for the next issue should be submitted not later than  
**MIDDAY on WEDNESDAY 26 July 2017.**

Email to: [news@corshamandlacockchurches.org.uk](mailto: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**

The Corsham Walking Festival and the Wanderers Lake District Holiday have both been filed away in the 'Tired But Happy' section of the memory bank. Good wishes to all those who took part in the former and good thoughts to all who enjoyed the latter. A few photographs of another memorable holiday in The Lakes can be seen at [www.corshamandlacockchurches.org.uk](http://www.corshamandlacockchurches.org.uk); click on the 'Activities' heading and scroll down.



So, with feet firmly back on the ground, we meet again on Friday, 7<sup>th</sup> July at 10:00hrs on The Green, Biddestone, for a walk of about 8 miles. Suggest bringing snack/picnic.

**CORSHAM MOTHERS' UNION****Next Meeting**

Our next meeting will be a Garden Party at Shepherds Lodge, 28 Greenhill, Neston SN13 9SQ at 2.30pm. Please let Cathy or L'nora know if you would like a lift. There will not be a meeting in August so the next one will be our annual Wave of Prayer on Wednesday 6 September at 2.30pm in church.

**Christian Care for families latest**

Bristol Diocese MU paid for a week's holiday for a desperate family living in a high rise flat in Bristol. Week commencing 23 July coaches from Marshfield will be taking families from Swindon, Chippenham, Corsham and Bristol for a day out at Weston-super-Mare. This will be the only holiday most of these families will get and many have never been to the seaside. The MU nationally has agreed that under our "Away from it All" project families from the Grenfell Tower fire disaster are to be offered holidays to enable them to have time away from the city. Hundreds of children's jumpers provided by Bristol MU are being taken to needy families by young people from Chippenham schools taking part in Operation Raleigh.

**MEN'S GROUP**

The July "Outdoor Event" will be on 24 Jul 17. For those who have paid to travel by bus pick-up will be from the Bus Stop in Newlands road at 5.30pm. We hope to be back about 9pm.

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".

**CREAM TEAS AT NESTON CHURCH**

During the first 4 Sundays in July, Neston Church will be hosting its annual cream tea event. Delicious cakes, scones, jam and cream will be available from 3.30pm to 5.00 pm each week on 2nd, 9th, 16th and 23rd July in the church grounds. A special attraction on 2nd July will be the Corsham Town Band who will be playing for us during the afternoon. Come along and enjoy the music as well as a traditional summer afternoon occasion.

**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.



**St Bart's Church, 15th July**  
**2.00 - 4.30pm**  
**Teddys flying from the tower,**  
**Teddy Tombola, refreshments,**  
**other attractions**

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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