

WALKING GROUP

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.

MESSY CHURCH

Messy Church will take place from 3.30pm until 6pm on Friday 4 Aug. It will have the usual themed crafts, followed by a short bible reading and song, finishing with a simple meal. Messy Church is for all ages, and children must be accompanied at all times by a responsible adult. Anyone who is able to give an hour of their time to help out will be made more than welcome!

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. If you take part half of the money collected through sponsorship comes back to St Bart's. Sponsor forms will be in our churches soon or can be downloaded, with lists of the churches from www.wiltshirehistoricchurchestrust.org.uk/ride-and-stride/. 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 2 Aug

10.00am Holy Communion led by Revd Adam

Sun 8 Aug – Transfiguration of our Lord

8.00am Holy Communion led by Revd Jim Hawkins

10.00am Holy Communion led by Revd Victor
Anthem: BYRD – Sacredotes domini

6.00pm Evensong led by LLM Lin Culling

For More information:

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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.



Weekly Information Sheet

30 July 2017

Trinity 7

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

Thurs 3 Aug Morning Church Cleaning (Team B)
Fri 4 Aug 3.30pm Messy Church in Church House
Sat 5 Aug 3.00pm Wedding
Fri 11 Aug 10.00am Walking Group meet.
Sat 12 Aug 12.00pm Safari Lunch

CHRISTIAN AID COLLECTION

Sincere thanks to anyone who contributed towards the recent Christian Aid collection; £53.61 has been forwarded to the charity.

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.

PORTRAITS

As part of the £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

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 30 July 17 – TRINITY 7

The Collect

Generous God, you give us gifts and make them grow: though our faith is small as mustard seed, make it grow to your glory and the flourishing of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **AMEN**

Old Testament Reading – 1 Kings 3:5-12 (NRSVA)

At Gibeon the Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream by night; and God said, 'Ask what I should give you.'⁶ And Solomon said, 'You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant my father David, because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart towards you; and you have kept for him this great and steadfast love, and have given him a son to sit on his throne today.'⁷ And now, O Lord my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David, although I am only a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in.⁸ And your servant is in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a great people, so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted.⁹ Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil; for who can govern this your great people?'

¹⁰It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this.¹¹ God said to him, 'Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches, or for the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right,¹² I now do according to your word. Indeed I give you a wise and discerning mind; no one like you has been before you and no one like you shall arise after you.'

New Testament Reading – Romans 8:26-39 (NRSVA)

²⁶Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words.²⁷ And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

²⁸We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose.²⁹ For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family.³⁰ And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified.

God's Love in Christ Jesus

³¹What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? ³²He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? ³³Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. ³⁴Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. ³⁵Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? ³⁶As it is written, 'For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered.'³⁷ No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. ³⁸For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers,³⁹ nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Gospel Reading – Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52 (NRSVA)

³¹He put before them another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; ³²it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches.'

³³He told them another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened.'

⁴⁴'The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. ⁴⁵Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; ⁴⁶on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it. ⁴⁷Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; ⁴⁸when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. ⁴⁹So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous ⁵⁰and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth'.

⁵¹'Have you understood all this?' They answered, 'Yes.'⁵² And he said to them, 'Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.'⁵³ When Jesus had finished these parables, he left that place.