

Weekly Information Sheet



13 November 2017
3rd Sunday before Advent
Remembrance Sunday

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.

FAMILY SERVICE 26 NOV 17



The next family service will be a Breakfast Service in the Town Hall on 26 Nov starting at 9.45am. The theme will be Christ the King/Stir-up Sunday and will be similar in format to the previous one held in Feb this year. Do come along to share, meet, greet and maybe laugh with the people of our church and community.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

The Town Hall is the drop off point and any shoe boxes are required by **Monday** 14th November. For more information ring Pam Kilmurray on 01249 714918.

HOUSE GROUP

We meet on Thursday 16th November at 7:30pm at 17 Light Close. We continue with our series of Bible Studies based on the character of Elijah. Further details from Neil Pidduck (01249) 715848.

ADVANCED NOTICE

Please note that on Saturday 25 Nov (same day as the winter market) the church will be closed to the congregation and visitors whilst we host a Diocesan Church Wardens' Quiet Day. If you normally perform any activities within the church on this day can you please make alternative arrangements? Apologies for any inconvenience this may cause.



DIARY DATES

- Mon 13 Nov** 2.00pm Craft & Co meet at 33 Park Lane
Weds 15 Nov 6.30pm Brigade meet for games at Corsham School Gym
7.30pm Worship bubble meeting at 5 Spring Gardens
Thurs 16 Nov Morning Church Cleaning (Team B)

ADVENT TREE OF REMEMBRANCE

If you would like to remember and celebrate the lives of others who have passed away recently or in previous years, you can do so on our Advent Tree of Remembrance. You will also find forms on the cross pew to sign up, before 26 Nov. The Tree will be switched on at our Service of Light on Sunday 3 December at 6.00pm.

CHURCH OPENING AND CLOSING

Are you able to help open and close the church from Monday to Saturday? The team currently operates a 3-week rota and the church is opened around 9am and closed at dusk. Please contact Jessica Webb (01249 716277) or L'nora for further details or to volunteer.

PLANNED GIVING CARDS

Attractive planned giving cards will be available at the door of the church for those who give financially to St Bart's in ways other than by cash or giving envelopes placed in the collection plate, for example by direct debit or standing order. If this applies to you, please pick up one of the cards and place it in the collection plate during the offertory so you feel included in the thanksgiving offered at every service for the financial generosity of the congregation.

THANK YOU

The family of Luke Beech, who was baptised at our Family Harvest Festival service, would like to thank the congregation for the warm welcome extended to them and for the wonderful service.

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.

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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.

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The Collect

God, our refuge and strength, bring near the day when wars shall cease and poverty and pain shall end, that earth may know the peace of heaven through Jesus Christ our Lord. **AMEN**

Old Testament Reading – Amos 5:18-24 (NRSVA)

The Day of the Lord a Dark Day

¹⁸ Alas for you who desire the day of the Lord! Why do you want the day of the Lord? It is darkness, not light; ¹⁹ as if someone fled from a lion, and was met by a bear; or went into the house and rested a hand against the wall, and was bitten by a snake. ²⁰ Is not the day of the Lord darkness, not light, and gloom with no brightness in it?

²¹ I hate, I despise your festivals, and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies. ²² Even though you offer me your burnt-offerings and grain-offerings, I will not accept them; and the offerings of well-being of your fatted animals I will not look upon. ²³ Take away from me the noise of your songs; I will not listen to the melody of your harps. ²⁴ But let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

New Testament Reading – 1 Thessalonians 4:13-end (NRSVA)

The Coming of the Lord

¹³ But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. ¹⁴ For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. ¹⁵ For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. ¹⁶ For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. ¹⁷ Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord for ever. ¹⁸ Therefore encourage one another with these words.

Gospel Reading – Matthew 25:1-13 (NRSVA)

The Parable of the Ten Bridesmaids

²⁵ 'Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. ² Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. ³ When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; ⁴ but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. ⁵ As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. ⁶ But at midnight there was a shout, "Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him." ⁷ Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. ⁸ The foolish said to the wise, "Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out." ⁹ But the wise replied, "No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves." ¹⁰ And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. ¹¹ Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, "Lord, lord, open to us." ¹² But he replied, "Truly I tell you, I do not know you." ¹³ Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.

SERVICES FOR THE NEXT WEEK AT ST BART'S

Weds 15 Nov

10.00am Holy Communion led by Revd Andrew

Sun 19 Nov – 2nd Sunday before Advent

8.00am Holy Communion led by Revd Andrew

9.00am Earlybirds

10.00am Holy Communion led by Revd Phill
Anthem: MORLEY – Through the day

12:15pm Baptism Event

6.00pm Team Service led by Revd Andrew