



## Weekly Information Sheet

17 December 2017  
Advent 3

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

Tue 19 Dec	7.30pm	Corsham School concert
Wed 20 Dec	8.00am	Corsham School concert
	2.00pm	Corsham Regis School concert
Fri 22 Dec	Morning	Church Cleaning (Team A)

*This time of year the schools and other groups use the church for concerts and carol services. Please check the Diary Dates or the web calendar - available on the front page of the website ([corshamandlacockchurches.org.uk](http://corshamandlacockchurches.org.uk)) - for more information. Some disruption to normal activities is anticipated.*

### YOUR PCC NEEDS YOU!



Our current Parochial Church Council Secretary Nigel Jackson is standing down at the end of this year after three years of faithful service, and we are looking for someone to replace him in the role. If you would like to be involved in moving St Bart's forward, in growing followers of Jesus and are able to attend PCC and Leadership Team meetings on a monthly basis and prepare the agenda and minutes in consultation with the Team Rector Andrew Johnson please speak to Andrew or L'nora Olney (Churchwarden). We would also be happy to receive suggestions of those who you think might be able to fill the role.

### CHURCH OFFICE

Please note Church Office will closed from 20 Dec 17; it will re-open on 3 Jan 18.

#### 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](mailto:news@corshamandlacockchurches.org.uk) or  
Post/deliver to: 1 Park Lane, Corsham. ☎ 01249 701783 (answering machine available).

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### LADY CHAPEL

The theme for prayers for Advent, in the Lady Chapel, will be "God with us". There are booklets available to aid you in your prayers and reflections over Advent, and over the Christmas season. For more information contact Chris Alexander: 07763193284



### HARVEST GIFT ENVELOPES

Sincere thanks to everyone who contributed to the Harvest gift envelopes; a total of £192.45 was raised for church funds.

### WEEKLY INFO SHEET (WIS)

There will not be a weekly information sheet for the week beginning Sunday 31 Dec. The following WIS will be issued on Sunday 7 Jan.

### SERVICE CHANGES- DECEMBER

Please note there is no evening Team Service on 17 Dec this month.

The 10am Holy Communion at Corsham scheduled for Wednesday 20 Dec will move to **Thursday 21 Dec.**

**There is no service of Holy Communion with Healing Ministry on Christmas Eve** (there is an error in the printed version of Church News)

### CHRISTMAS SERVICES

Details of all our Christmas services can be found in the December issue of Church News, on a handy flyer available on the table by the main door, on our website (<http://corshamandlacockchurches.org.uk/>) and on the "A Church Near You" website (<https://www.achurchnearyou.com/>)

#### For More information:

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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.

## Sunday 17 December 17 – Advent 3

### The Collect

God for whom we watch and wait, you sent John the Baptist to prepare the way of your Son: give us courage to speak the truth, to hunger for justice, and to suffer for the cause of right, with Jesus Christ our Lord.

**AMEN**

### Old Testament Reading – Isaiah 61:1-4,8-end (NRSVA)

*The Good News of Deliverance*

61 The spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me; he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed, to bind up the broken-hearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and release to the prisoners; <sup>2</sup>to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn; <sup>3</sup>to provide for those who mourn in Zion—to give them a garland instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit. They will be called oaks of righteousness, the planting of the Lord, to display his glory. <sup>4</sup>They shall build up the ancient ruins, they shall raise up the former devastations; they shall repair the ruined cities, the devastations of many generations.

<sup>8</sup> For I the Lord love justice, I hate robbery and wrongdoing; I will faithfully give them their recompense, and I will make an everlasting covenant with them. <sup>9</sup> Their descendants shall be known among the nations, and their offspring among the peoples; all who see them shall acknowledge that they are a people whom the Lord has blessed. <sup>10</sup> I will greatly rejoice in the Lord, my whole being shall exult in my God; for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation, he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. <sup>11</sup> For as the earth brings forth its shoots, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up, so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all the nations.

### New Testament Reading – 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24 (NRSVA)

<sup>16</sup> Rejoice always, <sup>17</sup> pray without ceasing, <sup>18</sup> give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. <sup>19</sup> Do not quench the Spirit. <sup>20</sup> Do not despise the words of prophets, <sup>21</sup> but test everything; hold fast to what is good; <sup>22</sup> abstain from every form of evil.

<sup>23</sup> May the God of peace himself sanctify you entirely; and may your spirit and soul and body be kept sound and blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>24</sup> The one who calls you is faithful, and he will do this.

### Gospel Reading John 1:6-8, 19-28-8 (NRSVA)

<sup>6</sup> There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. <sup>7</sup> He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. <sup>8</sup> He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light.

<sup>19</sup> This is the testimony given by John when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, 'Who are you?' <sup>20</sup> He confessed and did not deny it, but confessed, 'I am not the Messiah.' <sup>21</sup> And they asked him, 'What then? Are you Elijah?' He said, 'I am not.' 'Are you the prophet?' He answered, 'No.' <sup>22</sup> Then they said to him, 'Who are you? Let us have an answer for those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?' <sup>23</sup> He said, 'I am the voice of one crying out in the wilderness, "Make straight the way of the Lord"', as the prophet Isaiah said.

<sup>24</sup> Now they had been sent from the Pharisees. <sup>25</sup> They asked him, 'Why then are you baptizing if you are neither the Messiah, nor Elijah, nor the prophet?' <sup>26</sup> John answered them, 'I baptize with water. Among you stands one whom you do not know, <sup>27</sup> the one who is coming after me; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandal.' <sup>28</sup> This took place in Bethany across the Jordan where John was baptizing.

### SERVICES FOR THE NEXT WEEK AT ST BART'S

~~Wed 20 Dec~~ **THURS 21 DEC**

10.00am Holy Communion led by Revd Andrew

**Sun 24 Dec – Advent 4/Christmas Eve**

10.00am Team Holy Communion in Corsham led by Revd Andrew

4.00pm The Great Big Nativity led by Revd Andrew

11.30pm Midnight Communion led by Revd Andrew

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