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PCC of Lacock with Bowden Hill



Please remember in your prayers:

Rachel Green, Margaret Moore, Leo Stevens, Susan Dixon,
Mabel Davis, Rosie and Alex Dewhirst, Colleen McDuling;

Doorway and the Chippenham and Corsham Food Banks, including their volunteers and those whom they work with or support



Closing down sale, until 31st January.

Greetings cards (except Hannah Dunnett) 5 for £1;
second hand books and CDs two for £1; all other items
50% off (except dated bible reading notes). Come and find bargains galore!



Future dates for Green Café in 2018

10th February 9.30 - 11.30 am : Looking after the planet

10th March 9.30—11.30 am : Fairtrade and Great Lacock Bake Off



If you are a visitor to our Church, we welcome you. Please do take this news sheet and our warmest greetings back to your own parish and congregation.

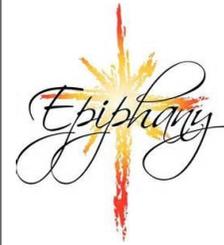
Please stay for coffee after the service. We are a Fair Trade church.



PARISH OF LACOCK WITH BOWDEN HILL



A WARM WELCOME TO ALL WHO WORSHIP HERE



Services today, Sunday 7th January 2018

9.00 a.m. Holy Communion (BCP) at St Anne's,
Bowden Hill

10.30 a.m. Morning Worship

6.30 p.m. Informal Praise & Worship

Services next Sunday, 14th January

10.30 a.m. Holy Communion



Please note that there is no Plough Service on 14th January as the Young Farmers decided they did not wish to hold it this year.



He's back!

Ishmael is coming back to St Cyriac's
(last here October 2015)

Friday 23rd February

Tickets £5.

Please speak to Jeremy if you can help with refreshments and/or on the night. Thanks.

Daily Bible reading notes: spare copies are on the bookstall, please help yourself and put money in the churn, thank you.

Please take this newsletter home with you and use it for your prayers and your reference during the week

Collect for the Epiphany

O God, who by the leading of a star manifested your only Son to the peoples of the earth: mercifully grant that we, who know you now by faith, may at last behold your glory face to face; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

(or)

Creator of the heavens, who led the Magi by a star to worship the Christ-child: guide and sustain us, that we may find our journey's end in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Old Testament reading: Isaiah 60: 1-6 Pew Bible p. 524

‘Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD rises upon you. See, darkness covers the earth and thick darkness is over the peoples, but the LORD rises upon you and his glory appears over you. Nations will come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn.

Lift up your eyes and look about you: all assemble and come to you; your sons come from afar, and your daughters are carried on the hip. Then you will look and be radiant, your heart will throb and swell with joy; the wealth on the seas will be brought to you, to you the riches of the nations will come.

Herds of camels will cover your land, young camels of Midian and Ephah. And all from Sheba will come, bearing gold and incense and proclaiming the praise of the LORD.

New Testament reading: Ephesians 3: 1-12 Pew Bible p. 826

For this reason I, Paul, the prisoner of Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles –

Surely you have heard about the administration of God's grace that was given to me for you, that is, the mystery made known to me by revelation, as I have already written briefly. In reading this, then, you will be able to understand my insight into the mystery of Christ, which was not made known to people in other generations as it has now been revealed by the Spirit to God's holy apostles and prophets. This mystery is that through the gospel the Gentiles are heirs together with Israel, members together of one body, and sharers together in the promise in Christ Jesus.

I became a servant of this gospel by the gift of God's grace given me through the working of his power. Although I am less than the least of all the Lord's

people, this grace was given me: to preach to the Gentiles the boundless riches of Christ, and to make plain to everyone the administration of this mystery, which for ages past was kept hidden in God, who created all things. His intent was that now, through the church, the manifold wisdom of God should be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly realms, according to his eternal purpose that he accomplished in Christ Jesus our Lord. In him and through faith in him we may approach God with freedom and confidence.

Gospel reading: Matthew 2: 1-12 Pew Bible p. 681

After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi from the east came to Jerusalem and asked, ‘Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him.’

When King Herod heard this he was disturbed, and all Jerusalem with him. When he had called together all the people's chief priests and teachers of the law, he asked them where the Messiah was to be born. ‘In Bethlehem in Judea,’ they replied, ‘for this is what the prophet has written:

“‘But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for out of you will come a ruler who will shepherd my people Israel.’”

Then Herod called the Magi secretly and found out from them the exact time the star had appeared. He sent them to Bethlehem and said, ‘Go and search carefully for the child. As soon as you find him, report to me, so that I too may go and worship him.’

After they had heard the king, they went on their way, and the star they had seen when it rose went ahead of them until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw the star, they were overjoyed. On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshipped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, they returned to their country by another route.

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