



# CHURCH NEWS



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

February 2018

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## CHURCH SERVICES

### Sunday 4 Feb – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday before Lent

Readings: Proverbs 8:1, 22-31; Colossians 1:15-20; John 1:1-14

- 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 11 Feb – Sunday next before Lent

Readings: 2 Kings 2:1-12; 2 Corinthians 4:3-6; Mark 9:2-9

- 8:00 Holy Communion at Corsham
- 9:00 Early Birds at Corsham
- 10:00 Morning Worship at Corsham, Gastard & Neston
- 10:30 Holy Communion at Lacock
- 6:00 Evensong at Corsham

### Wednesday 14 Feb – Ash Wednesday

- 7:30pm Ecumenical service in St Patrick's Church, Corsham

### Sunday 18 Feb – Lent 1

Readings: Genesis 9:8-17; 1 Peter 3:18-end; Mark 1:9-15

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

### Sunday 25 Feb – Lent 2

Readings: Genesis 17:1-7,15-16; Romans 4:13-end; Mark 8:31-end

- 8.00 Holy Communion at Corsham
- 10:00 Family Service at Corsham,  
Morning Worship 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 4 Mar – Lent 3

Readings Exodus 20:1-17; 1 Corinthians 1:18-25; John 2:13-22

- 8:00 Holy Communion at Corsham
- 9:00 **Matins** at Bowden Hill  
Jump Start Sunday at Neston
- 10:00 Holy Communion at Corsham and Gastard
- 10:30 Morning Worship at Lacock
- 6.30 Informal Worship at Lacock

### 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 (2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of the month)

### MESSY CHURCH

Please note this now takes place on the **2<sup>nd</sup> Friday** of each month.

### THE RECTOR WRITES

One of the criticisms people make about the church is that it is obsessed by sin. Many people were brought up in churches where a lot was said about God's judgement on sinners, but very little was said about God's love and forgiveness.

On Ash Wednesday (14 February this year) there is the opportunity to reflect on our sin, or wrongdoing, at the beginning of the season of Lent. In the evening there is an invitation to join with our brothers and sisters in Christ from other churches for a service at St Patrick's Catholic Church at 7.30pm.

The reason for this special emphasis on confession of sin is that during Lent we are preparing to remember Jesus' death and resurrection at Easter. And it is only through Jesus' death and resurrection that we can receive forgiveness for our sins.

So we take more time to reflect on our sins so the celebration of Easter becomes even more joyful and meaningful for us. God did not have to send Jesus to die on the cross, but because he loved us so much he was willing to let his son suffer and die so that we might be forgiven for our sins.

We are not perfect, but we are forgiven sinners. So we can go back to God again and again, asking for forgiveness and receiving it through Jesus' death and resurrection. That is why Good Friday is good news for Christians, and why Easter Sunday is an occasion for great rejoicing.

At the ecumenical service on Ash Wednesday there is the opportunity to receive the sign of the cross in ash on our foreheads. This is a visual reminder that we do sin, but that God chooses to forgive us through Jesus' death on the cross. So please join us if you are able to on Ash Wednesday, but also use the season of Lent to experience God's love and forgiveness afresh and come to Easter Sunday full of joy in your heart.

*With love in Christ from Andrew*

### 6.30PM TEAM SERVICE, SUNDAY 18 FEBRUARY

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. This month we will be continuing our exploration of contemplative prayer and Bible meditation.

### CHANGES TO SERVICE PATTERN

From March 2018 there will be some changes to the current Services at Corsham: there will be no 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday Evensong and the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday Team service will become a service of Contemplative Prayer and reflection on a bible passage starting at 6.00pm. Changes to the Neston service pattern are also planned from May 2018. Further details next month.



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 28 Feb 2018.**  
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**

It could be said that, in many respects, last year was not a walk in the park, neither was our first meeting of the new year for the 23 walkers setting out from the Hare and Hounds on New Year's Day, bound for Slaughterford and Colerne. A period of heavy rain, an 11 mile route with 1249 feet of ascent, mud and floods kept us all entertained. Nevertheless we were still in good spirits back at the H&H for the post walk inquest and some refreshment.

On 12<sup>th</sup> January we were off again, starting from Marshfield and heading north on a ten mile route through the villages of West Littleton and West Kington. This time a group of 10 walkers found the weather and the terrain to be a little kinder but at the finish were pleased to be by the fireside at the Catherine Wheel public house.

Photos from both walks can be viewed at:- [http://corshamandlacockchurches.org.uk/?page\\_id=3898](http://corshamandlacockchurches.org.uk/?page_id=3898)

Our next walk will be on Friday, 9<sup>th</sup> February, meeting at 10:00hrs at the Crown Public House, Bathford Hill, Bathford, BA1 7SL, for a walk of about 9 miles. Ample on street parking. Suggest bringing snack/picnic.

**SOUL SURVIVOR TRIP 2018**

Every summer thousands of people gather at Soul Survivor to worship God, learn what it means to live for Jesus in every area of their lives, to pray for one another, and to have loads of fun! Each event lasts for five days and has two main meetings a day, plus seminars and many great venues so you can hang out with your mates over a hot chocolate mountain, work up a sweat in the sports venue, watch a movie, or enjoy some live music. We also have some brilliant pop-up community events so do not miss all the fun – come and join us! “Soul Survivor is better than Christmas” – *one of last year's young people.*

**Our trip is planned for 'Week C', Friday 24<sup>th</sup> – Tuesday 28<sup>rd</sup> August** in Peterborough and all the details about the event itself can be found at [www.soulsurvivor.com](http://www.soulsurvivor.com) or from our team vicar, Adam [vicar@corshamandlacockchurches.org.uk](mailto:vicar@corshamandlacockchurches.org.uk), or phone 01249 730984

**INVITATION TO APPLY FOR REVISED TEAM ADMINISTRATOR ROLE**

The role of Team Administrator will need to change and develop over the coming year to provide continued and enhanced support to the permanent Team clergy (Team Rector and half-time Team Vicar) following the likely move of our Team Curate to his first post of responsibility. There will also be a move to more web-based administration of weddings and funerals using new Church of England resources, and a requirement to take on additional safeguarding responsibilities, as well as serve as Secretary to the Team Council. With this in mind an invitation to tender to provide the services associated with this revised role on a contractual basis has been developed, and written submissions of interest are invited, with a deadline of **Sunday 11 February**. If this is something that interests you, please contact the Team Rector, Andrew Johnson by email at [rector@corshamandlacockchurches.org.uk](mailto:rector@corshamandlacockchurches.org.uk) or telephone on 01249 713232, or for a copy of the tender document and/or an informal conversation about the role, and please pray for the appointment process as it develops.

ISHMAEL PRESENTS:  
**GLORIE DAYS**

A CONCERT CELEBRATING ISH'S 35 YEARS OF WRITING SONGS FOR ALL AGES. ADULTS WILL ENJOY SINGING THEM ...WHILST A NEW GENERATION WILL HAVE FUN LEARNING THEM!

ISH'S SONGS ARE STILL INSTANTLY SINGALONGABLE. EXCITING & EDUCATIONAL. AND OF COURSE THE BEST WAY TO LEARN AND REMEMBER BIBLE VERSES! SO DON'T BE A MISERIE...COME AND JOIN IN THE 'GLORIE-OUS' FUN!

DATE	TIME	VENUE
23/02/2018	7.30pm	St Cyriacs Church, Lacock, Wiltshire, SN15 2LB

ADMISSION ON THE DOOR: ADULTS £5.00 CHILDREN £3.00

**LENT COURSE 2018**

There will be a five week Lent Course titled 'On the Third Day' for all churches in the Corsham area starting from week commencing 19<sup>th</sup> February. Posters with more details will be on display soon. The course will run on a Monday evening at 7.30p.m. in St. Aldhelm's Church Hall (coffee/tea from 7p.m.) and repeated on the Thursday morning of the same week at 10.30a.m. in St. Patrick's Church Hall (coffee/tea from 10a.m.). A limited number of Course booklets will be available as an optional purchase (but not essential to attending the course) at approximately £3 each. Please contact Jessica Webb 01249 716277 to purchase a copy.

- Week 1: Have I got news for you!  
Bible Reference: John 20. 19-28; Leader: Christine Harvey
- Week 2: So What? The implications of the Resurrection.  
Bible Reference: 1 Corinthians 15. 1-8; Leader: Revd David Morrell
- Week 3: 'Let him Easter in us'  
Bible Reference: Colossians 3. 1-4 & 12-17; Leader: Revd Dr Phill Harrison
- Week 4: Celebrating and praying Easter.  
Bible Reference: Romans 8. 31-39; Leader: Juliet Greaves
- Week 5: A risen Church.  
Bible Reference: 1 Peter 2. 9-12 & 23-25; Leader: Sandy Fletcher

**MENS GROUP**

The next meeting of the Men's group will be at 8.00 pm in the upstairs room at The Royal Oak, Corsham. David Lambert will give a presentation called 'Postcard Photography'. All men welcome.

**For More information:**

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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