



Weekly Information Sheet

7 January 2018
Epiphany

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

- Thu 11 Jan** 7.30pm Worship Bubble, 5 Spring Gardens
7.30pm House Group meets at 17 Light Close
- Fri 12 Jan** Morning Church Cleaning (Team C)
10.00am Walking Group meet at High St., Marshfield,
(opposite The Catherine Wheel P.H., SN14 8NR)
3.30pm Messy Church in Church House.

PARISH DAY AWAY, SATURDAY 3 MARCH 2018

Please put this date in your diary and sign up on the sheet on the cross pew, as we shall once again be spending the day (10.00am to 4.00pm) together at Ammerdown Retreat Centre. This time our theme will be 'Growing in God through Bible study' and we will be having a guest speaker from the Bible Society with us. Assistance can be provided with the cost of the day if required (please contact the Team Rector), and lifts can also be provided for those without transport.

HOUSE GROUP



We meet on Thursday 11th January at 7:30pm at 17 Light Close for a Bible Study and reflection on the Baptism of Christ. Further details from Neil Pidduck (01249) 715848.

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).

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MESSY CHURCH

Please note that from Jan 2018 Messy Church will now take place on the **second** Friday of every month; this will avoid having to switch some sessions in the year to prevent clashes with events such as the Corsham Town lights switch on.



The next Messy Church will be on 12 Jan 18 in Church House starting at 3.30pm. It starts with themed crafts, followed by a short bible reading and song, finishing with a simple meal. Messy Church is for all ages, and not restricted to members of St Bart's; children must be accompanied at all times by a responsible adult.

CHRISTMAS CARD POST BOXES

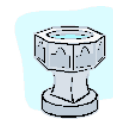
Please check the Christmas Card boxes on the far end of the Cross Pew for any last minute cards you may have received. Any cards unclaimed after 14 Jan will be recycled.

CHURCH NEWS

The January 2018 issue of Church News is now available. Please pick up your copy.



BAPTISM EVENT



The scheduled Baptism event for 14 January has been cancelled as there are no candidates this month. There will however be a baptism within the family service on 28 Jan.

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.

Sunday 7 January 2018 – Epiphany

Collect

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. **AMEN**

Old Testament Reading – Isaiah 60:1-6 (NRSVA)

The Ingathering of the Dispersed

Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.² For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the Lord will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you.³ Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn.

⁴ Lift up your eyes and look around; they all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from far away, and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms.⁵ Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and rejoice, because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you.⁶ A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come. They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall proclaim the praise of the Lord.

New Testament Reading – Ephesians 3:1-12 (NRSVA)

Paul's Ministry to the Gentiles

This is the reason that I Paul am a prisoner for Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles—² for surely you have already heard of the commission of God's grace that was given to me for you,³ and how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I wrote above in a few words,⁴ a reading of which will enable you to perceive my understanding of the mystery of Christ.⁵ In former generations this mystery was not made known to humankind, as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit:⁶ that is, the Gentiles have become fellow-heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

⁷ Of this gospel I have become a servant according to the gift of God's grace that was given to me by the working of his power.⁸ Although I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given to me to bring to the Gentiles the news of the boundless riches of Christ,⁹ and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things;¹⁰ so that through the church the wisdom of God in its rich variety might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places.¹¹ This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord,¹² in whom we have access to God in boldness and confidence through faith in him.

Gospel Reading Matthew 2:1-12 (NRSVA)

The Visit of the Wise Men

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem,² asking, 'Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage.'³ When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him;⁴ and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born.⁵ They told him, 'In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet:

⁶ 'And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel.'"

⁷ Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared.⁸ Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, 'Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage.'⁹ When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was.¹⁰ When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy.¹¹ On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure-chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.¹² And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

SERVICES FOR THE NEXT WEEK AT ST BART'S

Wednesday 10 Jan 18

10.00am Holy Communion led by Revd Andrew

Sun 14 Jan 18 – Epiphany 2

8.00am Holy Communion led by Revd Andrew

9.00am Early Birds

10.00am Morning Worship led by LLM Lin Culling

6.00pm Evensong led by LLM Neil Pidduck