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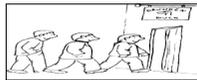
Please remember in your prayers:

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

Family and friends of John Tayler

Zara Anna Williams and her parents and godparents

ST. CYRIAC'S MEN'S BREAKFAST



Saturday February 17th, 8.30 a.m., Carpenters Arms. Guest speaker - Jill Poyton, on the electrification of the railways. Good breakfast, good friendship and an opportunity for men to share faith, and questions.



Ishmael at St Cyriac's: Friday 23rd February

Tickets £5/£3 u 16s. Please speak to Jeremy if you can help with refreshments and/or on the night. Thanks.

Are you on the Electoral Roll? : This year's **Annual Parochial Church Meeting** will be on 22nd April. To play a full part in the church's decision making you need to be on our electoral roll. If you aren't yet on it, or need to change your details, please speak to Mig Barley 730491



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



I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Services today, Sunday 11th February

10.30 a.m. Holy Communion
with the Baptism of Zara Anna Williams

At Holy Communion we use wafers and fair-trade communion wine. If you have reason to need either gluten-free wafers or non-alcoholic wine please quietly say, 'gluten-free', or 'non alcoholic' to the person serving you at the rail and they will provide for you.



Services next Sunday, 18th February



9.00 a.m. Matins at St Anne's, Bowden Hill

10.30 a.m. Family Service

6.30 p.m. Informal Worship (Team Service) at Church House, Corsham

Monday 12th February 2 p.m.

Funeral of John Tayler



Wednesday 14th February: Ash Wednesday

9.30 a.m. Holy Communion with imposition of Ashes

Lent Lunches, in support of Christian Aid, start on Saturday 17th February, 12.00 to 2.00pm. A simple lunch of soup, bread and cheese. Helpers are still needed for some dates, please sign the list at the back of church or speak to Janet Doel. Thanks.



Fair Trade Easter Eggs—please speak to Irene Docherty

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

Collect for the Sunday next before Lent

Almighty Father, whose Son was revealed in majesty before he suffered death upon the cross: give us grace to perceive his glory, that we may be strengthened to suffer with him and be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

or

Holy God, you know the disorder of our sinful lives: set straight our crooked hearts, and bend our wills to love your goodness and your glory, in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Old Testament Reading: 2 Kings 2: 1-12 Pew Bible p. 259

When the LORD was about to take Elijah up to heaven in a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. Elijah said to Elisha, “Stay here; the LORD has sent me to Bethel.” But Elisha said, “As surely as the LORD lives and as you live, I will not leave you.” So they went down to Bethel. The company of the prophets at Bethel came out to Elisha and asked, “Do you know that the LORD is going to take your master from you today?” “Yes, I know,” Elisha replied, “so be quiet.” Then Elijah said to him, “Stay here, Elisha; the LORD has sent me to Jericho.” And he replied, “As surely as the LORD lives and as you live, I will not leave you.” So they went to Jericho. The company of the prophets at Jericho went up to Elisha and asked him, “Do you know that the LORD is going to take your master from you today?” “Yes, I know,” he replied, “so be quiet.” Then Elijah said to him, “Stay here; the LORD has sent me to the Jordan.” And he replied, “As surely as the LORD lives and as you live, I will not leave you.” So the two of them walked on. Fifty men from the company of the prophets went and stood at a distance, facing the place where Elijah and Elisha had stopped at the Jordan. Elijah took his cloak, rolled it up and struck the water with it. The water divided to the right and to the left, and the two of them crossed over on dry ground. When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, “Tell me, what can I do for you before I am taken from you?” “Let me inherit a double portion of your spirit,” Elisha replied. “You have asked a difficult thing,” Elijah said, “yet if you see me when I am taken from you, it will be yours—otherwise, it will not.” As they were walking along and talking together, suddenly a chariot of fire and horses of fire appeared and separated the two of them, and Elijah went up to heaven in a whirlwind. Elisha saw this and cried out, “My father! My father! The chariots and horsemen of Israel!” And Elisha saw him no more. Then he took hold of his garment and tore it in two.

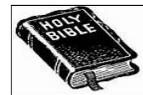
New Testament Reading: 2 Corinthians 4: 3-6 Pew Bible p. 815

And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. The god of this age has blinded the minds of unbelievers, so that they cannot see the light of the gospel that displays the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. For what we preach is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, and ourselves as your servants for Jesus’ sake. For God, who said, “Let light shine out of darkness,” made his light shine in our hearts to give us the light of the knowledge of God’s glory displayed in the face of Christ.

Gospel Reading: Mark 9: 2-9 Pew Bible p.713

After six days Jesus took Peter, James and John with him and led them up a high mountain, where they were all alone. There he was transfigured before them. His clothes became dazzling white, whiter than anyone in the world could bleach them. And there appeared before them Elijah and Moses, who were talking with Jesus. Peter said to Jesus, “Rabbi, it is good for us to be here. Let us put up three shelters—one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.” (He did not know what to say, they were so frightened.) Then a cloud appeared and covered them, and a voice came from the cloud: “This is my Son, whom I love. Listen to him!” Suddenly, when they looked around, they no longer saw anyone with them except Jesus. As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus gave them orders not to tell anyone what they had seen until the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

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Daily Bible reading notes

FREE copies are on the bookstall, please help yourself. If you haven't used notes before to help you to read the Bible regularly, why not give them a try now? Lent is a good time to start!

Corsham Churches Ecumenical Lent courses — Monday evenings 7.30p.m. in St. Aldhelm's Church Hall from 19th February, or Thursday mornings at 10.30a.m. in St. Patrick's Church Hall from 22nd February. Please see February's Church News (copies at back of church) for full details.