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PCC of Lacock with Bowden Hill



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

The Youth Church are running the Cake Stall at the Jumble Sale on 3rd March and would really appreciate donations of cakes, tray bakes, etc to help us raise money for the Youth Trip to Soul Survivor in August. They can be brought along on the morning or dropped at 9, East Street, Lacock on Friday afternoon or evening. We are also running the toy and children's book stall, a small craft stall etc so any donations of items towards these would be gratefully received also. Thank you.



The Great Lacock Bake Off for Fairtrade is coming... **Green Cafe on 10th March.** This competition is being run by Green Cafe and St.

Cyriac's Fairtrade Team to encourage greater use of Fairtrade ingredients. Entry is free and open to all who are part of Lacock community. There will be lots of other activities too, including food tasting, badge making and craft activities, together with information and leaflets about Fairtrade and its campaigns to stop exploitation of workers in our food chain.



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 25th February

10.30 a.m. Holy Communion

6.30 p.m. Evensong

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, 4th March

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

Please note this change from the usual service pattern

9.30 a.m. Parish Breakfast

10.30 a.m. Morning Worship

6.30 p.m. Informal Worship



Lent Lunches, in support of Christian Aid, Saturdays, 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. Thanks.

Preparing for Easter

- Fair Trade Easter Eggs—please speak to Irene Docherty
- We are collecting Easter eggs for Doorway as usual, please leave at the back of church
- Easter lilies—if you would like to give a lily in memory of a loved one, please sign the list at the back of church

Jumble Sale: Saturday 3rd March: Village Hall, 10.30 –2.30

Proceeds to St Anne's Church "Wall fund"

Little Lambs Tots Group: every Monday in term time 9.30-11 a.m.

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

Collect for the Second Sunday of Lent

Almighty God, you show to those who are in error the light of your truth, that they may return to the way of righteousness: grant to all those who are admitted into the fellowship of Christ's religion, that they may reject those things that are contrary to their profession, and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same; through our Lord Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

or

Almighty God, by the prayer and discipline of Lent may we enter into the mystery of Christ's sufferings, and by following in his Way come to share in his glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord

Old Testament Reading: Genesis 17: 1-7, 15-16 Pew Bible p. 12

When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the Lord appeared to him and said, "I am God Almighty; walk before me faithfully and be blameless. Then I will make my covenant between me and you and will greatly increase your numbers." Abram fell facedown, and God said to him, "As for me, this is my covenant with you: You will be the father of many nations. No longer will you be called Abram; your name will be Abraham, for I have made you a father of many nations. I will make you very fruitful; I will make nations of you, and kings will come from you. I will establish my covenant as an everlasting covenant between me and you and your descendants after you for the generations to come, to be your God and the God of your descendants after you. God also said to Abraham, "As for Sarai your wife, you are no longer to call her Sarai; her name will be Sarah. I will bless her and will surely give you a son by her. I will bless her so that she will be the mother of nations; kings of peoples will come from her."

New Testament Reading: Romans 4:13-25 Pew Bible p. 795

It was not through the law that Abraham and his offspring received the promise that he would be heir of the world, but through the righteousness that comes by faith. For if those who depend on the law are heirs, faith means nothing and the promise is worthless, because the law brings wrath. And where there is no law there is no transgression. Therefore, the promise comes by faith, so that it may be by grace and may be guaranteed to all Abraham's offspring—not only to those who are of the law but also to those who have the faith of Abraham. He is the father of us all. As it is written: "I have made you a father of many nations." He is our father in the sight of God, in whom he believed—the God who gives life to the dead and calls into being things that were not. Against all hope, Abraham in hope believed and so became the father of many

nations, just as it had been said to him, "So shall your offspring be." Without weakening in his faith, he faced the fact that his body was as good as dead—since he was about a hundred years old—and that Sarah's womb was also dead. Yet he did not waver through unbelief regarding the promise of God, but was strengthened in his faith and gave glory to God, being fully persuaded that God had power to do what he had promised. This is why "it was credited to him as righteousness." The words "it was credited to him" were written not for him alone, but also for us, to whom God will credit righteousness—for us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead. He was delivered over to death for our sins and was raised to life for our justification.

Gospel Reading: Mark 8: 31-38 Pew Bible p.713

He then began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests and the teachers of the law, and that he must be killed and after three days rise again. He spoke plainly about this, and Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But when Jesus turned and looked at his disciples, he rebuked Peter. "Get behind me, Satan!" he said. "You do not have in mind the concerns of God, but merely human concerns." Then he called the crowd to him along with his disciples and said: "Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me and for the gospel will save it. What good is it for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit their soul? Or what can anyone give in exchange for their soul? If anyone is ashamed of me and my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, the Son of Man will be ashamed of them when he comes in his Father's glory with the holy angels."

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Announcement from the Team Rector: We are very pleased to announce the appointment of Fiona Draper as our new Team Administrator. Fiona will be working closely with Ted Davies over the next few weeks to achieve a smooth handover. We would like to thank Ted for his many years of faithful service as Team Administrator and wish him a happy and well-deserved retirement. Please pray for Ted and Fiona and for the handover process over the coming weeks.

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