



Weekly Information Sheet

4 February 2018
2nd Sunday before Lent

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

Mon 5 Feb 7.30pm LT Meeting in Church House
Weds 7 Feb 2.30pm Mother's Union AGM
 6.30pm Brigade meet for games at Corsham School Gym
Thurs 8 Feb 7.30pm House Group meets at 17 Light Close
Fri 9 Feb Morning Church Cleaning (Team A)
 10.00am Walking Group meet (meet at Crown PH, Bathford)
 3.30pm Messy Church in Church House

YOUR PCC NEEDS YOU! (Revised notice)



Our current Parochial Church Council Secretary Nigel Jackson will be standing down after the Annual Parochial Church Meeting in April after three years of faithful service, and we are looking for someone to replace him in the role. **The PCC have agreed that the role will no longer include attendance at Leadership Team meetings**, thus halving the meetings workload to five bi-monthly PCC meetings and the Annual Parochial Church Meeting. If you are interested in this revised role please speak to the Team Rector Andrew Johnson or L'nora Olney (Churchwarden). We would also be happy to receive suggestions of those who you think might be able to fill the role.

HOUSE GROUP

We meet on Thursday 8th February at 7:30pm at 17 Light Close. We will be reflecting on the subject of "Patience" as a fruit of the Holy Spirit and its application to the Christian faith. This will be our last meeting until after Easter as there is a Lent Group to attend instead. Further details from Neil Pidduck (01249) 715848.

PARISH AWAY DAY – AMMERDOWN – SATURDAY 3 MARCH

Sign-up sheet and details available on the cross pew.

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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FINANCE UPDATE

INCOME	To Dec 17	To Dec 16	EXPENDITURE	To Dec 17	To Dec 16
Giving	£80,886	£80,563	Parish Share	£74,001	£74,045
Gift Aid	£23,035	£14,256	Upkeep of Services	£7,063	£6,333
Fund Raising	£10,913	£8,218	Church Running	£27,506	£25,647
Other	£15,681	£10,514	Ch/House Running	£3,980	£5,782
TOTAL	£130,515	£113,552	TOTAL	£112,551	£111,807
			Surplus/(Deficit)	£17,964	£1,745

Thank you all for your generous support this year and for all your help in helping the Church to realise a pleasing result for the year. We have been very fortunate with the timing of Gift Aid receipts and with some one-off gifts that have bolstered our income substantially and our sincere thanks too for the wonderful fundraising efforts, which have certainly borne fruit. Giving has however remained static and so we are reliant on these other forms of gift. Please do keep this in mind while you and God assess your giving for the coming year. Please continue to review your giving and your support of the various fundraising events.

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 (telephone 01249 713232, email rector@corshamandlacockchurches.org.uk) 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.

For More information:

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 Church Office: Ted Davies - office@corshamandlacockchurches.org.uk ☎ 01249 701720
 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.

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Collect

Almighty God, give us reverence for all creation and respect for every person, that we may mirror your likeness in Jesus Christ our Lord.

AMEN

Old Testament Reading – Proverbs 8:1,22-31 (NRSVA)

¹Does not wisdom call, and does not understanding raise her voice?

The Lord created me at the beginning of his work, the first of his acts of long ago. ²³ Ages ago I was set up, at the first, before the beginning of the earth. ²⁴ When there were no depths I was brought forth, when there were no springs abounding with water. ²⁵ Before the mountains had been shaped, before the hills, I was brought forth—²⁶ when he had not yet made earth and fields, or the world's first bits of soil. ²⁷ When he established the heavens, I was there, when he drew a circle on the face of the deep, ²⁸ when he made firm the skies above, when he established the fountains of the deep, ²⁹ when he assigned to the sea its limit, so that the waters might not transgress his command, when he marked out the foundations of the earth, ³⁰ then I was beside him, like a master worker; and I was daily his delight, rejoicing before him always, ³¹ rejoicing in his inhabited world and delighting in the human race.

New Testament Reading – Colossians 1:15-20 (NRSVA)

The Supremacy of Christ

¹⁵ He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; ¹⁶ for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. ¹⁷ He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. ¹⁸ He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. ¹⁹ For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, ²⁰ and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

Gospel Reading John 1:1-14 (NRSVA)

The Word Became Flesh

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ² He was in the beginning with God. ³ All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being ⁴ in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. ⁵ The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

⁶ There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. ⁷ He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. ⁸ He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. ⁹ The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

¹⁰ He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. ¹¹ He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. ¹² But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, ¹³ who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

¹⁴ And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

SERVICES FOR THE NEXT WEEK AT ST BART'S

Weds 7 Feb 18

10.00am Holy Communion led by Revd Andrew

Sun 11 Feb 18 – Sunday next before Lent

8.00am Holy Communion, led by Revd Jim Hawkins

9.00am Early Birds

10.00am Morning Worship, led by Revd Adam

Anthem: THORNE - Christ is our cornerstone

6.00 pm Evensong led by LLM Neil Pidduck

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