



Weekly Information Sheet

11 February 2018
Sunday next 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 12 Feb	2.00pm	Craft & Co
Weds 14 Feb	-	Brigade No meeting (half term)
	7.30pm	Ecumenical Ash Wednesday Service, St Patrick's Church
Thurs 15 Feb	morning	Church Cleaning (Team B)
Sat 17 Feb		Safari Lunch

FINANCE UPDATE

<u>INCOME</u>	To Dec 17	To Dec 16	<u>EXPENDITURE</u>	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.

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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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 Rob Hare from the Bible Society will be our guest speaker. 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. Please note that we need to confirm numbers by **the end of Sunday 18 February.**

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.

CLEANERS REQUIRED



Vacancies exist in both cleaning teams B (Thursday) and C (Friday). The teams usually carry out their duties in the morning and are only needed for 1 week in every 3. If you can join one of the teams please speak to L'nora Olney.

MEN'S GROUP

The group next meets on 26th February 2018 at 8.00 pm at The Royal Oak when David Lambert will give a presentation called 'Postcard Photography'. All men are welcome.

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.

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Collect

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. **AMEN**

Old Testament Reading – 2 Kings 2:1-12 (NRSVA)

Elijah Ascends to Heaven

2 Now when the Lord was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. ² Elijah said to Elisha, 'Stay here; for the Lord has sent me as far as Bethel.' But Elisha said, 'As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.' So they went down to Bethel. ³ The company of prophets who were in Bethel came out to Elisha, and said to him, 'Do you know that today the Lord will take your master away from you?' And he said, 'Yes, I know; keep silent.'

⁴ Elijah said to him, 'Elisha, stay here; for the Lord has sent me to Jericho.' But he said, 'As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.' So they came to Jericho. ⁵ The company of prophets who were at Jericho drew near to Elisha, and said to him, 'Do you know that today the Lord will take your master away from you?' And he answered, 'Yes, I know; be silent.'

⁶ Then Elijah said to him, 'Stay here; for the Lord has sent me to the Jordan.' But he said, 'As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.' So the two of them went on. ⁷ Fifty men of the company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. ⁸ Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up, and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, until the two of them crossed on dry ground.

⁹ When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, 'Tell me what I may do for you, before I am taken from you.' Elisha said, 'Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit.' ¹⁰ He responded, 'You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not.' ¹¹ As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven. ¹² Elisha kept watching and crying out, 'Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!' But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces.

New Testament Reading – 2 Corinthians 4:3-6 (NRSVA)

³ And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. ⁴ In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. ⁵ For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. ⁶ For it is the God who said, 'Let light shine out of darkness', who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

Gospel Reading Mark 9:2-9 (NRSVA)

The Transfiguration

² Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, ³ and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. ⁴ And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. ⁵ Then Peter said to Jesus, 'Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.' ⁶ He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. ⁷ Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!' ⁸ Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus.

⁹ As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

SERVICES FOR THE NEXT WEEK AT ST BART'S

Weds 14 Feb 18

10.00am Holy Communion led by Revd Jim Hawkins

Sun 18 Feb 18 – Sunday next before Lent

8.00am Holy Communion, led by Revd Richard Hovey

10.00am Holy Communion, led by Revd Victor Howlett
Anthem: WILBY – God be in my head

6.30 pm Team Service led by Revd Andrew