



Weekly Information Sheet

25 February 2018
Lent 2

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 26 Feb** 7.30pm Lent course week 2 – St Aldhelm’s Church Hall
8.00pm Men’s group meet at the Royal Oak
- Weds 28 Feb** 12.00pm March Church News deadline
6.30pm Brigade meet for Badge work and Church House
- Thurs 01 Mar** 10.30am Lent course week 2 – St Patrick’s Church Hall
- Fri 02 Mar** Morning Church Cleaning (Team A)
- Mon 05 Mar** 7.30pm PCC meets in Church House

LENT COURSE 2018

There will be a five week Lent Course titled ‘On the Third Day’ for all churches in the Corsham area starting from week commencing 19th February. The course will run on a Monday evening at 7.30pm in St. Aldhelm’s Church Hall (coffee/tea from 7pm) and repeated on the Thursday morning of the same week at 10.30am in St. Patrick’s Church Hall (coffee/tea from 10am).

Week 2 (26 Feb & 1 Mar): So What? The implications of the Resurrection.

Bible Reference: 1 Corinthians 15. 1-8; Leader: Revd David Morrell

Week 3 (5 and 8 Mar): ‘Let him Easter in us’

Bible Reference: Colossians 3. 1-4 & 12-17; Leader: Revd Dr Phill Harrison

Week 4 (12 & 15 Mar): Celebrating and praying Easter.

Bible Reference: Romans 8. 31-39; Leader: Juliet Greaves

Week 5 (19 & 22 Mar): A risen Church.

Bible Reference: 1 Peter 2. 9-12 & 23-25; Leader: Sandy Fletcher

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.

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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|| YOUR PCC STILL NEEDS YOU! (We are getting desperate now!)

|| We are still looking for someone to replace Nigel Jackson as PCC

|| Secretary when he stands down after this year’s APCM on 30 Apr.

|| 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) as soon as possible so a suitable handover period may be arranged.



DEANERY SYNOD

The Chippenham Deanery Synod meets on Thursday 1st March at 7:15pm (Refreshments from 7pm) at St Peters Church Hall, Frogwell, Chippenham. All are welcome and not just Deanery Synod members. The theme of the evening is "Engaging with the Younger Generation" and there will be a presentation on Children's Holiday Clubs by the Synergy Trust.

SERVERS NEEDED

We are still looking for servers to assist with communion and our other main morning services on a rota basis, so if this is something that appeals to you or you know someone whom you think would be good in the role, please speak to Andrew Johnson and/or ask one of the existing servers about what the role involves.

CHANGE TO EVENING SERVICES IN CORSHAM

From the beginning of March there will be NO evening service on the first Sunday of the month in Corsham, with the alternative of attending Informal Worship in Lacock at 6.30pm. There will however be evening services in Corsham during the rest of the month, all at 6.00pm, the only change to the current pattern being the replacement of the Team Service in Church House on the third Sunday with a service of Contemplative (silent) Prayer and reflection on one of the Bible readings set for that day. So please keep an eye on the Weekly Information Sheet for details of the services each week as we trial this new pattern over the next six months.

CHURCH WATCH

Church Watch will be starting again week commencing Monday 26th March.

We need more volunteers, can you help? If you can or would like to know more, you are invited to Coffee and cake in Church House on Thursday 8th March at 10.30. Looking forward to seeing you. L'nora and Phyl

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

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. **AMEN**

Old Testament Reading – Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16 (NRSVA)

The Sign of the Covenant

When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the Lord appeared to Abram, and said to him, 'I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless.'² And I will make my covenant between me and you, and will make you exceedingly numerous.'³ Then Abram fell on his face; and God said to him,⁴ 'As for me, this is my covenant with you: You shall be the ancestor of a multitude of nations.'⁵ No longer shall your name be Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you the ancestor of a multitude of nations.'⁶ I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you.'⁷ I will establish my covenant between me and you, and your offspring after you throughout their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you.

¹⁵ God said to Abraham, 'As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name.'¹⁶ I will bless her, and moreover I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall give rise to nations; kings of peoples shall come from her.'

New Testament Reading – Romans 4:13-end (NRSVA)

God's Promise Realized through Faith

¹³ For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith.¹⁴ If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void.¹⁵ For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

¹⁶ For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us,¹⁷ as it is written, 'I have made you the father of many nations')—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.¹⁸ Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become 'the father of many nations', according to what was said, 'So numerous shall your descendants be.'

¹⁹ He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb.²⁰ No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God,²¹ being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised.²² Therefore his faith 'was reckoned to him as righteousness.'²³ Now the words, 'it was reckoned to him', were written not for his sake alone,²⁴ but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead,²⁵ who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

Gospel Reading Mark 8:31-end (NRSVA)

Jesus Foretells His Death and Resurrection

³¹ Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again.³² He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him.³³ But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, 'Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.'

³⁴ He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, 'If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me.'³⁵ For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it.³⁶ For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life?³⁷ Indeed, what can they give in return for their life?³⁸ Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.'

SERVICES FOR THE NEXT WEEK AT ST BART'S

Weds 28 Feb 18

10.00am Holy Communion led by Revd Andrew

Sun 4 Mar 18 –Lent 3

8.00am Holy Communion, led by Revd Andrew

10.00am Holy Communion, led by Revd Victor *(corrected 24 Feb)*
Anthem: PALESTRINA - Kyrie (from Missa Aeterna Christi Munera)

6.30 pm Informal Worship at Lacock led by LLM Stella Sage
(No future regular evening services at St Bart's on the 1st Sunday)