



CHURCH NEWS



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From the Anglican churches of Corsham, Gastard, Lacock with Bowden Hill and Neston

March 2018

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CHURCH SERVICES

Sunday 4 Mar – Lent 3

Readings: Exodus 20:1-17; 1 Corinthians 1:18-25; John 2:13-22

- 8:00 Holy Communion at Corsham
- 9:00 **Matins** at Bowden Hill
Jump Start Sunday at Neston
- 10:00 Holy Communion at Corsham and Gastard
- 10:30 Morning Worship at Lacock
- 6.30 Informal Worship at Lacock

Sunday 11 Mar – Mothering Sunday

Readings: 1 Samuel 1:20-end; Colossians 3:12-17; Luke 2:33-35

- 8:00 Holy Communion at Corsham
- 9:00 Early Birds at Corsham
- 10:00 **Family Communion** at Corsham
Family Service at Gastard
Morning Worship at Neston
- 10:30 **Family Communion** at Lacock
- 6:00 Evensong at Corsham
- 6:30 Holy Communion with Healing Ministry at Lacock

Sunday 18 Mar – Lent 5

Readings: Jeremiah 31:31-34; Hebrews 5:5-10; John 12:20-33

- 8:00 Holy Communion at Corsham
- 9:00 **Holy Communion** at Bowden Hill
- 10:00 Holy Communion at Corsham
Family Service at Neston
- 10:30 Family Service at Lacock
- 4.30 Sunday Club at Neston
- 6.00 **Contemplative Prayer Service** at Corsham

Sunday 25 Mar – Palm Sunday

Readings: Psalm 118:1-2, 19-end; -; John 12:12-26

- 8:00 Holy Communion at Corsham
- 10:00 Family Service at Corsham (starts from Town Hall)
Morning Worship at Gastard
Holy Communion at Neston
- 10.30 **Family Service** at Lacock
- 6:00 Holy Communion with Healing Ministry at Corsham
- 6:30 Evensong at Lacock

Sunday 1 Apr – Easter Day

Readings: Isaiah 25:6-9; Acts 10:34-43; Mark 16:1-8

- 8:00 Holy Communion at Corsham
- 9:00 Holy Communion at Bowden Hill
- 10:00 Holy Communion at Corsham, Gastard & Neston
- 10:30 **Holy Communion** at Lacock
- 6.30 Informal Worship at Lacock

Please note **BOLD** type indicates a change from the regular service pattern

Midweek Services

- Wednesday 10am BCP Communion at Corsham (Weekly)
- Thursday 10am Holy Communion at Neston (1st Thurs of the month)
- Friday 3.30pm Messy Church at Corsham (2nd Friday of the month)

SERVICE CHANGES AT CORSHAM

From March 2018 there will be no 1st Sunday Evensong at Corsham and the 3rd Sunday Team service will become a service of Contemplative Prayer and reflection on a bible passage starting at 6.00pm in St Bart's.

THE RECTOR WRITES

I have recently enjoyed watching the Winter Olympics. In particular I was struck by the perseverance of Lizzie Yarnold, who managed to come back four years after winning gold in the skeleton bob in Sochi to win gold again in PyeongChang. This was despite having a chest infection which made it difficult to breathe as she catapulted herself down the track!

It's really important to set ourselves goals and have something to aim for, but it's not always easy to achieve those goals. There are many things that could easily put us off. Often, we just need to keep going: we need a lot of perseverance.

The Bible story about Jesus being tempted in the desert that we heard at the beginning of the season of Lent reminds us that Jesus never gave up, even when he was tempted to do the wrong thing. His goal was to use the time in the desert to be close to God. Jesus continued with this goal even when temptations were placed in his way that could have distracted him. He persevered.

Most of us have been tempted to give up at some time, so what can we do when we feel this way?

Here are three ideas.

- First, acknowledge that it is not easy to persevere and that everyone is tempted to give up.
- Second, try to be strong and say 'no' to people or things that are tempting us to give up.
- Third, remember to pray to God and ask him or other people to help us at any time.

So if you have set yourself some targets or goals for Lent, try to persevere with God's help and the help of others, and maybe even keep going when Lent comes to an end. As Romans 12:12 puts it: 'Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer.'

With love in Christ from Andrew

AN UPDATE FROM REVD PHILL HARRISON...

As you may know, the role of Assistant Curate is a training post, which lasts for between 3 and 4 years. My family and I will have been in the Greater Corsham and Lacock team for 3 years this July, so the time is right for us to think about moving on. I'm delighted to have been successful in applying for the post of Vicar of Wroughton and Wichelstowe, which is a parish that straddles the M4 south of Swindon. We anticipate that I will be licenced in Wroughton in the middle of July. In the interim, I have committed to covering for Revd Janet Anderson-MacKenzie (Box, Ditteridge and Colerne) when she takes a period of Extended Ministerial Development Leave after Easter. This means that I will be away from the Greater Corsham and Lacock Team from Easter Sunday until 10th July, probably returning for one Sunday before I'm licenced in Wroughton. My family and I will be sorry to leave you all behind, however we're not going too far away, so hopefully we'll be able to keep in touch! Phill.

Please do pray for Phill and the family as they prepare for this new chapter in their lives over the coming months.



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DEADLINE FOR NEXT ISSUE

Items for the next issue should be submitted not later than
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TEAM ADMINISTRATOR

We are very pleased to announce the appointment of Fiona Draper as our new Team Administrator. Fiona has worshipped at St Cyriac's, Lacock, for ten years, where she is Organist and Choirmaster and a member of the Administry Team. She also has considerable professional experience in administration and secretariat services. 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.

ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S WALKING GROUP

Leaving Bathford in a February shower of snow and sleet 17 walkers made their way across Bathampton Meadows to the Kennet and Avon canal. We then climbed steeply and emerged into a keen wind on Bathampton Down, skirting the university campus and crossing Claverton Down. From Brassnocker we dropped to the Dundas Aqueduct for lunch alongside the canal, which we then followed under blue skies for most of our return journey to Bathford and refreshment at The Crown.

http://corshamandlacockchurches.org.uk/?page_id=3898
for pictures of the intrepid walkers and scenery.

Our March walk will be on Friday, 9th, meeting at 10:00hrs on The Green, Biddestone, nearest post code SN14 7DG, for a walk of about 8 miles. On street parking. Suggest bringing snack/picnic. The group is open to people from any church or no church.

CORSHAM MOTHERS' UNION – DATES AND EVENTS

Friday 2 March, 7pm. Corsham Baptist Church, Women's World Day of Prayer.

Wednesday 7 March, 2.30pm. Church House, Corsham - Complimentary Therapies. Our speaker will be Jo Trickett, a member of the St. Bart's congregation who has her own business in Corsham and comes highly recommended. Non-members welcome.

Friday 9 March, 10am. 28, Greenhill, Neston - making posies for Mothering Sunday. Tel: Cathy on 01225 811865 if you can help.

Sunday 11 March, 10am. Mothering Sunday Service in St Bart's Church.

ADDITION TO MIDWEEK COMMUNION AT CORSHAM

During March will be trialling providing an opportunity to pray for the life of the parish and team, the wider world and any pastoral concerns. This will take place in St Bart's church after the Wednesday 10.00am Holy Communion Service – please join us if you can.

ANNUAL PAROCIAL CHURCH COUNCIL MEETINGS

The APCM season is fast approaching; dates are:

Lacock: Sunday 22 April in church as part of the 10.30am HC

Neston: Sunday 22 April in the upper room after 10.00am HC

Gastard: Sunday 29 April in church after 10.00am HC

Corsham: Monday 30 April in church at 7.30pm

LENT LUNCHEAS AT NESTON

Lent lunches will be held at Neston Church on the four Saturdays during Lent; 3rd, 10th, 17th and 24th March, from 12 noon to 1.30pm. There will be the usual fare of home-made soup, bread and cheese, cake and a hot drink, all for £5.00. Of course, one of the main ingredients will be the chance of fellowship, sharing companionship with people you know - and meeting people you don't know. So, come and join us during Lent.

FRIENDS OF
DOROTHY HOUSE
Corsham

Quiz Night

Friday 23 March Doors 7pm

Gastard Village Hall
14 Chapel Knapp, SN13 9PS

Teams of 4 (£3.50 per person)

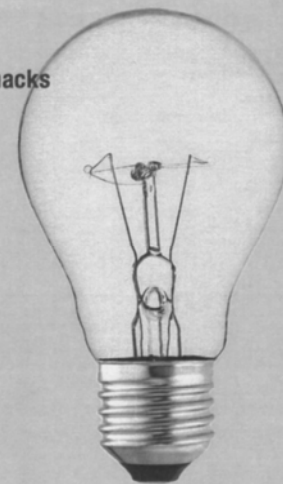
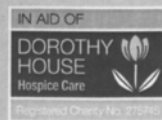
Tickets in advance by contacting:

Lyn 01249 713682

Mary 01249 714535

Bring your own drinks/glasses/snacks

Get your thinking caps on for a fun filled evening and that light bulb moment!

**MENS GROUP**

The Next meeting will be on 26 Mar 8.00 pm in the upstairs room at The Royal Oak, Corsham. This is our Member's Interests Evening with 3-4 shorts talks (which has swapped with the "Enigma - Part 2" talk now to be held in April). All men welcome.

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Opening Hours: (Telephone answering machine/email available outside of these times)
Monday 7-8pm; Wednesday 10-12.30 and 2-4pm; Saturday 10-11am