

Weekly Information Sheet



04 March 2018

Lent 3

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.

LENT COURSE 2018

Our Lent Course continues 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). Remaining sessions are:

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

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are still URGENTLY looking for a whole range of volunteers and anyone interested should contact L'nora for more information or to apply. Our needs are:

- **PCC Secretary** to replace Nigel Jackson who retires at this year's APCM on 30 Apr.
- We are still looking for **Servers** to assist with communion and our other main morning services on a rota basis.
- **Church Watch** will be starting again week commencing Monday 26th March. If you can volunteer or would like to know more you are invited to Coffee and cake in Church House on Thursday 8th March at 10.30am.
- Despite several appeals we are still in need of **Cleaners** for two of our teams.



Please consider giving a bit of your time to assist the smooth running of St Bart's. You don't have to be an 'old hand', new blood is always welcomed and in many cases the more the merrier!

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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DIARY DATES

Mon 05 Mar	7.30pm	Lent course week 3 – St Aldhelm's Church Hall PCC Meets in Church House
Weds 07 Mar	2.30pm 6.30pm	MU Meet in Church House Brigade meet games at Corsham School Gym
Thurs 08 Mar	Morning 10.30am	Church Cleaning (Team B) Lent course week 3 – St Patrick's Church Hall
Fri 9 Mar	10.00am 3.30pm	Walking Group meet at the Green, Biddestone Messy Church in Church House

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.

ADDITION TO WEDNESDAY HOLY COMMUNION SERVICE

The 10.00am Holy Communion this Wednesday, led by Revd Andrew, will be followed by intercessory prayer in the Lady Chapel.

We will be trialling providing an opportunity to pray for the life of the parish and team, the wider world and any pastoral concerns after the 10.00am Holy Communion Service during March – please join us if you can.

For More information:

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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

Eternal God, give us insight to discern your will for us, to give up what harms us, and to seek the perfection we are promised in Jesus Christ our Lord. **AMEN**

Old Testament Reading – Exodus 20:1-17 (NRSVA)

The Ten Commandments

Then God spoke all these words:

² I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; ³ you shall have no other gods before me.

⁴ You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. ⁵ You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I the Lord your God am a jealous God, punishing children for the iniquity of parents, to the third and the fourth generation of those who reject me, ⁶ but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments.

⁷ You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the Lord your God, for the Lord will not acquit anyone who misuses his name.

⁸ Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. ⁹ For six days you shall labour and do all your work. ¹⁰ But the seventh day is a sabbath to the Lord your God; you shall not do any work—you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your livestock, or the alien resident in your towns. ¹¹ For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore the Lord blessed the sabbath day and consecrated it.

¹² Honour your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you.

¹³ You shall not murder.

¹⁴ You shall not commit adultery.

¹⁵ You shall not steal.

¹⁶ You shall not bear false witness against your neighbour.

¹⁷ You shall not covet your neighbour's house; you shall not covet your neighbour's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbour.

New Testament Reading – 1 Corinthians 1:18-25 (NRSVA)

Christ the Power and Wisdom of God

¹⁸ For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. ¹⁹ For it is written,

'I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.'

²⁰ Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? ²¹ For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. ²² For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, ²³ but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling-block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, ²⁴ but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. ²⁵ For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.



Gospel Reading John 2:13-22 (NRSVA)

Jesus Cleanses the Temple

¹³ The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. ¹⁴ In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money-changers seated at their tables. ¹⁵ Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money-changers and overturned their tables. ¹⁶ He told those who were selling the doves, 'Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father's house a marketplace!' ¹⁷ His disciples remembered that it was written, 'Zeal for your house will consume me.' ¹⁸ The Jews then said to him, 'What sign can you show us for doing this?' ¹⁹ Jesus answered them, 'Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.' ²⁰ The Jews then said, 'This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?' ²¹ But he was speaking of the temple of his body. ²² After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

SERVICES FOR THE NEXT WEEK AT ST BART'S

Weds 07 Mar 18

10.00am Holy Communion led by Revd Andrew

Sun 11 Mar 18 –Mothering Sunday

8.00am Holy Communion, led by Revd Jim Hawkins

9.00am Early Birds

10.00am Family Communion, led by Revds Andrew & Phill
Anthem: ELLIS – There is no rose

6.00pm Evensong led by LLM Neil Pidduck