



CHURCH NEWS



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

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CHURCH SERVICES

Sunday 6 May – Easter 6

Readings: Isaiah 55:1-11; Acts 10:44-end; John 15:9-17

- 8:00 Holy Communion at Corsham
- 9:00 Holy Communion at Bowden Hill
- 10:00 Holy Communion at Corsham and Gastard
- 10:30 **Rogation Service** at Lacock
- 3.00 **Godparent Service**
- 6.30 Informal Worship at Lacock

Sunday 13 May – Sunday after Ascension

Readings: Ezekiel 36:24-28; Acts 1:15-17, 21-26; John 17:6-19

- 8:00 Holy Communion at Corsham
- 9:00 Early Birds at Corsham
- 10:00 Morning Worship at Corsham and Neston
- Rogation Walk** at Gastard
- 10:30 Holy Communion at Lacock
- 12:15 Baptism at Lacock
- 6:00 Evensong at Corsham
- 6:30 Holy Communion with Healing Ministry at Lacock

Sunday 20 May – Pentecost

Readings: Ezekiel 37:1-14; Acts 2:1-21; John 15:26-27, 16:4b-15

- 8:00 Holy Communion at Corsham
- 9:00 Matins at Bowden Hill
- 10:00 **Family Communion and Baptism** at Corsham
- Holy Communion at Gastard
- 10:30 Family Service at Lacock
- 4:00 Family Service at Neston**
- 6:00 Songs of Praise for Pentecost at Corsham**

Sunday 27 May – Trinity Sunday

Readings: Isaiah 6:1-8; Romans 8:12-17; John 3:1-17

- 8:00 Holy Communion at Corsham
- 10:00 **Morning Worship at Corsham** and Gastard
- Holy Communion at Neston
- 10:30 Holy Communion at Lacock
- 6:00 Holy Communion with Healing Ministry at Corsham
- 6:30 Evensong at Lacock

Sunday 3 Jun – Trinity 1

Readings: 1 Samuel 3:1-10; 2 Corinthians 4:5-12; Mark 2:23-3:6

- 8:00 Holy Communion at Corsham
- 9:00 Matins at Bowden Hill
- 10:00 Holy Communion at Corsham and Gastard
- 10:30 Morning Worship 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 NESTON

Starting this month there will be a new **Family Service at 4pm** on the **3rd Sunday of the month** in **Neston Church**. All are welcome to this afternoon service; the timing of which it is hoped will prove popular for all families.

THE RECTOR WRITES

This year Corsham Churches Together has decided to relocate the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity from January to the week leading up to Pentecost on Sunday 20 May.

The creeds or statements of belief we share with other Christian denominations give us every reason to be completely united. No other faith believes in a God who relates to us in three persons, but we are united in believing in:

- God the Father, who loved the world so much he sent his only Son Jesus to die on the cross for our sins and rise to life again so that we might be forgiven for all we have done wrong and experience the gift of everlasting life.
- God the Son, who loved us so much he was willing to live as a human on earth and go through the pain of separation from his Father in heaven so that we might be set free from the power of sin and death.
- And God the Holy Spirit, who lives in our hearts through faith and makes it possible for us to love God with all our heart, soul, mind and strength, and to love our neighbours as much as we love ourselves.

We are united in believing in a God:

- who loves us unconditionally
- who forgives us for the things we do wrong
- who was willing to die for us
- who overcame the power of death so we have the hope of everlasting life when we die
- and who is willing to live in our hearts and have a close and loving relationship with us.

So I would like to invite you to join me at an ecumenical Songs of Praise Service at St Bart's on Sunday 20 May at 6.00pm when we can truly unite as we sing God's praise together and celebrate the gift of God's Holy Spirit poured out at Pentecost.

With love in Christ from Andrew

GODPARENTS' SUNDAY 6TH MAY 2018

A short informal celebration of the special relationship that exists between godparents and godchildren will be held in St. Bartholomew's church at 3.00pm on Sunday 6 May. The service will be followed by refreshments and is for anyone and everyone who wishes to celebrate their baptism and the role of godparents. You don't have to be a godparent or godchild to attend, so please do put it in your diary and come along.

As it is a Bank Holiday weekend Corsham Court will be open and is expected to be very busy. Please park elsewhere and walk to church (The town car parks are only a few minutes away and free at weekends).



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ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S WALKING GROUP

Ten walkers set out from Lower Westwood on our 9 mile April amble, the difficult conditions under foot a reminder of how wet the winter and spring had been so far. The Kennet and Avon canal was followed to Bradford on Avon where the impressive 14th century monastic Tithe Barn was visited, then resuming along the canal to the almost equally impressive 1805 Avoncliffe Aqueduct. Lunch was taken at Freshford before passing Iford Manor to return to Lower Westwood and refreshment at The New Inn. Photos at http://corshamandlacockchurches.org.uk/?page_id=3898

Our next walk is about 7.5 miles on Friday, 11th May, meeting 10:00hrs at the Harp and Crown P.H. Gastard, Nr. Corsham, SN13 9PU. Permission is kindly given for car parking but please car share and double-park if necessary. Suggest bringing snack/picnic.

Advance notice that there will not be a St Bart's walk in June due to the Corsham Walking Festival but see www.corshamwalkingfestival.org.uk for 27 ways to keep your walking boots active.

CORSHAM MOTHERS' UNION

Our speaker on Wednesday 2 May at 2.30pm is Yvonne Penn who is the Sailors' Society Public Engagement Officer. The Sailors' Society is an international Christian charity working across the world offering welfare and practical support to seafarers, their families and their communities. Over 90% of our goods arrive by sea and the Society offer support to this often forgotten workforce. Sailors can face loneliness, piracy, abandonment, imprisonment and are often away from their families for an average of 9 months each year. Ship visitors and Chaplains make regular contact with Seafarers when in port and help with communication, social and spiritual issues. They offer emotional and pastoral support. MU in the Bristol diocese regularly makes donations of woolly hats which are gratefully received. Please come along and hear real stories from this important organisation. Non-members welcome.

HOUSE GROUP

The St. Bart's House Group continues its fortnightly meetings at 7:30pm at 17 Light Close, Corsham. The group will be studying the book of 2nd Peter over the Spring to Summer period interspersed by one or two "one-off" sessions. On 3 May Mike Alexander will be speaking on his work with the Chippenham Street Pastors and we will also be having a time of prayer. For further details please contact Neil Pidduck (01249) 715848.

**CORSHAM SPONSORS REFUGEES**

A charity is being established to sponsor and potentially re-settle a family of Syrian refugees in Corsham. Moved by the plight of thousands of people who have fled war and persecution, we decided to get involved to provide compassion, care and a home to a family who are currently living in a refugee camp. We very much believe that the Corsham community will be able to provide the sanctuary and safety that this family will require to re-build their lives. You are welcome to our launch event at Corsham Town Hall on May 15th at 7pm to find out more about the Community Sponsorship scheme, hear from a group in Devon who have already provided a home for one refugee family and find out what support we can provide as a community in Corsham. Refreshments will be available. If you have any questions before the launch evening, please email corshamsponsorsrefugees@gmail.com

GENERAL DATA PROTECTION REGULATION

For many years our PCCs and clergy have been lawfully processing "personal data" - data about someone which can identify them as a living person - under the 1998 Data Protection Act. A new EU law, The General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR), will come into force on 25 May 18. It replaces the existing 1998 Data Protection Act and its provisions will be enshrined in British Law after Brexit. This is not entirely new legislation but does add new elements and it will change how your personal data is managed.

The emphasis of the GDPR is on transparency and accountability, i.e. being able to demonstrate rather than assuming compliance, and the rights of an individual to control what is done with their personal data.

Data processing in our team of churches (which includes storing your data) is either as a result of "legitimate use" - to meet legal requirements - or covered by "explicit consent" where your permission has to be given. In the latter case consent can no longer be assumed for some activities and people have to Opt-in and evidence of that choice recorded. Such consent will be required to remain on the Church News email distribution list going forward but is not required for membership details of small groups or rotas provided the information is not on public display and where held electronically has some form of password protection.

Should you have any questions on GDPR please refer them to your PCC.

**St Barts Church,
Saturday 2nd June
6.30 p.m. onwards**

**£5 entry fee: includes cheese,
biscuits and a glass of wine**

MEN'S GROUP

Please note there is no Men's Group in May (Bank Holiday). Next meeting is on 25 Jun when Sally Helvey will talk to us about the 'Cleveland Pools - Bath'

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