



Weekly Information Sheet

29 April 2018
Fifth Sunday of Easter

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 30 Apr	7.30pm	APCM in Church (Refreshments at 7pm)
Weds 02 May	6.30pm	Brigade meet for games at Corsham School Gym
	8.00pm	Pastoral bubble meets at the Rectory
Thurs 03 May	7.30pm	House group meet at 17 Light Close
Fri 04 May	Morning	Church Cleaning (Team A)

ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) of St. Bartholomew's Church will be held in the church on Monday 30th April 2018. Refreshments will be available from 7.00pm and the meeting will start at 7.30pm.

The APCM is open to anyone with an interest in St. Bartholomew's Church and we encourage everyone to attend and take part in this annual review.

ELECTORAL ROLL REVISION

A revised edition of the Electoral Roll for 2018 is now available in the church porch for inspection. Addresses have been withheld for Data Protection purposes. If you'd like to check this section for any recent changes, please see Sian Cooper, Electoral Roll Officer. Please also let her know of any errors or omissions on 01249 716112 before the APCM on Monday evening.

TRIP TO NATIONAL MEMORIAL ARBORETUM

If anyone wishes to join this trip to the National Memorial Arboretum on Monday 14 May please note there are only 8 places left. Cost is £10. Please contact Arthur or Mary Antill (01225 810781)

DEADLINE FOR NEXT ISSUE

Items for inclusion in each Sunday's sheet should be submitted not later than **MIDDAY on the preceding Wednesday.**

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PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES

The 2018/2019 Planned Giving Envelopes are available on the cross pew for collection. Please note that envelope numbers have been rationalised to reduce costs and you may not have the same number envelope from previous years. If you would like to join the scheme, transfer to Standing Order or wish more information please contact John Stott on 01249-714352.

GODPARENTS' SUNDAY 6TH MAY 2018

A short informal celebration of the special relationship that exists between godparents and godchildren will be held at St. Bartholomew's 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 Car Parks are only a few minutes away and free at weekends).

FRIENDS OF ST BARTHOLOMEW'S

Nigel wishes to thank the 12 members of the congregation who have expressed an interest in becoming a Friend. If there are others interested in the relaunch of the Friends the explanatory Handouts are available on "The Friends Box" on the pew by the door. They will remain there for a while in the hope that visitors to our Church may also be interested in supporting St Bart's in this way.

SERVICES FOR THE NEXT WEEK AT ST BART'S

Weds 2 May 18

10.00am Holy Communion led by Revd Andrew

Sun 6 May 18 – Easter 6

8.00am Holy Communion, led by Revd Andrew

10.00am Holy Communion, led by Revd Andrew
Anthem: AMNER – Come, let's rejoice

3.00pm Godparent service, led by Revd Andrew

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.

Sunday 29 Apr 2018 – Easter 5

Collect

Risen Christ, your wounds declare your love for the world and the wonder of your risen life: give us compassion and courage to risk ourselves for those we serve, to the glory of God the Father. **AMEN**

Old Testament Reading Genesis 22:1-18 (NRSVA)

The Command to Sacrifice Isaac

After these things God tested Abraham. He said to him, 'Abraham!' And he said, 'Here I am.'² He said, 'Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt-offering on one of the mountains that I shall show you.'³ So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and his son Isaac; he cut the wood for the burnt-offering, and set out and went to the place in the distance that God had shown him.⁴ On the third day Abraham looked up and saw the place far away.⁵ Then Abraham said to his young men, 'Stay here with the donkey; the boy and I will go over there; we will worship, and then we will come back to you.'⁶ Abraham took the wood of the burnt-offering and laid it on his son Isaac, and he himself carried the fire and the knife. So the two of them walked on together.⁷ Isaac said to his father Abraham, 'Father!' And he said, 'Here I am, my son.' He said, 'The fire and the wood are here, but where is the lamb for a burnt-offering?'⁸ Abraham said, 'God himself will provide the lamb for a burnt-offering, my son.' So the two of them walked on together.

⁹When they came to the place that God had shown him, Abraham built an altar there and laid the wood in order. He bound his son Isaac, and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood.¹⁰ Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to kill his son.¹¹ But the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven, and said, 'Abraham, Abraham!' And he said, 'Here I am.'¹² He said, 'Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him; for now I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me.'¹³ And Abraham looked up and saw a ram, caught in a thicket by its horns. Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt-offering instead of his son.¹⁴ So Abraham called that place 'The Lord will provide'; as it is said to this day, 'On the mount of the Lord it shall be provided.'

¹⁵The angel of the Lord called to Abraham a second time from heaven,¹⁶ and said, 'By myself I have sworn, says the Lord: Because you have done this, and have not withheld your son, your only son,¹⁷ I will indeed bless you, and I will make your offspring as numerous as the stars of heaven and as the sand that is on the seashore. And your offspring shall possess the gate of their enemies,¹⁸ and by your offspring shall all the nations of the earth gain blessing for themselves, because you have obeyed my voice.'

New Testament Reading – Acts 8:26-end (NRSVA)

Philip and the Ethiopian Eunuch

²⁶Then an angel of the Lord said to Philip, 'Get up and go towards the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.' (This is a wilderness road.)²⁷ So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship²⁸ and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah.²⁹ Then the Spirit said to Philip, 'Go over to this chariot and join it.'³⁰ So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, 'Do you understand what you are reading?'³¹ He replied, 'How can I, unless someone guides me?' And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him.³² Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this: 'Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter, and like a lamb silent before its shearer, so he does not open his mouth.'³³ In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken away from the earth.'

³⁴The eunuch asked Philip, 'About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?'³⁵ Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus.³⁶ As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, 'Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?'³⁸ He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him.³⁹ When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing.⁴⁰ But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

Gospel Reading John 15:1-8 (NRSVA)

Jesus the True Vine

'I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine-grower.'² He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit.³ You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you.⁴ Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me.⁵ I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing.⁶ Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned.⁷ If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you.⁸ My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.