

## ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

A big thank you to those who provided refreshments, presented reports and attended the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> April 2018. The confirmation of elections is published in the church porch and a folder containing the draft APCM Minutes is available for reading in church. L'nora Olney was again elected to serve as our church warden for the coming year, and she will be 'sworn in' at the Archdeacon's Visitation, which this year will be taking place **at St Cyriac's Lacock on Thursday 10 May at 7.30pm**. Please do come along to support her if you can.

## CORSHAM SPONSORS REFUGEES

You are warmly invited to attend a meeting at Corsham Town Hall on Tuesday May 15th at 7pm to find out about a new charity which 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. Please come 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 then, please email [corshamsponsorsrefugees@gmail.com](mailto:corshamsponsorsrefugees@gmail.com) or speak to Christine Reid or Sian Cooper.

## PLANT AND GARDEN PARAPHERNALIA SALE

The final total raised was £643.62. A big thank you to all who helped and supported the sale.

## AUCTION NIGHT

Forms for giving promises are on the cross pew. Completed forms need to be in by 23<sup>rd</sup> May and given to L'nora or Chris Alexander.

Donated items can be collected by contacting L'nora. We would like them by 23<sup>rd</sup> May. Tickets for Wine and Cheese will be available shortly. Cost will be £5.

### 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](mailto:news@corshamandlacockchurches.org.uk) or  
**Post/deliver to:** 1 Park Lane, Corsham. ☎ 01249 701783 (answering machine available).

*If you would like to receive this Information sheet by email please send a request, putting **Weekly Info Sheet** in the subject line, to [news@corshamandlacockchurches.org.uk](mailto:news@corshamandlacockchurches.org.uk). Your information will not be shared with 3<sup>rd</sup> parties or used for other purposes.*



# Weekly Information Sheet

**6 May 2018**  
**Sixth 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

<b>Weds 9 May</b>	6.30pm	Brigade meet for Badgework at Church House
<b>Thurs 10 May</b>	Morning	Church Cleaning (Team B)
<b>Fri 11 May</b>	10.00am	Walking Group meet at Harp and Crown P.H. Gastard
	3.30pm	Messy Church meet in Church House
<b>Mon 14 May</b>	2.00pm	Craft & Co meet at 33 Park Lane
<b>Thurs 17 May</b>	10.00am	Coffee for Corsham Court visitors in Church

## 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).

## 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.

### 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 6 May 2018 – Easter 6

### Collect

Risen Christ, by the lakeside you renewed your call to your disciples: help your Church to obey your command and draw the nations to the fire of your love, to the glory of God the Father. **AMEN**

### Old Testament Reading Isaiah 55:1-11 (NRSVA)

Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. <sup>2</sup>Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labour for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. <sup>3</sup>Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live. I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. <sup>4</sup>See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. <sup>5</sup>See, you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you.

<sup>6</sup>Seek the Lord while he may be found, call upon him while he is near; <sup>7</sup>let the wicked forsake their way, and the unrighteous their thoughts; let them return to the Lord, that he may have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. <sup>8</sup>For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord. <sup>9</sup>For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

<sup>10</sup>For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return there until they have watered the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, <sup>11</sup>so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

### New Testament Reading – Acts 10:44-end (NRSVA)

#### *Gentiles Receive the Holy Spirit*

<sup>44</sup>While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. <sup>45</sup>The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, <sup>46</sup>for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, <sup>47</sup>'Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?' <sup>48</sup>So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

### Gospel Reading John 15:9-17 (NRSVA)

<sup>9</sup>As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. <sup>10</sup>If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. <sup>11</sup>I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

<sup>12</sup>'This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. <sup>13</sup>No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. <sup>14</sup>You are my friends if you do what I command you. <sup>15</sup>I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. <sup>16</sup>You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. <sup>17</sup>I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.

### SERVICES FOR THE NEXT WEEK AT ST BART'S

#### **Weds 9 May 18**

**10.00am** Holy Communion led by Revd Andrew

#### **Sun 13 May 18 – Sunday after Ascension**

8.00am Holy Communion, led by Revd Andrew

9.00am Early Birds

10.00am Morning Worship, led by LLM Lin Culling  
*Anthem: ARCHER –The Lord goes up*

6.00pm Evensong, led by LLM Neil Pidduck

### **WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY – 14 – 20 May 18**

<b>Monday 14<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>Churches open*</b>
<b>Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>10am-11:30am St Aldhelm's open for prayer, and 11:30am-12noon for a time of led reflection</b>
<b>Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>10am Holy Communion at St Bartholomew 2pm service and refreshments Corsham Baptist Church</b>
<b>Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>12 noon St Patrick service and refreshments</b>
<b>Friday 18<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>Churches open*</b>
<b>Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>Churches open*</b>
<b>Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>6pm St Bartholomew: Joint Churches Songs of Praise Service for Pentecost</b>

\*These churches will be open all week during daylight hours for quiet prayer: St Cyriac, Lacock; St Philip and St James, Neston; St Patrick Church, Corsham; St Bartholomew, Corsham; and St John the Baptist, Gastard.