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Forget

# CHURCH NEWS

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

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November 2018

## CHURCH SERVICES

*For readings, see over*

### Sunday 4 November—Fourth before Advent/All Souls

8.00 a.m. Holy Communion at Corsham  
9.00 a.m. Holy Communion at Bowden Hill  
10.00 a.m. Holy Communion at Corsham and Gastard  
10.30 a.m. Morning Worship at Lacock  
4.00 p.m. Informal Worship for All Souls at Lacock  
6.00 p.m. All Souls (Team Service) at Corsham

### Sunday 11 November – Third before Advent/Remembrance

8.00 a.m. Holy Communion at Corsham  
10.00 a.m. Remembrance at Neston  
10.15 a.m. Remembrance at Lacock  
10.30 a.m. Remembrance at Gastard  
10.50 a.m. Remembrance at Corsham  
2.00 p.m. Thanksgiving at Corsham (see over)  
*No Evensong at Corsham*

### Sunday 18 November – Second before Advent

8.00 a.m. Holy Communion at Corsham  
9.00 a.m. Holy Communion at Bowden Hill  
9.00 a.m. Early Birds at Corsham  
10.00 a.m. Holy Communion at Corsham  
10.30 a.m. Family Service at Lacock  
12.15 p.m. Baptisms at Corsham  
4.00 p.m. Church@4 at Neston  
6.00 p.m. Contemplative Prayer at Corsham

### Sunday 25 November– Christ the King

8.00 a.m. Holy Communion at Corsham  
10.00 a.m. Family Service and Baptism at Corsham  
Holy Communion at Neston  
Morning Worship at Gastard  
10.30 a.m. Holy Communion at Lacock  
6.00 p.m. Holy Communion with Healing Ministry at Corsham

### Sunday 2 December—Advent 1

8.00 a.m. Holy Communion at Corsham  
9.00 a.m. Holy Communion at Bowden Hill  
10.00 a.m. Holy Communion at Corsham and Gastard  
10.30 a.m. Morning Worship at Lacock  
12.15 p.m. Baptism at Corsham  
4.00 p.m. Advent Music and Readings at Lacock  
6.00 p.m. Service of Light at Corsham

### Midweek Services

Wednesdays: 10.00 a.m. Holy Communion (BCP) at Corsham (every week)  
Thursday 10.00 a.m. Holy Communion at Neston (1st Thursday of the month)

**Messy Church: Friday 9th November** at 3.30pm in Church House, Corsham.

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## THE RECTOR WRITES

This month's Church News will be published around the time Bible Sunday is marked in the church year. This provides an opportunity to celebrate the foundational role the Bible plays in the lives of Christians throughout the world.

Bishop Tom Wright has described the Bible as 'a single great story – a drama in which we are invited to find our own part'. And I thought I would use this month's Rector writes... to make two key points about the Bible and how we relate to it.

The first point is that it is to be taken seriously by followers of Jesus. How do we know this? Well, Jesus read from books appearing in what we now call the Old Testament and sought to make them relevant to the lives of the people who heard them.

The second point to make about the Bible is that not everyone will find its message easy to accept. During his ministry on earth Jesus refers to the scriptures to point out that in the past God's own people did not accept messages from God.

So I wonder whether the Bible is something you take seriously and regard as relevant to your life today, or do you find it difficult to accept its message, maybe because it clashes with what you believe?

In the UK there are nearly as many Bibles as TV sets, but they are mostly unread because people do not appreciate the Bible's relevance to their lives.

So I would like to end by inviting *you* to play a part in the still unfolding drama of the Bible. Make time to read it, to understand it and to wrestle with what it may be saying to you. If Jesus took the Bible seriously and played his own unique part in God's great story, who are we to turn down the invitation to take part ourselves?

*With love in Christ, Andrew*

"Pilgrim" teaching series continues on the first Sunday of each month at the 10am service at Corsham and Gastard.

### Mothers' Union:

Wednesday 7 November 2018 2.30pm in Church House: SAT7 TV in the Middle East—speaker Trevor Durston—postponed from our October meeting. All welcome.

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**Lectionary readings for November**  
 November 4: Deuteronomy 6: 1-9, Hebrews 9: 11-14, Mark 12:28-34  
 November 11: Jonah 3: 1-5, 10; Hebrews 9: 24-28; Mark 1: 14-20  
 November 18: Daniel 12: 1-3; Hebrews 10: 11-14, 19-25; Mark 13: 1-8  
 November 25: Daniel 7: 9-10, 13-14; Revelation 1: 4b-8; John 18: 33-37  
 December 2: Jeremiah 33: 14-16; 1 Thessalonians 3: 9-end; Luke 21:25-36

**Raising Funds for  
 Corsham Sponsors Refugees**  
 An Illustrated Talk on 20<sup>th</sup> Century Women Artists  
 Given by Paul Chapman, Art Historian  
 On Friday 9 November at 7.30 pm in Corsham  
 Town Hall, Tickets: £8 to include refreshments  
 Available in advance from  
 Elizabeth Brown 01249 701284 and  
 John Parker Art Gallery and Shop  
 15 Martingate, Corsham SN13 OHL  
 Cheques payable to Corsham Sponsors Refugees

**WINTER MARKET**  
 St Bart's Winter market will be held in Corsham Town Hall on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> November 10.00am until 12.15pm. There will be stalls selling craft, cakes, cards, candles, toys, books, pop up market, raffle, tombola, bacon butties and teas. Ideal for Christmas presents. Entry Fee – 50p

**Saturday 17th November**—Christian singer-songwriter **Rob Halligan concert** at St Cyriac's, 7 p.m.  
 Tickets £5/£3 U 16 from Jeremy Hunt, stellaskipper@aol.com or 01249 249447  
 More info [www.robhalligan.co.uk](http://www.robhalligan.co.uk)

**St Bart's Men's group**  
 The group meets on the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of every month (except August and December). The next meeting will be on 26th November 2018 at 8.00 pm in The Royal Oak when Martin Head from the Corsham Institute will talk to us about 'Corsham Digital'. All men welcome. £1 entry fee to cover costs.

**St Bartholomew's Walking Group**  
 For a report on last month's walk from Marshfield, see the Team website. Our next walk will be about 9 miles on Friday, 9<sup>th</sup> November, meeting 10:00hrs in the Selwyn Hall car park (free), Box, nearest post code SN13 8NT. Suggest bringing snack/picnic.  
 Colin 0757 044 2307

**Remembrance events around the Team**

**World War 1 Remembered**  
 This November marks one hundred years since the signing of the Armistice between Germany and the Allies which ended the Great War of 1914-1918. The **Neston** village memorial to the Fallen is to be found in the church of St Philip and St James at the top of Church Rise (by the school) and this Remembrance Sunday, like every other since the end of the First World War, there will be a **Service of Remembrance at 10am.**

To mark the end of World War 1 there will be an **Hour of Reflection** in the church of **St Philip & St James at 3pm on Saturday 10th November.** The event will allow time to be silent and think about all the men of Neston who died during the catastrophe. There will also be readings of poetry and prose and some music from the era.

**Corsham Commemorates:** on 11th November at 2 p.m. there will be a service at St Bart's which will be a re-creation of the 'spontaneous' thanksgiving service held at St Bart's on 11 November 1918, as news of peace spread. The service will include the re-dedication of the town's original wooden war memorial which has been found and repaired.

**Lacock Remembers:** Peace Tea in St Cyriac's Church, 10th November, 4-5 p.m. Followed by an evening of "Songs and Sonnets" from 5 p.m. Poppy drapes and arches in St Cyriac's and St Anne's throughout the Remembrance period. Display of artworks by Lacock School, Cubs and others in the Manger Barn, 10th and 11th November, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. All events free.

"There but not there" silhouettes will be placed in St Bartholomew's, St Cyriac's and St Anne's

Concerned about plastic in the oceans or in our food? Anxious about the amount of plastic waste which will never biodegrade?

**YOU CAN HELP: COME AND FIND OUT HOW**  
 Adam Walton of **Plastic Waste Free Corsham** will give a short talk on **SIMPLE MEASURES WE CAN ALL TAKE to help lessen this problem**

**MONDAY 19<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER**  
 7pm refreshments, for 7.30 talk  
**ST ALDHELM'S CHURCH, Pickwick Road,**  
 Hosted by Corsham Area Churches

**Congratulations to St John's Gastard** for winning the cup in the Best Place of Worship section of **CORSHAM IN BLOOM**, and to St Bart's for achieving a Highly Commended.

**DEADLINE FOR NEXT ISSUE:** Items for the next issue should be submitted not later than **SUNDAY 25th November 2018.** Email to: [news@corshamandlacockchurches.org.uk](mailto:news@corshamandlacockchurches.org.uk) or drop in to Church House, or leave a message on 01249 701720.

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