



# Weekly Information Sheet

23 December 2018

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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

**Thurs 27 Dec** Morning Church Cleaning (Team B)  
**Fri 4 Jan** Morning Church cleaning (Team C)

## CHRISTMAS CARDS – INTERNAL POST

The Christmas Card boxes are available on the Cross Pew for members of the congregation to send cards internally. They will remain in place until 30 Dec so please check them regularly.



## CLERGY COVER OVER CHRISTMAS

As usual the Team Rector (Revd Andrew) and Team Vicar (Revd Adam) will be off work for the week after Christmas, returning to work on Thursday 3 January. During this period please continue to contact L'nora Olney on 01225 859202 in the first instance if you know of someone who is in need of pastoral care so that appropriate arrangements can be made.

## WALKING GROUP

Back by popular demand for the 7<sup>th</sup> year! Leap out of bed bright and early on New Year's Day, Tuesday 1 Jan 19 and shed some of those festive calories that may be weighing heavily on your conscience (and other places ☺), an join us for a walk of about 11 miles. Please meet at 0930 hours in Selwyn Hall car park (free) Box Sn13 8NT. Suggest bringing some calories. Further details from Colin 07570 442307.

## CHILDREN'S SOCIETY

Please let Phyl Fry have any collecting boxes that require emptying before the New Year. If anyone would like a box at home to help children please contact Phyl – 01249 712069.

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

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## CORSHAM MOTHERS' UNION

Wednesday 2 January 2019 2.30pm in Church House Shirley Green will be telling us about when she was a Rose Queen. All welcome

## THANK YOU FOR THE CAROLS AND READINGS

A big thank you to everyone who contributed to a very successful service of carols and readings last Sunday – the welcome, music, reading and after-service refreshments were all of a high standard and much appreciated by the many people who attended and stayed afterwards for refreshments.

## SERVICES FOR THE NEXT 3 WEEKS AT ST BART'S

### Mon 24 Dec 18 – Christmas Eve

4.00pm Great big Nativity led by Revd Andrew  
11.30am Midnight Christmas Communion

### Tues 25 Dec 18 – Christmas Day

9.00am Holy Communion led by Revd Victor  
10.15am Family Service led by Revd Victor

### Sunday 30 Dec 18 – Christmas 1

10.30am Team Holy Communion at Lacock led by Revd Victor

### Wednesday 2 Jan 19

10.00am Holy Communion led by Revd Richard Hovey

### Sunday 6 Jan 19 – Epiphany

8.00am Holy Communion led by Revd Andrew  
10.00am Holy Communion led by Revd Victor



### WIS – NEXT ISSUE

There will not be WIS on 30 Dec 18. The next issue will be on 6 Jan; deadline noon on Weds 2 Jan 19.

**MAY YOU EXPERIENCE LOVE, JOY AND PEACE THIS CHRISTMAS AND HAVE A VERY HAPPY NEW YEAR.**

### For More information:

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**PASTORAL VISITING:** If you know of someone who is in need of pastoral care please contact Revd Andrew on 01249 713232 so that appropriate arrangements can be made. These might include a visit at home or in hospital and/or the provision of home communion

## **Collect**

Eternal God, as Mary waited for the birth of your Son, so we wait for his coming in glory; bring us through the birth pangs of this present age to see, with her, our great salvation in Jesus Christ our Lord. **AMEN**

## **Old Testament Reading – Micah 5:2-5a** (NRSVA)

*The Ruler from Bethlehem*

<sup>2</sup> But you, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah, who are one of the little clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to rule in Israel, whose origin is from of old, from ancient days. <sup>3</sup> Therefore he shall give them up until the time when she who is in labour has brought forth; then the rest of his kindred shall return to the people of Israel. <sup>4</sup> And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the Lord, in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God. And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth; <sup>5</sup> and he shall be the one of peace.

## **New Testament Reading – Hebrews 10:5-10** (NRSVA)

Consequently, when Christ came into the world, he said, 'Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired, but a body you have prepared for me; <sup>6</sup> in burnt-offerings and sin-offerings you have taken no pleasure. <sup>7</sup> Then I said, "See, God, I have come to do your will, O God" (in the scroll of the book it is written of me).'

<sup>8</sup> When he said above, 'You have neither desired nor taken pleasure in sacrifices and offerings and burnt-offerings and sin-offerings' (these are offered according to the law), <sup>9</sup> then he added, 'See, I have come to do your will.' He abolishes the first in order to establish the second. <sup>10</sup> And it is by God's will that we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

## **Gospel Reading Luke 1:39-45** (NRSVA)

*Mary Visits Elizabeth*

<sup>39</sup> In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, <sup>40</sup> where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. <sup>41</sup> When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leapt in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit <sup>42</sup> and exclaimed with a loud cry, 'Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. <sup>43</sup> And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? <sup>44</sup> For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leapt for joy. <sup>45</sup> And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfilment of what was spoken to her by the Lord.'

## **Old Testament Reading – Isaiah 52:7-10** (NRSVA)

How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of the messenger who announces peace, who brings good news, who announces salvation, who says to Zion, 'Your God reigns.'<sup>8</sup> Listen! Your sentinels lift up their voices, together they sing for joy; for in plain sight they see the return of the Lord to Zion. <sup>9</sup> Break forth together into singing, you ruins of Jerusalem; for the Lord has comforted his people, he has redeemed Jerusalem.<sup>10</sup> The Lord has bared his holy arm before the eyes of all the nations; and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.

## **New Testament Reading – Hebrews 1:1-4** (NRSVA)

*God Has Spoken by His Son*

Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, <sup>2</sup> but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. <sup>3</sup> He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, <sup>4</sup> having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

## **Gospel Reading John 1:1-14** (NRSVA)

*The Word Became Flesh*

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. <sup>2</sup> He was in the beginning with God. <sup>3</sup> All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being <sup>4</sup> in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. <sup>5</sup> The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

<sup>6</sup> There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. <sup>7</sup> He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. <sup>8</sup> He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. <sup>9</sup> The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

<sup>10</sup> He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. <sup>11</sup> He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. <sup>12</sup> But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, <sup>13</sup> who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

<sup>14</sup> And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.