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Year!

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CHURCH NEWS

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

January 2019

CHURCH SERVICES

There are a number of changes to the Lacock & Bowden Hill service pattern—see over for more information

Sunday 6 January—Epiphany

8.00 a.m. Holy Communion at Corsham
10.00 a.m. Holy Communion at Corsham and Gastard
10.30 a.m. Epiphany Celebration with Holy Communion at Lacock

Sunday 13 January —Baptism of Christ

8.00 a.m. Holy Communion at Corsham
9.00 a.m. Early Birds at Corsham
10.00 a.m. Morning Worship at Corsham and Gastard
Holy Communion at Neston
10.30 a.m. Holy Communion at Bowden Hill
12.15 p.m. Baptisms at Bowden Hill and Neston.
6.00 p.m. Evensong at Corsham

Sunday 20 January – Epiphany 3

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
Morning Worship at Neston
10.30 a.m. Family Service at Lacock (Village Hall)
4.00 p.m. Church@4 at Neston
6.00 p.m. Contemplative Prayer at Corsham

Sunday 27 January – Epiphany 4

8.00 a.m. Holy Communion at Corsham
10.00 a.m. Family Service at Corsham
Matins at Gastard
Holy Communion at Neston
10.30 a.m. Holy Communion at Bowden Hill
12.15 p.m. Baptisms at Corsham
6.00 p.m. Holy Communion with Healing Ministry at Corsham

Sunday 3 February—Fifth before Lent

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 (Village Hall)

Lectionary readings for January

January 6: Isaiah 60: 1-6; Ephesians 3: 1-12; Matthew 2: 1-12

January 13: Isaiah 43: 1-7; Acts 8: 14-17; Luke 3: 15-17, 21-22

January 20: Isaiah 62: 1-5; 1 Corinthians 12: 1-11; John 2: 1-11

January 27: Nehemiah 8: 1-3, 5-6, 8-10; 1 Corinthians 12: 12-31a; Luke 4: 14-21

February 3: Ezekiel 43:27-44:4; 1 Corinthians 13; Luke 2: 22-40

THE RECTOR WRITES...

People who make New Year resolutions are often teased about how long their resolutions will last. And certainly there is plenty of evidence that many people join fitness clubs immediately after Christmas but never attend them during the year. But are we wrong to make fun of New Year resolutions? Surely they can be a good way of ensuring we are making progress with our lives year by year.

And that is certainly something we should consider seriously as Christians. After all, the apostle Paul encouraged early followers of Christ to keep on striving towards the goal of being called heavenwards and to run the race with perseverance; in other words, to keep on progressing with the Christian faith.

One way we can do this is explore what it means for us to be baptized followers of Jesus, and there is the opportunity to continue to do this as we resume our Sunday morning series of teaching based on the questions asked at baptism.

As before there will be a handout for you to take home with some questions you might like to explore. We will also continue to provide two groups in the week following each Sunday to meet with others who may wish to discuss and explore the material further. These groups meet in Corsham but are open to everyone in the Team.

We start on the first Sunday in February by considering the question 'Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?' and continue in March and April with the questions 'Do you repent of your sins?' and 'Do you renounce evil?'

So if you are resolved to grow as a follower of Jesus and be a positive influence for Christ during 2019 please do look out for further details and plan to be present if you can.

Wishing you every blessing during 2019,

Andrew


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<p>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—2nd Friday of the month, Church House Corsham, 3.30-6.00 p.m.</p>	<p>"LIFT" - "Ladies In Fellowship Together" meets twice a month. We aim to get to know one another, share Bible study and occasional social activities. Currently we are studying the introductory series of "LYFE" from The Bible Society.</p> <p>Juliet Greaves would be delighted to hear from any lady who would like to know more about the group and discuss times and venues. Please contact Juliet on 01249 249853</p>
<p>Lacock maintenance works— update St Cyriac's church will be closed for two weeks from 7th January for the removal of asbestos. There will be no access to the church or churchyard while this is in progress. Following this, work will start to rebuild the main church path. Whilst this is ongoing, there will be restricted access to the church via temporary steps, and all services will take place either at St Anne's or at Lacock Village Hall. There will be weekly updates in "Pew News"; if you would like to receive this by email, please email Fiona@fionadraper.co.uk.</p>	<p>MENS' GROUP The Men's Group will meet on Monday 28 January 2019 in the Royal Oak, Corsham, at 8pm when Sharon Thomas will give us a 'Corsham Update'. All men welcome (£1 entry fee to cover costs). The 2019 programme is now available on the website at https://corshamandlacockchurches.org.uk/?page_id=137 where you can also download a copy.</p>
<p>Message from Corsham Food Bank Thank you to everyone who helped Corsham Churches Food Bank both in the run up to Christmas and throughout the year. Your support whether monetary, through donations in your church, or in the collection bins in the Corsham Co-op and Sainsbury's helped us to provide 214 bags of food to 60 families, couples and individuals this Christmas. All of us at the Food Bank and all those we managed to help send you our heartfelt thanks.</p>	<p>Church Schools need Church People Do you care about children and education? Enjoy making a difference? Have a commitment to Christian Distinctiveness? If so, you could become a foundation governor.</p> <p>Foundation Governors have a particular responsibility within Church Schools to preserve and develop the Christian character and ethos of the school. Foundation Governors are normally practising Christians, but also need some skills to take a full part as a governor for such things as developing the school improvement plan; making budgetary decisions; holding the headteacher to account.</p> <p>There are currently over two hundred Foundation Governors serving the Diocese's seventy schools. There are vacancies in some schools, and the diocese maintains an informal register of those who might be willing to be placed with a school if a vacancy arises.</p>
<p>Mothers' Union: Wednesday 6 February - AGM at 2.30pm in Church House.</p> <p>We are thrilled to announce that Lynne Tembey retiring World Wide President of the Mothers' Union has been awarded an OBE in the New Years Honours for services to the Mothers' Union and women and families.</p>	<p>As a governor you should expect to take part in regular governors' meetings, and undertake governor training as appropriate.</p> <p>If you would like to find out more about being a foundation governor please contact Clare Stansfield, clare.stansfield@bristoldiocese.org, 0117 906 0100. Or see https://www.bristol.anglican.org/schoolgovernors/ for more information.</p>
<p>St Bartholomew's Walking Group A bright and frosty day gave almost perfect walking weather for the fourteen walkers who set out on our 5 mile December walk from The Bell Inn, Lacock to Queenfield, Spye Park and Bowden Hill. Sixteen of us then enjoyed an excellent Christmas lunch at The Bell. Photos at http://corshamandlacockchurches.org.uk/?page_id=3898 Our January walk will be about 9 miles on Friday, 11th, please meet at 10:00 hrs at the recently refurbished Great Western Public House, Pound Pill, Corsham, SN13 9JA. Permission kindly given for parking. At lunchtime may I suggest that we avail ourselves of the catering and facilities at The Toast Office Cafe, anyone not wishing to do so can use their outdoor seating area. Colin 0757 044 2307</p>	<p>Church News is intended to include news and events from across the Team, so please do let me have news/events/requests for help/useful information to publicise across the Team. If something good is going on in your Church that we can share, please tell me—don't just assume that someone else will have done so! Thank you very much. Fiona</p>

DEADLINE FOR NEXT ISSUE: Items for the next issue should be submitted not later than **SUNDAY 27th January 2018. Email to: news@corshamandlacockchurches.org.uk**
 or drop in to Church House, or leave a message on 01249 701720.

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