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**PCC of Lacock with Bowden Hill**



### Please remember in your prayers:

Tom G., Jeremy, Joyce B., George, Linda, Kate B., Madge, Mabel,  
Rosie and Alex, Christopher, Colleen;

Jan and his men working on our path, often in the cold and damp

**St Cyriac's maintenance work update:** The path rebuilding work is underway, with a scheduled completion date of 8th March, depending on the weather. There is access to the churchyard (except the area immediately around the path) by means of temporary scaffolding steps. However, access to the church, via the Chancel door, is by arrangement only, as work will start shortly on cleaning and repairs to the high level windows. No services will be held at St Cyriac's until the main path is back in use.

For more information, please speak to Fiona, thanks.

**Please respect the security fences which are there for everyone's safety.**

**Doorway:** While St Cyriac's is closed, the Doorway donations box will be available at services in the Village Hall and at other times in Fiona's car. Please continue to bring donations of non-perishable food, thank you.

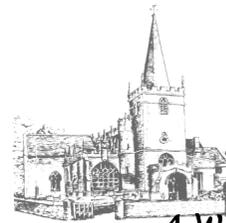
**Little Lambs: Mondays 9.30– 11 a.m., in the Village Hall** until further notice. More information from Kate 07455 296922



Making of the Lacock Cup—16 Feb, Devizes. See [http://www.wiltshiremuseum.org.uk/whats\\_on/](http://www.wiltshiremuseum.org.uk/whats_on/)

If you are a visitor to our Church, we welcome you. Please do take this news sheet and our warmest greetings back to your own parish and congregation.

**Please stay for coffee after the service. We are a Fair Trade church.**



## PARISH OF LACOCK WITH BOWDEN HILL



**A WARM WELCOME TO ALL WHO WORSHIP HERE**



### Services today, Sunday 27th January

10.30 a.m. Holy Communion  
at St Anne's Bowden Hill

*Junior Church will meet at the Manor Room from 10.15 a.m. to enable parents to drop off their children before going up to St Anne's.*

*At Holy Communion we use wafers and fair-trade communion wine. If you have reason to need either gluten-free wafers or non-alcoholic wine please quietly say, 'gluten-free', or 'non alcoholic' to the person serving you at the rail and they will provide for you.*

### Services next Sunday, 3rd February

9.00 a.m. Holy Communion (BCP) at St Anne's Bowden Hill

**Coffee etc will be served in the Hall from 10 a.m.**

10.30 a.m. Candlemas—all-age service in the Village Hall

*If you have a Christingle collecting candle for the Children's Society, please return it at this service*



### Services on Sunday 10th February

10.30 a.m. Holy Communion at St Anne's Bowden Hill

A temporary toilet is now available at St Anne's—many thanks to Janet and Sue for arranging this



**Our next Green Café is on 9th February** and we will be supporting the Green Heart campaign, promoted by the Climate Coalition, which is encouraging us to think about our favourite places, our families and our passions, all the things we want to protect and love. We are holding a competition for the children to design a green heart poster with top tips on how to look after our planet; entry forms available from Rachael McHenry or the Carpenters Arms.

*Please take this newsletter home with you and use it for your prayers and your reference during the week*

## Collect for the Fourth Sunday of Epiphany

God our creator, who in the beginning commanded the light to shine out of darkness: we pray that the light of the glorious gospel of Christ may dispel the darkness of ignorance and unbelief, shine into the hearts of all your people, and reveal the knowledge of your glory in the face of Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

*or*

God of heaven, you send the gospel to the ends of the earth and your messengers to every nation: send your Holy Spirit to transform us by the good news of everlasting life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

## Old Testament Reading: Nehemiah 8: 1-3, 5-6, 8-10 Pew Bible p.347

All the people came together as one in the square before the Water Gate. They told Ezra the teacher of the Law to bring out the Book of the Law of Moses, which the LORD had commanded for Israel. So on the first day of the seventh month Ezra the priest brought the Law before the assembly, which was made up of men and women and all who were able to understand. He read it aloud from daybreak till noon as he faced the square before the Water Gate in the presence of the men, women and others who could understand. And all the people listened attentively to the Book of the Law.

Ezra opened the book. All the people could see him because he was standing above them; and as he opened it, the people all stood up. Ezra praised the LORD, the great God; and all the people lifted their hands and responded, 'Amen! Amen!' Then they bowed down and worshipped the LORD with their faces to the ground. They read from the Book of the Law of God, making it clear and giving the meaning so that the people understood what was being read. Then Nehemiah the governor, Ezra the priest and teacher of the Law, and the Levites who were instructing the people said to them all, 'This day is holy to the LORD your God. Do not mourn or weep.' For all the people had been weeping as they listened to the words of the Law. Nehemiah said, 'Go and enjoy choice food and sweet drinks, and send some to those who have nothing prepared. This day is holy to our Lord. Do not grieve, for the joy of the LORD is your strength.'

## New Testament Reading: 1 Corinthians 12. 12-31a Pew Bible p. 810

Just as a body, though one, has many parts, but all its many parts form one body, so it is with Christ. For we were all baptised by one Spirit so as to form one body – whether Jews or Gentiles, slave or free – and we were all given the one Spirit to drink. And so the body is not made up of one part but of many. Now if the foot should say, 'Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the

body,' it would not for that reason stop being part of the body. And if the ear should say, 'Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body,' it would not for that reason stop being part of the body. If the whole body were an eye, where would the sense of hearing be? If the whole body were an ear, where would the sense of smell be? But in fact God has placed the parts in the body, every one of them, just as he wanted them to be. If they were all one part, where would the body be? As it is, there are many parts, but one body. The eye cannot say to the hand, 'I don't need you!' And the head cannot say to the feet, 'I don't need you!' On the contrary, those parts of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, and the parts that we think are less honourable we treat with special honour. And the parts that are unpresentable are treated with special modesty, while our presentable parts need no special treatment. But God has put the body together, giving greater honour to the parts that lacked it, so that there should be no division in the body, but that its parts should have equal concern for each other. If one part suffers, every part suffers with it; if one part is honoured, every part rejoices with it.

Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it. And God has placed in the church first of all apostles, second prophets, third teachers, then miracles, then gifts of healing, of helping, of guidance, and of different kinds of tongues. Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? Do all have gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? Now eagerly desire the greater gifts.

## Gospel Reading: Luke 4: 14-21 Pew Bible p. 726

Jesus returned to Galilee in the power of the Spirit, and news about him spread through the whole countryside. He was teaching in their synagogues, and everyone praised him. He went to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, and on the Sabbath day he went into the synagogue, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was handed to him. Unrolling it, he found the place where it is written:

'The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to set the oppressed free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour.' Then he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant and sat down. The eyes of everyone in the synagogue were fastened on him. He began by saying to them, 'Today this scripture is fulfilled in your hearing.'