



Weekly Information Sheet

06 January 2019
Epiphany

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Also check the website for any breaking news and for much more information.

DIARY DATES

Thurs 10 Jan	7.30pm	House Group meets
Fri 11 Jan	Morning	Church cleaning (Team A)
	10.00am	Walking Group meet (see item)
	3.30pm	Messy Church meet in Church House
Mon 14 Jan	2.00pm	Craft & Co meet at 33 Park Lane

PILGRIM COURSE

Our course resumes during the 10am Holy Communion Service on Sunday 3 Feb when Revd Victor we will consider with us the Baptism question: "Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?" Following the Sunday service there will be 2 midweek opportunities for further discussion (previously a Tuesday morning and Thursday evening); days/times to be confirmed shortly.

HOUSE GROUP



We meet for the first time in the New Year on Thursday 10th January at 7:30pm at 17 Light Close for a period of study and reflection on one of the Bible readings from the prior Sunday's lectionary. Further details from Neil Pidduck (01249) 715848.

When the Pilgrim course resumes the first House Group meeting of each month will be replaced by one of the discussion sessions.

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 or
Post/deliver to: 1 Park Lane, Corsham. ☎ 01249 701783 (answering machine available).

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ST. BART'S WALKING GROUP

The 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 has kindly been given for parking. At lunchtime may I suggest that we avail ourselves of the catering and facilities at The Toast Office Café; anyone not wishing to do so can use the outdoor seating area.



ST CYRIAC TEMPORARY CLOSURE



St Cyriac's church will be closed from **7th January** for up to 3 weeks for the removal of asbestos. During this period there will be **no access** to the church or churchyard; we are sorry for any inconvenience. It's expected that the path work will start immediately afterwards, but this is not yet 100% confirmed. Please check the website news page regularly for the latest information on access to the church and location of services, many of which will transfer to St Anne's at Bowden Hill.

Please note there is no evening Service at Lacock on Sunday 6 Jan.

THANK YOU

Thanks to all who assisted in any way to ensure that all the additional services and events over the Christmas period went as planned. This includes not only those who took part but the many of you who helped set up, rearrange and clean the church for each different activity.

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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

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Collect

Creator of the heavens, who led the Magi by a star to worship the Christ-child: guide and sustain us, that we may find our journey's end in Jesus Christ our Lord. **AMEN**

Old Testament Reading – Isaiah 60:1-6 (NRSVA)

Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you. ²For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the Lord will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you. ³Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn.

⁴Lift up your eyes and look around; they all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from far away, and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms. ⁵Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and rejoice, because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you. ⁶A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come. They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall proclaim the praise of the Lord.

New Testament Reading – Ephesians 3:1-12 (NRSVA)

Paul's Ministry to the Gentiles

This is the reason that I Paul am a prisoner for Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles— ²for surely you have already heard of the commission of God's grace that was given to me for you, ³and how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I wrote above in a few words, ⁴a reading of which will enable you to perceive my understanding of the mystery of Christ. ⁵In former generations this mystery was not made known to humankind, as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: ⁶that is, the Gentiles have become fellow-heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

⁷Of this gospel I have become a servant according to the gift of God's grace that was given to me by the working of his power. ⁸Although I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given to me to bring to the Gentiles the news of the boundless riches of Christ, ⁹and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things; ¹⁰so that through the church the wisdom of God in its rich variety might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly

places. ¹¹This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, ¹²in whom we have access to God in boldness and confidence through faith in him.

Gospel Reading Matthew 2:1-12 (NRSVA)

The Visit of the Wise Men

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, ²asking, 'Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage.'³ When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; ⁴and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. ⁵They told him, 'In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet:

⁶"And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel."

⁷Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. ⁸Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, 'Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage.'⁹ When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. ¹⁰When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. ¹¹On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure-chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. ¹²And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

SERVICES FOR THE NEXT WEEK AT ST BART'S

Wednesday 9 Jan 19

10.00am Holy Communion led by Revd Andrew

Sunday 13 Jan 19 – Baptism of Christ

8.00am Holy Communion led by Revd Richard Hovey

9.00am Early Birds

10.00am Morning Worship led by LLM Lin Culling

Anthem: HAROLD JONES – Three Kings

6.00pm Evensong led by LLM Neil Pidduck