



Weekly Information Sheet

27 January 2019

Epiphany 4

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

Mon 28 Jan	8.00pm	Men's Group meet at the Royal Oak
Thu 31 Jan	7.30pm	Worship Bubble meet at 5 Spring Gardens
Fri 1 Feb	Morning	Church Cleaning (Team A)
Sat 2 Feb	10.00am	Marriage Preparation event – Town Hall
Wed 6 Feb	2.30 pm	MU Meet in Church House – AGM

PILGRIM COURSE - 'SEEN IN A NEW LIGHT'

Our course, on first Sunday of each month at the 10am Holy Communion Service, resumes on next Sunday **3 February** 2019 when the question "Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?" will be under consideration. The service will be led by Revd Victor.

There will also be 2 opportunities for further discussion during the week following the service – on Tuesday 5 Feb at 10.30am (1a Grove Road) and on Thurs 7 Feb at 7.30pm (17 Light Close). You will be welcome at either meeting, even if you have not been before.

MEN'S GROUP

The next meeting of the group is on Monday 28th January at 8.00 pm at The Royal Oak (upstairs room). Sharon Thomas will give us a 'Corsham Update'. All men welcome (£1 entry fee to cover costs). The 2019 programme is available from Ted or as a download from the church website at https://corshamandlacockchurches.org.uk/?page_id=137

SAFARI LUNCH

There will be a Safari Lunch on February 16th. If you would like to join in please sign up on the board on the cross-pew; if you would like to host a course please tick the appropriate column. The cost will be £8.00 per person. Any queries please contact L'nora.

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 CYRIAC TEMPORARY CLOSURE - UPDATE

Temporary steps will soon be in place from the Pottery car park area which will allow access to the northern part of the churchyard, including the door to the allotments. However, access to the church, via the Chancel door, will for the moment, be by arrangement only as we are planning to carry out further maintenance work inside the church, including 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, expected to be the second week of March; alternative locations for services can be found in "Lacock Pew News" or the "Services" post on our website. For more information please contact Fiona at office@corshamandlacockchurches.org.uk

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

THE DEANERY CE ACADEMY

Lin Culling, one of our LLMs, is also Principle of the nearly completed new Church of England academy in Wichelstowe, Swindon. The school will open in Sept 2019 but Lin has been very busy already. So what does a Principle with no students do? To find out go to: <https://www.thedeaneryceacademy.co.uk/516/news-blog> - you'll be surprised! There is much more news and information to explore on this website.

In July (watch this space for a date) Lin is inviting the congregations from Corsham, Lacock, Neston, Gastard to a show round at the school – a coach will be provided. Revd Phill Harrison may even come and see everyone in his new parish!

SERVICES FOR THE NEXT WEEK AT ST BART'S

Wednesday 30 Jan 19

10.00am Holy Communion led by Revd Andrew

Sunday 3 Feb 19 – 5th Sunday before Lent

8.00am Holy Communion led by Revd Andrew

10.00am Holy Communion led by Revd Victor

Anthem: HOW – Day by Day

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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

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. **AMEN**

Old Testament Reading – Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10 (NRSVA)

All the people gathered together into the square before the Water Gate. They told the scribe Ezra to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the Lord had given to Israel. ² Accordingly, the priest Ezra brought the law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could hear with understanding. This was on the first day of the seventh month. ³ He read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand; and the ears of all the people were attentive to the book of the law.

⁵ And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was standing above all the people; and when he opened it, all the people stood up. ⁶ Then Ezra blessed the Lord, the great God, and all the people answered, 'Amen, Amen', lifting up their hands. Then they bowed their heads and worshipped the Lord with their faces to the ground.

⁸ So they read from the book, from the law of God, with interpretation. They gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading. ⁹ And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, 'This day is holy to the Lord your God; do not mourn or weep.' For all the people wept when they heard the words of the law. ¹⁰ Then he said to them, 'Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions of them to those for whom nothing is prepared, for this day is holy to our Lord; and do not be grieved, for the joy of the Lord is your strength.'

New Testament Reading – 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a (NRSVA)

One Body with Many Members

¹² For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. ¹³ For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

¹⁴ Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. ¹⁵ If the foot were to say, 'Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body', that would not make it any less a part of the body. ¹⁶ And if the ear were to say, 'Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body', that would not make it any less a part of the body. ¹⁷ If the whole body were an eye,

where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? ¹⁸ But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. ¹⁹ If all were a single member, where would the body be? ²⁰ As it is, there are many members, yet one body. ²¹ The eye cannot say to the hand, 'I have no need of you', nor again the head to the feet, 'I have no need of you.' ²² On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, ²³ and those members of the body that we think less honourable we clothe with greater honour, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect; ²⁴ whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honour to the inferior member, ²⁵ that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. ²⁶ If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honoured, all rejoice together with it.

²⁷ Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. ²⁸ And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers; then deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of tongues. ²⁹ Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? ³⁰ Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? ³¹ But strive for the greater gifts.

Gospel Reading Luke 4:14-21 (Good News Translation)

Jesus Begins His Work in Galilee

¹⁴ Then Jesus returned to Galilee, and the power of the Holy Spirit was with him. The news about him spread throughout all that territory. ¹⁵ He taught in the synagogues and was praised by everyone.

Jesus Is Rejected at Nazareth

¹⁶ Then Jesus went to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, and on the Sabbath he went as usual to the synagogue. He stood up to read the Scriptures ¹⁷ and was handed the book of the prophet Isaiah. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it is written,

¹⁸ "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has chosen me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to set free the oppressed ¹⁹ and announce that the time has come when the Lord will save his people."

²⁰ Jesus rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. All the people in the synagogue had their eyes fixed on him, ²¹ as he said to them, "This passage of scripture has come true today, as you heard it being read."