



CHURCH NEWS

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

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February 2019

CHURCH SERVICES

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

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. Candlemas—All-age service at Lacock Village Hall

Sunday 10 February—Fourth before Lent

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

Sunday 17 February—Third 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
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 24 February—Second before Lent

8.00 a.m. Holy Communion at Corsham
10.00 a.m. Family Service and Baptism at Corsham
Morning Worship at Gastard
Holy Communion at Neston
10.30 a.m. Holy Communion at Bowden Hill
6.00 p.m. Holy Communion with prayers for healing at Corsham

Sunday 3 March—Sunday next before Lent

8.00 a.m. Holy Communion at Corsham
10.00 a.m. Holy Communion at Corsham and Gastard
10.30 a.m. Holy Communion—all-age service at Bowden Hill

Lectionary readings for February

February 3: Ezekiel 43:27-44:4; 1 Corinthians 13; Luke 2: 22-40
February 10: Isaiah 6: 1-8; 1 Corinthians 15: 1-11; Luke 5: 1-11
February 17: Jeremiah 17: 5-10; 1 Corinthians 15: 12-20; Luke 6: 17-26
February 24: Genesis 2: 4b-9, 15-end; Revelation 4; Luke 8: 22-25
March 3: Exodus 34: 29-35; 2 Corinthians 3.12-4.2; Luke 9. 28-36

THE RECTOR WRITES...

One of the joys of being a vicar is being able to take weddings, and this year we have over twenty couples preparing to get married in the Greater Corsham and Lacock Team of Churches.

It is always a delight to meet together for a marriage preparation morning early in February and look out over a room filled with couples of all ages very much in love with each other and excited about their wedding.

This year our preparation morning takes place just before the beginning of National Marriage Week, which runs from 7-14 February (ending with Valentine's Day). National Marriage Week aims to highlight the benefits of healthy marriages to society, media and governments, whilst seeking to educate and inform couples about the benefits of an ever improving relationship.

When I ask couples why they want to get married in church, they often comment on the added significance and weight they attach to a church wedding, where they feel God is present.

As I often say during weddings, in Christian marriage there is always a third person involved, and that person is God. He wants to be involved in the relationship and wants the marriage to work.

And if we seek to build what we might call a 'vertical' relationship with God, we should also find that his love for us enables us to have good 'horizontal' relationships with others, whether we are married or not.

So perhaps we can use the season of Lent, which begins on Wednesday 6 March this year, to work on our relationship with God and with others as we prepare to remember Jesus' death and resurrection on Good Friday and Easter Day. Through his death on the cross, Jesus showed how much God loves us, and as we respond with love for him we should find all our relationships with others are improved.

With love in Christ,

Andrew

Mothers' Union: Wednesday 6 February - AGM at 2.30pm in Church House.

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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>Calne Christian Bookshop February sale—25% off all existing stock of books, CDs and DVDs. For more information phone 01249 823265 or www.calnechristianbooks.co.uk</p>
<p>Lacock maintenance works— update St Cyriac's church remains closed for services while work continues to rebuild the main church path. Access to the church, via temporary steps and the Chancel door, is by arrangement only. 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>Lacock Cup: Lecture at Devizes Museum on making the replica Cup. 16th February. 2.30 p.m. Booking essential. See http://www.wiltshiremuseum.org.uk/whats_on/ for details.</p>
<p>World Day of Prayer The service for this year's World Day of Prayer (formerly the Women's World Day of Prayer) will be held at Corsham Baptist Church on Friday March 1st at 7pm. Everyone is welcome. This year the service has been written by the women of Slovenia reflecting on the political and economic situation in their country and with prayers for freedom, justice and peace not only in their country but throughout the world.</p>	<p>What does a Principal with no students do? To find out more about The Deanery Academy and what Lin is doing at the moment, see www.thedeaneryceacademy.co.uk —click through to Lin's blog on the News tab.</p>
<p>Conversations with Jesus: An opportunity to join an informal study group looking at Patrick Whitworth's 'Conversations with Jesus'. The group will meet in the home of Patrick & Annie Wintour (264 Sandridge Lane, SN15 2JW) starting on Thursday 14th March at 7.30pm. Anyone wishing to join this 10-week study please contact Adam Beaumont (vicar@corshamandlacockchurches.org.uk) or 01249 730984; Kate Ocock (frankie5angels@sky.com) or 07455 296922) or Annie Wintour (anniewintour@btinternet.com) or 01380 850880 'Conversations with Jesus' is published by ReSource who describe the studies as 'tailor-made for church homegroups or study groups wishing to look more deeply into the teaching of Jesus about life in His Kingdom'</p>	<p>Gastard Quiz Night Saturday 3rd March Gastard Village Hall; £8 pp, including bread, cheese and nibbles supper. Bring your own drink and glasses. Tickets from Margaret Hird, 01249 712905 . Arrive 7.00pm for 7.30pm start. In aid of St John's church funds</p> <p>Community swap day— Selwyn Hall, Box, March 2nd, 11-12.30 email transitioncorsham@gmail.com for more information. Also Wiltshire for Refugees Appeal for gloves, scarves and hats, sleeping bags and blankets, men's coats, jeans and joggers</p>
<p>Ecumenical Lent Course 2019 There will be a five week Lent Course titled 'Daring to see God now' for all churches in the Corsham area starting from the week beginning Monday 11th March. The course will run on a Monday evening at 7.30pm in St. Aldhelm's Church Hall (coffee/tea from 7pm) and will be repeated on the Thursday morning of the same week at 10.30am in St. Patrick's Church Hall (coffee/tea from 10am). Course booklets are available from Jessica Webb on 01249 716277 at £3 if you'd like a copy, however they are not essential for attending the course.</p>	<p>MENS' GROUP: The next meeting is on Monday 25th February at 8.00 pm at The Royal Oak. Edward Barratt will give a talk entitled 'The Great War – A Personal Pilgrimage'. All men welcome. £1 entry fee to cover costs. The 2019 programme is available on the website at https://corshamandlacockchurches.org.uk/?page_id=137</p>
<p>St Bartholomew's Walking Group Two walks in benign weather on which we roamed from Marshfield in the north to Whitley in the south, 31 walkers, 21.36 miles and 2,341 calories burned, all added up to a happy start to the New Year for the group. Our thanks to the church of St Mary the Virgin, Marshfield, The Toast Office, Whitley and The Great Western PH, Corsham for helping us along our way. Photos at http://corshamandlacockchurches.org.uk/?page_id=3898 Our next walk will be about 9 miles on Friday, 8th February, please meet 10:00 hrs at The Balthwayt Arms, Lansdown, Bath, BA1 9BT. Permission kindly given for parking. Suggest bringing snack/picnic. The start point is, perhaps, slightly further away and a little more difficult to access than is usual but you will be rewarded with a wonderful walk and vast views (weather permitting!). Suggest car sharing if possible by meeting in the Selwyn Hall car park, Box (free) in time to depart from there at 09:15hrs. Colin 0757 044 2307</p>	<p>St Bartholomew's Walking Group Two walks in benign weather on which we roamed from Marshfield in the north to Whitley in the south, 31 walkers, 21.36 miles and 2,341 calories burned, all added up to a happy start to the New Year for the group. Our thanks to the church of St Mary the Virgin, Marshfield, The Toast Office, Whitley and The Great Western PH, Corsham for helping us along our way. Photos at http://corshamandlacockchurches.org.uk/?page_id=3898 Our next walk will be about 9 miles on Friday, 8th February, please meet 10:00 hrs at The Balthwayt Arms, Lansdown, Bath, BA1 9BT. Permission kindly given for parking. Suggest bringing snack/picnic. The start point is, perhaps, slightly further away and a little more difficult to access than is usual but you will be rewarded with a wonderful walk and vast views (weather permitting!). Suggest car sharing if possible by meeting in the Selwyn Hall car park, Box (free) in time to depart from there at 09:15hrs. Colin 0757 044 2307</p>

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