



Weekly Information Sheet

3 February 2019
5th Sunday before Lent

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

Tue 5 Feb	10.30am	Pilgrim course follow-up session (1a Grove Road)
Wed 6 Feb	2.30 pm	MU Meet in Church House – AGM
Thurs 7 Feb	Morning	Church Cleaning (Team B)
	7.30pm	Pilgrim course follow-up session (17 Light Close)
Fri 8 Feb	10.00am	Walking Group meet (see article)
	3.30pm	Messy Church meets in Church House
Mon 11 Feb	2.00-pm	Craft & Co meet at 33 Park Lane

SEEN IN A NEW LIGHT

Our course resume this Sunday within the 10am Holy Communion Service when the question “Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?” will be under consideration”. Service led by Revd Victor. Further discussion groups available – see diary dates.

THANK YOU

A huge thank you to everyone who responded to the call in church last Sunday and via social media to support the son and daughter of Hazel Osbourne at her funeral in St Bart’s on Tuesday 29 January. In the end over 200 people attended, which was a very heart-warming response from the community and a powerful sign of the positive impact social media can have alongside all the negatives we hear about. I was also very grateful for the help and assistance I received in organising the service and felt it shed a very positive light upon us as a church ready to serve the community at times of both sadness and celebration.
With love in Christ from Andrew

HANDMADE GREETING CARDS

Handmade greeting cards made for the Fundraising Group will be on sale each Sunday morning after the service by Steve and Jane. All monies are for St Bart’s.

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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WALKING GROUP



The next walk will be about 9 miles on Friday, 8th February. Please meet 10:00 hrs at The Blathwayt 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.

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 and 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!

VISITING BELLRINGERS

The visiting bellringers were successful in ringing a full peal on the bells on Friday 25th January. The 5,040 changes took the six ringers 3 hours and 9 minutes to complete; the ringing was of a high standard and sounded very musical across the town. This is only the 3rd peal on these bells over more than a century and the first since 2007. A sound clip will be posted to the church website in the near future.



ST CYRIAC TEMPORARY CLOSURE - 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, 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

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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 our salvation, help us to turn away from those habits which harm our bodies and poison our minds and to choose again your gift of life, revealed to us in Jesus Christ our Lord. **AMEN**

Old Testament Reading – Ezekiel 43:27-44:4 (NRSVA)

When these days are over, then from the eighth day onwards the priests shall offer upon the altar your burnt-offerings and your offerings of well-being; and I will accept you, says the Lord God.

The Closed Gate

44 Then he brought me back to the outer gate of the sanctuary, which faces east; and it was shut. ²The Lord said to me: This gate shall remain shut; it shall not be opened, and no one shall enter by it; for the Lord, the God of Israel, has entered by it; therefore it shall remain shut. ³Only the prince, because he is a prince, may sit in it to eat food before the Lord; he shall enter by way of the vestibule of the gate, and shall go out by the same way.

Admission to the Temple

⁴ Then he brought me by way of the north gate to the front of the temple; and I looked, and lo! the glory of the Lord filled the temple of the Lord; and I fell upon my face.

New Testament Reading – 1 Corinthians 13 (NRSVA)

The Gift of Love

If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. ²And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. ³If I give away all my possessions, and if I hand over my body so that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing.

⁴ Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant ⁵ or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; ⁶ it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. ⁷It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

⁸ Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end. ⁹For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part; ¹⁰ but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end. ¹¹When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child; when I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways. ¹²For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known. ¹³And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love.

Gospel Reading Luke 2:22-40 (NRSVA)

Jesus Is Presented in the Temple

²² When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord ²³ (as it is written in the law of the Lord, 'Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord'), ²⁴ and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, 'a pair of turtle-doves or two young pigeons.'

²⁵ Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. ²⁶ It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. ²⁷ Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, ²⁸ Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying,

²⁹ 'Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word; ³⁰ for my eyes have seen your salvation, ³¹ which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, ³² a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel.'

³³ And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. ³⁴ Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, 'This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed ³⁵ so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too.'

³⁶ There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband for seven years after her marriage, ³⁷ then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshipped there with fasting and prayer night and day. ³⁸ At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem.

³⁹ When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. ⁴⁰ The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favour of God was upon him.

SERVICES FOR THE NEXT WEEK AT ST BART'S

Wednesday 6 Feb 19

10.00am Holy Communion led by Revd Andrew

Sunday 10 Feb 19 – 4th Sunday before Lent

8.00am Holy Communion led by Revd Andrew

9.00am Early Birds

10.00am Morning Worship led by Revd Andrew
Anthem: IRELAND – Te Deum in F

6.00pm Evensong led by LLM Neil Pidduck