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**PCC of Lacock with Bowden Hill**

### Please remember in your prayers:

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

Family and friends of Janet Jones and of Joan Alford

**Electoral Roll Renewal:** A full renewal is taking place this year: everyone who was on the old Roll has to complete an application form if they wish to be on the new Roll. If you wish to stand for office and/or vote at the APCM, you need to be on the Roll. Application forms are available at the back of church or from Mig or Fiona. If you have any questions, please speak to Mig (730491) or Fiona, thanks.

**Conversations with Jesus:** informal Bible study group meeting at the Wintours (264 Sandridge Lane, SN15 2JW) starting **Thurs 14th March** at 7.30pm. If interested please contact Adam, Kate Ocock or Annie Wintour (01380 850880 or [anniewintour@btinternet.com](mailto:anniewintour@btinternet.com))

Leonora Christian Care Home (Wood Lane, Chippenham) are looking for an activities co-ordinator for 8 hours a week. Closing date Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> March. Details at [www.pilgrimsfriend.org.uk/jobs](http://www.pilgrimsfriend.org.uk/jobs) or ring 0300 303 1445

Following the re-opening of St Cyriac's, and during Lent, we are taking the opportunity to re-think our signage and guides. The PCC have enlisted Sheona Beaumont's help to manage our arts and tourist-focussed media. She'd welcome chats, prayers, and/or any great photos/artwork you might have celebrating our life at St Cyriac's. Phone 01249 730984, or email her at [sho@shospace.co.uk](mailto:sho@shospace.co.uk)

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 10th March

10.30 a.m. Holy Communion

*Welcome back!*

*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, 17th March

9.00 a.m. Holy Communion at St Anne's Bowden

Hill 10.30 a.m. Family Service

**Lacock Combined Charities Parish Tea Party** for senior residents: Tuesday 12th March, 2.30 p.m. in the Village Hall. For catering purposes please phone Janet Doel on 730318 if you are able to come.

### ST. CYRIAC'S MEN'S BREAKFAST

**Saturday 16th March** 8.30 a.m. Carpenters Arms. More



information from Adam. Please do come as it will be the last for the moment whilst we review men's ministry in the parish.

**Ecumenical Lent course:** starts Monday 11th 7.30 p.m. in St. Aldhelm's Church Hall, repeated Thursdays 10.30 a.m. in St. Patrick's Church Hall. The course will use *'Daring to see God now'*, available from [www.yorkcourses.co.uk](http://www.yorkcourses.co.uk).

More information in Church News or on the porch notice board.

**Lent Lunches, in aid of Christian Aid,** start on 16th March—please sign list at back of church or speak to Janet if you can help, thanks.

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

Time to start bringing Easter eggs for Doorway please

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

## Collect for the First Sunday of Lent

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ fasted forty days in the wilderness, and was tempted as we are, yet without sin: give us grace to discipline ourselves in obedience to your Spirit; and, as you know our weakness, so may we know your power to save; through 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*

Heavenly Father, your Son battled with the powers of darkness, and grew closer to you in the desert: help us to use these days to grow in wisdom and prayer that we may witness to your saving love in Jesus Christ our Lord.

## Old Testament Reading: Deuteronomy 26: 1-11 Pew Bible p. 143

When you have entered the land that the LORD your God is giving you as an inheritance and have taken possession of it and settled in it, take some of the firstfruits of all that you produce from the soil of the land that the LORD your God is giving you and put them in a basket. Then go to the place that the LORD your God will choose as a dwelling for his Name and say to the priest in office at the time, 'I declare today to the LORD your God that I have come to the land the LORD swore to our ancestors to give us.' The priest shall take the basket from your hands and set it down in front of the altar of the LORD your God. Then you shall declare before the LORD your God: 'My father was a wandering Aramean, and he went down into Egypt with a few people and lived there and became a great nation, powerful and numerous. But the Egyptians ill-treated us and made us suffer, subjecting us to harsh labour. Then we cried out to the LORD, the God of our ancestors, and the LORD heard our voice and saw our misery, toil and oppression. So the LORD brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with great terror and with signs and wonders. He brought us to this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey; and now I bring the firstfruits of the soil that you, LORD, have given me.' Place the basket before the LORD your God and bow down before him. Then you and the Levites and the foreigners residing among you shall rejoice in all the good things the LORD your God has given to you and your household.

## New Testament Reading: Romans 10: 8b-13 Pew Bible p. 799

'The word is near you; it is in your mouth and in your heart,' that is, the message concerning faith that we proclaim: if you declare with your mouth, Jesus is Lord,' and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you profess your faith and are saved. As Scripture says,

'Anyone who believes in him will never be put to shame.' For there is no difference between Jew and Gentile – the same Lord is Lord of all and richly blesses all who call on him, for, 'Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.'

## Gospel Reading: Luke 4: 1-13 Pew Bible p.725

Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, left the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the wilderness, where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing during those days, and at the end of them he was hungry. The devil said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, tell this stone to become bread.' Jesus answered, 'It is written: "Man shall not live on bread alone."' The devil led him up to a high place and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. And he said to him, 'I will give you all their authority and splendour; it has been given to me, and I can give it to anyone I want to. If you worship me, it will all be yours.' Jesus answered, 'It is written: "Worship the Lord your God and serve him only."' The devil led him to Jerusalem and had him stand on the highest point of the temple. 'If you are the Son of God,' he said, 'throw yourself down from here. For it is written: "He will command his angels concerning you to guard you carefully; they will lift you up in their hands, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone."' Jesus answered, 'It is said: "Do not put the Lord your God to the test."' When the devil had finished all this tempting, he left him until an opportune time.

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When Jesus came to Jordan  
To be baptized by John, He  
did not come for pardon, But  
as his Father's Son.  
He came to share repentance  
With all who mourn their sins,  
To speak the vital sentence  
With which good news begins.  
He came to share temptation,  
Our utmost woe and loss, For  
us and our salvation To die  
upon the cross.

So when the Dove descended  
On him, the Son of Man,  
The hidden years had ended,  
The age of grace began.  
Come, Holy Spirit, aid us To  
keep the vows we make,  
This very day invade us, And  
every bondage break. Come,  
give our lives direction, The  
gift we covet most: To share  
the resurrection That leads  
to Pentecost.

Fred Pratt Green, c OUP