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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;

Tom and Emma married here yesterday

**Ecumenical Lent course:** Mondays 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.

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

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)

**Easter Lilies:** if you would like to donate an Easter lily in memory of a loved one, please write your and their name on the list at the back of church and place your donation in the churn. Thank you.



*If you are a visitor to our Church, we welcome you. Please do 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 24th March

10.30 a.m. Holy Communion

*Please note there is no Junior Church this Sunday*

*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, 31st March

#### Mothering Sunday

10.30 a.m. All-age service for Mothering Sunday

6.30 p.m. Holy Communion with prayers for healing  
at St Anne's Bowden Hill



Mothering Sunday posy-making: at Nancy's, Sat 30th, 2-4 p.m. Please email [nancy@thatchcottage.lacock.com](mailto:nancy@thatchcottage.lacock.com) if you'd like to help, thank you

**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. **Forms need to be returned by 7th April, thank you.**



**Lent Lunches, in aid of Christian Aid,** Saturdays 30th March and 6th April, 12.00 to 2.00pm.. A simple lunch of soup, bread and cheese.

### **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 Third Sunday of Lent

Almighty God, whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain, and entered not into glory before he was crucified: mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace; 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*

Eternal God, give us insight to discern your will for us, to give up what harms us, and to seek the perfection we are promised in Jesus Christ our Lord.

## Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 55: 1-9 Pew Bible p. 520

“Come, all you who are thirsty, come to the waters; and you who have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without cost. Why spend money on what is not bread, and your labour on what does not satisfy? Listen, listen to me, and eat what is good, and you will delight in the richest of fare. Give ear and come to me; listen, that you may live. I will make an everlasting covenant with you, my faithful love promised to David. See, I have made him a witness to the peoples, a ruler and commander of the peoples. Surely you will summon nations you know not, and nations you do not know will come running to you, because of the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has endowed you with splendour.”

Seek the LORD while he may be found; call on him while he is near. Let the wicked forsake their ways and the unrighteous their thoughts. Let them turn to the LORD, and he will have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will freely pardon.

“For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways,” declares the LORD. “As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

## New Testament Reading: 1 Corinthians 10: 1-13 Pew Bible p. 808

For I do not want you to be ignorant of the fact, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud and that they all passed through the sea. They were all baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea. They all ate the same spiritual food and drank the same spiritual drink; for they drank from the spiritual rock that accompanied them, and that rock was Christ. Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them;

their bodies were scattered in the wilderness. Now these things occurred as examples to keep us from setting our hearts on evil things as they did. Do not be idolaters, as some of them were; as it is written: “The people sat down to eat and drink and got up to indulge in revelry.” We should not commit sexual immorality, as some of them did—and in one day twenty-three thousand of them died. We should not test Christ, as some of them did—and were killed by snakes. And do not grumble, as some of them did—and were killed by the destroying angel. These things happened to them as examples and were written down as warnings for us, on whom the culmination of the ages has come. So, if you think you are standing firm, be careful that you don’t fall! No temptation has overtaken you except what is common to mankind. And God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out so that you can endure it.

## Gospel Reading: Luke 13: 1-9 Pew Bible p.736

Now there were some present at that time who told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mixed with their sacrifices. Jesus answered, “Do you think that these Galileans were worse sinners than all the other Galileans because they suffered this way? I tell you, no! But unless you repent, you too will all perish. Or those eighteen who died when the tower in Siloam fell on them—do you think they were more guilty than all the others living in Jerusalem? I tell you, no! But unless you repent, you too will all perish.” Then he told this parable: “A man had a fig tree growing in his vineyard, and he went to look for fruit on it but did not find any. So he said to the man who took care of the vineyard, ‘For three years now I’ve been coming to look for fruit on this fig tree and haven’t found any. Cut it down! Why should it use up the soil?’ ‘Sir,’ the man replied, ‘leave it alone for one more year, and I’ll dig around it and fertilize it. If it bears fruit next year, fine! If not, then cut it down.’”

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The bell ringers will be ringing a Quarter Peal at 4 p.m. today



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