

LENT COURSE

A five week Lent Course entitled 'Daring to see God now' for all churches in the Corsham area is 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. The first session "The Good News of God" (Bible Reference: Romans: 5. 6-9) will be led by Revd David Morrell.

CHURCH WATCH

Do you like meeting people? Do you have a few hours to spare in a month? If so perhaps you could help with the Church Watch from end of March until October? There will be a coffee morning in Church House on Saturday 16th March for all those who take part in Church Watch and also for anyone who is interested in joining the team. If you have a friend who would like to join you when you are on duty please bring them along. Any questions please speak to either Phyl or L'nora.

CHILDREN'S SOCIETY

Sincere thanks to all those who supported the charity in 2018. House boxes raised £275.86 and other donations of £49.60 brought the annual total to **£325.46**.

CHANGE TO THE SERVICE PATTERN DURING MARCH

Eagle-eyed readers of the March issue of *Church News* will have spotted that Matins this month will be on the fourth Sunday (24 March) instead of the fifth Sunday (31 March). On Sunday 31 March we will be having a Family Communion for Mothering Sunday instead of holding a Family Service on the fourth Sunday. Please make a note of these changes and plan to join us if you can.

For More information:

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PASTORAL VISITING: If you know of someone who is in need of pastoral care please contact L'nora Olney on 01225 859202 so that appropriate arrangements can be made. These might include a visit at home or in hospital and/or the provision of home communion



Weekly Information Sheet

10th March 2019

Lent 1

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 11 Mar** 2.00pm Craft & Co meet (33 Park Lane)
7.00pm Lent Course Session 1 – St Aldhelm's Church
7.30pm Buildings Bubble meets
- Thurs 14 Mar** 10.30am Lent Course Session 1 – St Patrick's Church
- Fri 15 Mar** Morning Church Cleaning (Team A)

ELECTORAL ROLL

In accordance with Church Representation Rules, once in every six years we have to prepare a new Electoral Roll. This is due this year and means that everyone who was on the old Roll has to complete a new form to apply to be on the new one. The Roll is a list of people who are not only followers of Jesus but also committed members of St. Bartholomew's. If you wish to stand for office and/or vote at the APCM or become a sidesperson, then membership on the Electoral Roll is essential.

If you were on the existing roll, there is an envelope containing a letter and application forms for you to collect on the cross pew. Please return completed forms to Sian Cooper, Electoral Roll Officer by the closing date (14th April), by placing them in the multi-coloured box which can be found on the font. If you weren't on the old roll and now wish your name to be included, spare application forms can be found on the cross pew. Full names, full addresses and signatures are required.

If you have any questions, please call Sian on 01249 716112 or email on sian.cooper@virgin.net. The new Roll will be available for inspection from 15th April. Any errors or omissions may be corrected between then and the date of the APCM on 29th April but no names can then be added until after the APCM.

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).

If you would like to receive this Information sheet by email please send a request, putting **Weekly Info Sheet** in the subject line, to admin@corshamandlacockchurches.org.uk. Your information will not be shared with 3rd parties or used for other purposes.

Sunday 10 Mar 2019 – Lent 1

Collect

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. **AMEN**

Old Testament Reading – Deuteronomy 26:1-11 (NRSVA)

First Fruits and Tithes

When you have come into the land that the Lord your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it,² you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the Lord your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the Lord your God will choose as a dwelling for his name.³ You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, 'Today I declare to the Lord your God that I have come into the land that the Lord swore to our ancestors to give us.'⁴ When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the Lord your God,⁵ you shall make this response before the Lord your God: 'A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous.⁶ When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labour on us,⁷ we cried to the Lord, the God of our ancestors; the Lord heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression.⁸ The Lord brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders;⁹ and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey.¹⁰ So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O Lord, have given me.' You shall set it down before the Lord your God and bow down before the Lord your God.¹¹ Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the Lord your God has given to you and to your house.

New Testament Reading – Romans 10:8b-13 (NRSVA)

'The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart' (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim);⁹ because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.¹⁰ For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved.

¹¹The scripture says, 'No one who believes in him will be put to shame.'¹² For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him.¹³ For, 'Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'

Gospel Reading Luke 4:1-13 (NRSVA)

The Temptation of Jesus

Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness,² where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished.³ The devil said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread.'⁴ Jesus answered him, 'It is written, "One does not live by bread alone."'

⁵ Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world.⁶ And the devil said to him, 'To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please.⁷ If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours.'⁸ Jesus answered him, 'It is written, "Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him."'

⁹ Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, 'If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here,¹⁰ for it is written, "He will command his angels concerning you, to protect you",¹¹ and "On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone."'

¹² Jesus answered him, 'It is said, "Do not put the Lord your God to the test."' ¹³ When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

SERVICES FOR THE NEXT WEEK AT ST BART'S

Wednesday 13 Mar 19

10.00am Holy Communion led by Revd Andrew

Sunday 17 Mar 19 – Lent 2

8.00am Holy Communion led by Revd Richard Hovey

10.00am Holy Communion led by Revd Andrew
Anthem: RUTTER – Gaelic Blessing

6.00pm Contemplative Prayer led by Revd Andrew