



Weekly Information Sheet

24th March 2019

Lent 3

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 25 Mar	7.00pm	Lent Course Session 3 – St Aldhelm’s Church Hall
	8.00pm	Men’s Group – Royal Oak
Thurs 28 Mar	10.30am	Lent Course Session 3 – St Patrick’s Church Hall
Fri 29 Mar	Morning	Church Cleaning (Team C)

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. All letters that have not been collected will be posted tomorrow. 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.

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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

LENT COURSE

Our Lent Course entitled ‘Daring to see God now’ for all churches in the Corsham area is running until 11 Apr on a Monday evening at 7.30pm in St. Aldhelm’s Church Hall at 7.30pm (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). The **third** session is entitled “God is present” (Bible Reference: Mark 10. 46-52) and will be led by Mrs Sandy Fletcher

CHANGE TO THE SERVICE PATTERN DURING MARCH

On Sunday 31 March we will be having a **Family Communion** for Mothering Sunday. Please join us if you can.

MOTHERS’ UNION

We will be making posies for Mothering Sunday on Saturday 30 March at 10am at 28 Greenhill, Neston. If you would like to help please let me know. *Cathy Reynolds, Corsham Branch Leader.*

MEN’S GROUP

The next meeting of the group is on Monday 25th March at 8.00 pm at The Royal Oak. Rick Dickinson will give a talk on ‘The Special Ops Executive’. All men welcome (£1 entry fee to cover costs).

CHURCH WATCH

Volunteers are still needed for Church Watch. To try and fill the vacancies there will be a board on the Cross Pew, showing the spaces needed to be filled in for the coming month. The board will be replaced every month. If you are able to help in the current month the rota will be on the notice board in the porch, also with blank spaces that need to be filled. If you would like more information please speak to either Phyl Fry or L’nora. Thank you

DOROTHY HOUSE QUIZ

Thanks to everyone who supported this superb quiz evening; £306 was raised for Dorothy House. Missed it? Did not get your tickets in time? Watch out for the next one!

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.

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Collect

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. **AMEN**

Old Testament Reading – Isaiah 55:1-9 (NRSVA)

An Invitation to Abundant Life

Everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. ²Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labour for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. ³Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live. I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. ⁴See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. ⁵See, you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you.

⁶Seek the Lord while he may be found, call upon him while he is near; ⁷let the wicked forsake their way, and the unrighteous their thoughts; let them return to the Lord, that he may have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. ⁸For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord. ⁹For 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 (NRSVA)

Warnings from Israel's History

I do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, ²and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, ³and all ate the same spiritual food, ⁴and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual rock that followed them, and the rock was Christ. ⁵Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them, and they were struck down in the wilderness.

⁶Now these things occurred as examples for us, so that we might not desire evil as they did. ⁷Do not become idolaters as some of them did; as it is written, 'The people sat down to eat and drink, and they rose up to play.' ⁸We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. ⁹We must not put Christ to the

test, as some of them did, and were destroyed by serpents. ¹⁰And do not complain as some of them did, and were destroyed by the destroyer. ¹¹These things happened to them to serve as an example, and they were written down to instruct us, on whom the ends of the ages have come. ¹²So if you think you are standing, watch out that you do not fall. ¹³No testing has overtaken you that is not common to everyone. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tested beyond your strength, but with the testing he will also provide the way out so that you may be able to endure it.

Gospel Reading Luke 13:1-9(NRSVA)

Repent or Perish

At that very time there were some present who told him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. ²He asked them, 'Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans?' ³No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. ⁴Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them—do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem?' ⁵No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did.'

The Parable of the Barren Fig Tree

⁶Then he told this parable: 'A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. ⁷So he said to the gardener, "See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?"' ⁸He replied, "Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig round it and put manure on it. ⁹If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.'"

SERVICES FOR THE NEXT WEEK AT ST BART'S

Wednesday 27 Mar 19

10.00am Holy Communion led by Revd Jim Hawkins

Sunday 31 Mar 19 – Mothering Sunday

8.00am Holy Communion led by Revd Andrew

10.00am **Family Communion** led by Revd Andrew
Anthem: SCHUBERT – Holy, Holy Holy