



# CHURCH NEWS

*From the Anglican churches of Corsham, Gastard, Neston and  
Lacock with Bowden Hill*

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## CHURCH SERVICES

### Sunday 7 April—Lent 5

8.00 a.m. Holy Communion at Corsham  
9.00 a.m. Holy Communion at Bowden Hill  
10.00 a.m. Holy Communion at Corsham and Gastard  
10.30 a.m. Morning Worship at Lacock

### Sunday 14 April—Palm Sunday

8.00 a.m. Holy Communion at Corsham  
9.00 a.m. Early Birds at Corsham  
10.00 a.m. Palm Sunday procession and Holy Communion at Corsham  
Holy Communion at Neston  
Morning Worship at Gastard  
10.30 a.m. Procession of Palms and the Passion at Lacock  
6.30 p.m. Choral Evensong for Passiontide at Lacock

### Services in Holy Week—see over

### Sunday 21 April—Easter

8.00 a.m. Holy Communion at Corsham  
9.00 a.m. Holy Communion at Bowden Hill  
10.00 a.m. Holy Communion at Corsham, Gastard and Neston  
10.30 a.m. Easter Celebration with Holy Communion at Lacock

### Sunday 28 April—Easter 2

8.00 a.m. Holy Communion at Corsham  
10.00 a.m. Godparent Service and Baptism at Corsham  
Matins at Gastard and Neston  
10.30 a.m. Holy Communion at Lacock  
2.30 p.m. Baptism at Bowden Hill  
6.00 p.m. Holy Communion with prayers for healing at Corsham

### Sunday 5 May—Easter 3

8.00 a.m. Holy Communion at Corsham  
9.00 a.m. Holy Communion at Bowden Hill  
10.00 a.m. Holy Communion at Corsham and Gastard  
10.30 a.m. Morning Worship at Lacock  
12.15 p.m. Baptisms at Corsham

### Midweek Services

Wednesdays: 10.00 a.m. Holy Communion (BCP) at Corsham (every week)  
Thursday 10.00 a.m. Holy Communion at Neston (1st Thursday of the month)  
Messy Church—2nd Friday of the month, Church House 3.30-6 p.m.

### Deanery Confirmation Service at Lacock:

Thursday 2nd May, 7.30 p.m. If you would like to find out about being confirmed, (now or at a later date) please speak to Andrew or Adam.

Annual Cyclists Service, Sunday 7th April, St Andrew's Castle Combe, 2.30 p.m., to honour the memory of cyclists who gave their lives in war. Service followed by tea and cakes. Walkers and motorists welcome too.

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## THE RECTOR WRITES...

Back in February I shared the following list of ten things that were cool in a sermon in St Bartholomew's. They were posted on Facebook and spotted by our Team Vicar Adam Beaumont:

- Saying 'thank you'
- Apologizing when you're wrong
- Showing up on time
- Being nice to strangers
- Listening without interrupting
- Admitting you were wrong
- Following your dreams
- Being a mentor
- Learning and using people's names
- Holding doors open for others

During the season of Lent we are encouraged to examine ourselves and see whether our actions are a good advert for the Christian faith or not. If we all adopted a similar list of cool things to do it would have a dramatic impact not just on our relationships with each other in church but also on the wider community. As Colossians 3:12-14 puts it: 'Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity.'

During April we have a public opportunity to say 'thank you' to each other as we hold our **Annual Parochial Church Meetings (after the main morning services on Sunday 7 April, Sunday 14 April and Sunday 28 April in Gastard, Neston and Lacock respectively, and at 7.00pm for 7.30pm on Monday 29 April in Corsham)**. There is also an opportunity to support and encourage our churchwardens as they begin a new term of office by attending the Archdeacon's Visitation on Thursday 16 May at 7.30pm at St Paul's Church, Chippenham.

So please do join us to thank all those who work so hard to support the life and witness of our churches throughout the year, and in the meantime why not see if you can tick off some of the other cool things to do on the list?

*With love in Christ, Andrew*

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# HOLY WEEK

**15<sup>th</sup> April Monday in Holy Week**  
 7.00p.m. at Lacock Stations of the Cross

**16<sup>th</sup> April Tuesday in Holy Week**  
 7.00p.m. at Lacock Compline

**17<sup>th</sup> April Wednesday in Holy Week**  
 9.30a.m. at Lacock Holy Communion with Prayers for Healing

7.00p.m. at Corsham Corsham Singers Spring Concert at St Bart's, followed by a Musical Reflection for Holy Week at 8.00p.m.

**18<sup>th</sup> April Maundy Thursday**  
 7.00p.m. at Lacock The Last Supper  
 7.30p.m. at Corsham Holy Communion and Foot washing

**19<sup>th</sup> April Good Friday**  
 9.30a.m. at Lacock Experience Easter - a short informal and interactive service suitable for young families.

**10.30am Ecumenical March of Witness in Corsham (starting at the cross in the garden by the Co-op) finishing at St Aldhelm's Church with refreshments**

2.00p.m. at Corsham Hour of Music and Reflection at the Cross  
 2.00p.m. at Lacock An Hour at the Cross

**20<sup>th</sup> April Holy Saturday**  
 7.00p.m. at Lacock The Easter Vigil and Service of Light

**Lectionary readings for April**  
**April 7th:** Isaiah 43: 16-21; Philippians 3:4b-14; John 12:1-8  
**April 14th:** Psalm 118: 1-2, 19-29; Luke 19: 28-40  
**April 21st:** Isaiah 65: 17-25; Acts 10: 34-43; Luke 24: 1-12  
**April 28th:** Exodus 14: 10-31, 15: 20-21; Acts 5: 27-32; John 20: 19-31  
**May 5th:** Zephaniah 3: 14-20; Acts 9: 1-6; John 21: 1-19

**Restoration of St Anne's and St Cyriac's windows:** Annie Mulholland, a specialist stained glass artist, will be giving an illustrated talk about her work at both churches on 10th April, 7.30 p.m. at the Manor Room, East St, Lacock. All welcome. Entry £3 including refreshments.

**MENS' GROUP:** No meeting in April

**Afternoon Tea April 13<sup>th</sup> at Gastard Village hall,** from 2-4pm. Come along be waited on enjoy yum-my cakes. Funds for St John the Baptist Church Gastard

**Mothers' Union:**  
 Wednesday 1 May at 2.30pm in Church House. MULOA Workshop - Mothers' Union Listens, Observes, Acts in step with God. Non-members welcome, come along and find out what we do and what we can do in the future. New members are always welcome, for more information contact Cathy Reynolds, Corsham Branch Leader on 01225 811865.

**Friends for Parents**  
 The Mothers' Union help at the Bristol Children's Hospital by being there to support parents whose children are in hospital and by providing tea and coffee in the parents rooms. At present we have plenty of tea and coffee but are in need of powdered milk. Please could everyone help by donating a tin/jar of powdered milk. This would be a lovely way of parents helping parents who may be in distress as their child is perhaps very ill. Thank you in advance for your support. Donations can be passed to Cathy Reynolds or left in Team Office.

*A Prayer for the Nation*  
 God of hope,  
 in these times of change,  
 unite our nation  
 and guide our leaders with your wisdom.  
 Give us courage to overcome our fears,  
 and help us to build a future  
 in which all may prosper and share;  
 through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*More prayer resources from*  
<https://www.churchofengland.org/together>

Hullavington Mount Zion Chapel Choir are holding an 'Easter Praise' evening of music at Ladyfield Evangelical Church (SN14 0BA) at 7pm on Easter Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> April. All welcome. Refreshments & plenty of carparking available! Freewill donations gratefully received in aid of building the new Pilgrim's Friend Chippenham Care Home.

**St Bartholomew's Walking Group**  
 The Gibb was the starting point for seventeen walkers on our March walk. Photos at :- [http://corshamandlacockchurches.org.uk/?page\\_id=3898](http://corshamandlacockchurches.org.uk/?page_id=3898)  
 Our next walk will be about 10 miles on Friday, 12<sup>th</sup> April, please meet 10:00 hrs at The Blathwayt Arms, Lansdown, Bath, BA1 9BT. Permission kindly given for parking. Suggest bringing snack/picnic. This is a slightly different and marginally longer version of our February walk upon which Storm Eric made his mischievous mark!  
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**DEADLINE FOR NEXT ISSUE:** Items for the next issue should be submitted not later than

**SUNDAY 28th April 2019. Email to:** [news@corshamandlacockchurches.org.uk](mailto:news@corshamandlacockchurches.org.uk)

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