

PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES

The new 2019/2020 Planned Giving envelopes will be available in St Bart's church from Sunday 7th April. Please collect your named box and start using your Blue envelopes from 5th May. If you are interested in having a box of envelopes to use for your giving to St Bart's please get in contact with John Stott on 01249-714352.

WALKING GROUP

Our next walk will be about 10 miles on Friday, 12th 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!

CORSHAM SINGERS CONCERT

The Corsham Singers will be giving a short concert on Wednesday 17 Apr at 7pm (for an hour) in St Bart's. Tickets priced £5 are available from the Corsham Bookshop. Please see the poster in the porch for details of the music to be sung.

CLERGY HOLIDAY OVER EASTER

The Team Rector (Revd Andrew) and Team Vicar (Revd Adam) will be off work prior to Holy Week rather than the week after Easter due to the school Easter holidays being the two weeks before Easter this year. Between Monday 8 April and Saturday 13 April please continue to contact L'nora Olney on 01225 859202 in the first instance if you know of someone who is in need of pastoral care so that appropriate arrangements can be made.

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. 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.

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

7th April 2019
Lent 5

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 8 Apr	2.00pm	Craft & Co meet at 33 Park Lane
	7.00pm	Lent Course Session 5 – St Aldhelm's Church Hall
	7.30pm	Buildings group meet
Thurs 11 Apr	Morning	Church leaning (Team B)
	10.30am	Lent Course Session 5 – St Patrick's Church Hall
Fri 12 Apr	10.00am	Walking Group meet at Blathwayt Arms, Lansdown
	3.30pm	Messy Church meets in Church House

PILGRIM COURSE

The 10am Service this Sunday will feature the last in the current series of our course entitled "Seen in a new light"; a Sunday morning series based on the questions asked at Baptism. This final session will consider the question "Do you renounce evil?" A new series will begin in September - more details in the summer.

LENT COURSE

The final session in our Lent Course entitled '*Daring to see God now*' for all churches is entitled "Live it!" (Bible Reference: 1 John 4. 17-21) and will be led by Revd. Anne Dove.

CHORAL EVENSONG at LACOCK

There will be a special Choral Evensong in Lacock on Palm Sunday evening (14 Apr). To allow as many as wish to attend there will be **no Evensong** in St Bart's that evening.

EVENING SERVICE CHANGES IN APRIL AND MAY

There will be no Contemplative Prayer Service on Easter Day (21 April). In May the Contemplative Prayer Service will be on the *second Sunday* (12 May) as on Sunday 19 May we are holding our own Choral Evensong which will include singers from a Royal School of Church Music event that Robin Jackson is organising. Please take note of these changes and join us if you can.

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 7 April 2019 – Lent 5

Collect

Gracious Father, you gave up your Son out of love for the world: lead us to ponder the mysteries of his passion, that we may know eternal peace through the shedding of our Saviour's blood, Jesus Christ our Lord. **AMEN**

Old Testament Reading – Isaiah 43:16-21 (NRSVA)

Thus says the Lord, who makes a way in the sea, a path in the mighty waters,¹⁷ who brings out chariot and horse, army and warrior; they lie down, they cannot rise, they are extinguished, quenched like a wick:¹⁸ Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old.¹⁹ I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert.²⁰ The wild animals will honour me, the jackals and the ostriches; for I give water in the wilderness, rivers in the desert, to give drink to my chosen people,²¹ the people whom I formed for myself so that they might declare my praise.

New Testament Reading – Philippians 3:4b-14 (NRSVA)

If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more:⁵ circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee;⁶ as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

⁷ Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ.⁸ More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ⁹ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith.¹⁰ I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death,¹¹ if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

Pressing towards the Goal

¹² Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own.¹³ Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it

my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead,¹⁴ I press on towards the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

Gospel Reading John 12:1-8 (NRSVA)

Mary Anoints Jesus

Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead.² There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him.³ Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume.⁴ But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said,⁵ 'Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?'⁶ (He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.)⁷ Jesus said, 'Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial.⁸ You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me.'

SERVICES FOR THE NEXT WEEK AT ST BART'S

Wednesday 10 Apr 19

10.00am Holy Communion led by Revd Jim Hawkins

Sunday 14 Apr 19 – Palm Sunday

8.00am Holy Communion led by Revd Andrew

9.00am Earlybirds

10.00am **Holy Communion** led by Revd Victor

Anthem: TSCHAIKOVSKY – The crown of roses

(Please Note: If the weather is favourable the 10am service will begin at the Town Hall followed by a short procession down Church Street to arrive at the church where a few verses of All Glory Laud and Honour will be sung before entering the building to continue the service.)

6.30pm **Choral Evensong at Lacock** (no service at Corsham)