



CHURCH NEWS

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

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July 2019

CHURCH SERVICES

Sunday July 7—Trinity 3

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

Sunday July 14 — Trinity 4

- 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion at Corsham
- 9.45 a.m. Breakfast Service at Corsham Town Hall
(see below)
- 10.00 a.m. Matins at Gastard
Holy Communion at Neston
- 10.30 a.m. Holy Communion at Lacock
- 12.15 p.m. Baptisms at Corsham and Neston
- 6.00 p.m. Contemplative Prayer at Corsham

Sunday July 21 —Trinity 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
Morning Worship at Neston
- 10.30 a.m. Family Service at Lacock
- 4.00 p.m. Church@4 at Neston
- 6.00 p.m. Evensong at Corsham

Sunday July 28 —Trinity 6 / St Anne's Patronal

- 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion at Corsham
- 10.00 a.m. Morning Worship at Corsham and Gastard
Holy Communion at Neston
- 10.30 a.m. Holy Communion at Lacock
- 12.15 p.m. Thanksgiving for the Birth of a Child at
Corsham
- 6.00 p.m. Holy Communion with prayers for healing
at Corsham
- 6.30 p.m. Holy Communion (Patronal Festival) at
Bowden Hill

Sunday August 4 —Trinity 7

- 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. Baptism at Corsham
- 4.00 p.m. Hymns and Pimms at Corsham

St Bart's Breakfast Service—14th July, "Loving God and Loving people" Tea and coffee, croissants and breakfast rolls; readings, music, film clips, singing and prayers. A service for everyone—young, elderly, children and families.

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THE RECTOR WRITES...

We have recently started a period of Ordinary Time in the church year running from Trinity Sunday through to Advent and the run up to Christmas. There are very few periods in the year when clergy are not busy, but this period of Ordinary Time does provide some opportunities for rest and relaxation over the summer months. And it is certainly a good time to evaluate where we are in our relationship with God before the busy autumn period.

Jesus was pretty clear that following him should be our top priority because without a vertical relationship with the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit our horizontal relationships with family, friends, neighbours and work colleagues will be so much less satisfying.

But what does putting God first look like in practice? How can we be more committed to following Jesus? Well, I think we need to relate to him through three activities, which are:

- Prayer, where we communicate with God and discover that he wants us to trust and love him so we can love others as much as we love ourselves
- Bible study, where we learn more about what God is like and what his will for our lives might be
- And spending time with other Christians, where we support each other in our walk with God and seek advice about how we are using our God-given time, talents and resources.

We obviously do all these things when we come together on Sundays: we pray, hear the Bible read and receive biblical teaching, and spend time with each other.

But let's encourage each other to engage in these activities during the week as well, even if to start off with it is just being committed to prayer for a few minutes each day.

If we want to see growth in our numbers then we need to ensure we are all growing in our commitment to Jesus, because as we do so we shall grow in our presence and influence within the wider community and become increasingly attractive to those who are not yet active followers of Jesus.



With love in Christ,

Andrew

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<p>Lectionary readings for July</p> <p>July 7th: Isaiah 66: 10-14; Galatians 6: 7-16; Luke 10: 1-11, 16-20</p> <p>July 14th: Deuteronomy 30: 9-14, Colossians 1: 1-14, Luke 10:25-37</p> <p>July 21st: Genesis 18: 1-10a, Colossians 1: 15-28, Luke 10: 38-end</p> <p>July 28th: Genesis 18: 20-32; Colossians 2: 6-15, Luke 11: 1-13</p> <p>August 4th: Ecclesiastes 1: 2, 12-14; 2: 18-23, Colossians 3: 1-11, Luke 12: 13-21</p>	<p>Visit to The Deanery At the time of going to press, details are not yet available for the proposed visit to Lin's new school in Swindon. Watch out for more information in the St Bart's WIS or Lacock Pew News, or email the office for updated information.</p>
<p>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.</p>	<p>Corsham Mothers' Union Please pray for Louisa Jaques and Gillian Bertwistle who will be admitted to the Mothers' Union on 7 July at the 10am service at Corsham.</p> <p>MU Prayer Loving Lord, We thank you for your love so freely given to us all. We pray for families around the world. Bless the work of the Mothers' Union as we seek to share your love through the encouragement, strengthening and support of marriage and family life. Empowered by your Spirit, may we be united in prayer and worship, and in love and service reach out as your hands across the world. In Jesus' name. Amen.</p>
<p>Cream Teas at Neston Church</p> <p>July 7th, 14th and 21st</p> <p>3.30-5.00 p.m.</p> <p>£4.50</p> <p>7th July: Childrens Art Exhibition</p> <p>14th July: Corsham Town Band</p> <p>21st July: Afternoon Rocks Choir</p> 	<p>Wiltshire Ride & Stride Saturday 14th September, launching from St Bart's at 10 a.m. More information, sponsorship forms etc from Nigel Jackson or Fiona Draper /Team Office . Please put the date in your diary !</p> 
<p>Bishop Viv at St Bart's</p> <p>On Sunday 25th August there will be a Team Holy Communion Service at 10 a.m. at St Bartholomew's, led by the Bishop of Bristol. No other services across the Team that day</p>	<p>St Bart's summer organ recitals</p> <p>Sunday afternoons 4-5 p.m.</p> <p>July 7th, 21st and 28th.</p> <p>By Maureen McAllister and Robin Jackson</p> <p>This year the recitals will include items for two organs, using a new single manual Viscount digital organ. Do come along and enjoy an hour of music on a summer's afternoon. Retiring collection for the Organ Fund</p>
<p>Saturday 13th July: Coffee morning at St Bart's 10 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. Cakes, cards, books and craft items will be on sale</p>	<p>St Bartholomew's Walking Group This month's walk takes place a week earlier than usual so will already have happened by the time Church News is published. Contact Colin on 0757 044 2307 for information on the next walk.</p>

DEADLINE FOR NEXT ISSUE: Items for the next issue should be submitted not later than **SUNDAY 28th JULY 2019.** Email to: news@corshamandlacockchurches.org.uk or drop in to Church House, or leave a message on 01249 701720.
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