



CHURCH NEWS

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

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August 2019

CHURCH SERVICES

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. Baptisms at Corsham
- 4.00 p.m. Hymns and Pimm's at Corsham

Sunday August 11 —Trinity 8

- 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion at Corsham
- 9.00 a.m. Early Birds at Corsham
- 10.00 a.m. Morning Worship at Corsham and
Neston
- 10.30 a.m. Holy Communion and Baptism at
Lacock
- 6.00 p.m. Contemplative Prayer at Corsham

Sunday August 18 —Trinity 9

- 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
- 6.00 p.m. Evensong at Corsham

Sunday August 25 — St Bartholomew's

Patronal

**10.00 a.m. Holy Communion at Corsham -
Team Service, led by the Bishop of Bristol**

Sunday September 1 —Trinity 11

- 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

Midweek Services

Wednesdays: 10.00 a.m. Holy Communion (BCP)
at Corsham (every week)

Messy Church—2nd Friday of the month, Church
House, Corsham 3.30-6 p.m.

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THE RECTOR WRITES...

Are we willing to accept the true costs of following Jesus in order to see God's kingdom come and his will done on earth as it is in heaven?

This question leads us to re-examine our walk with Christ. It calls us to consider how willing we really are to give up many of the things we value in life to follow Jesus.

And yet the rewards of being a follower of Christ far outweigh the costs. What are those rewards?

- forgiveness for all the things we have done wrong
- freedom from guilt about our sins, and a peace that lasts
- life after death and a place in heaven
- the unconditional love of our heavenly Father
- a close relationship with Jesus, the Son of God
- the help of the Holy Spirit to make us more like Jesus
- and power to live each day as God intended us to, putting him first and loving others as much as we love ourselves.

Between September 2019 and March 2020 (excluding December and January) there is an opportunity on the first Sunday of the month to explore what it means in practice to follow Jesus as we follow a series of teaching based on the Beatitudes – the challenging collection of sayings by Jesus known as the Sermon on the Mount.

Understanding the Beatitudes and trying to live them out is one of the best ways of following God and living the Christian vision for the world. It is about living and travelling as pilgrims together every day. This series follows on from the Pilgrim course offered at the same time last year at the main morning services in Corsham and Gastard.

As before there will be a handout for you to take home with some questions you might like to explore. To go alongside this we will provide two groups in the week following each Sunday - one in the daytime and another in the evening – to meet with others who may like to discuss and explore the material further. So if you are keen to grow as a follower of Jesus and be a positive influence for Christ please do look out for further details of the teaching series over the summer and plan to be present if you can.

With love in Christ, Andrew

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August opening hours: Wednesday
10.45 to 12.30; Saturday 10 to 11am; and at other times
(including evenings) by arrangement.

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Lectionary readings for August

August 4th: Ecclesiastes 1: 2, 12-14; 2: 18-23, Colossians 3: 1-11, Luke 12: 13-21

August 11th: Genesis 15: 1-6; Hebrews 11: 1-3, 8-16; Luke 12: 32-40

August 18th: Jeremiah 23: 23-29; Hebrews 11: 29-12:2; Luke 12: 49-56

August 25th: (Trinity 10): Isaiah 58: 9b-end; Hebrews 12: 18-end; Luke 13: 10-17

Bartholomew the Apostle: Isaiah 43: 8-13; 1 Corinthians 4: 9-15; Luke 22: 24-30

September 1st: Proverbs 25: 6-7; Hebrews 13: 1-8, 15-16; Luke 14.1, 7-14

Corsham Mothers' Union
 Wednesday 4 September 2.30pm in Church
 Mothers' Union Wave of Prayer.

Bishop Viv at St Bart's

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

Deanery CE Academy: for the latest news of Lin's new school, see <https://www.dcea.org.uk/516/news-blog/post/61/ofsted-have-been> or click through from www.dcea.org.uk (note new website) to Lin's blog under the News tab

St Bartholomews's Walking Group

Our 9 mile walk, on a warm July day, was enjoyed by 10 walkers setting out from Bathford. We climbed to Bannerdown and then Solsbury Hill for lunch with extensive views. After continuing through Bailbrook and Grosvenor, '25Cafe' in Bathampton provided us with shade and refreshment before we met the K&A canal to return to Bathford. Some photos of the walk at: - http://corshamandlacockchurches.org.uk/?page_id=3898

IN AUGUST WE ARE 100! That is 100 walks since we took our first steps in 2011. By way of celebration let's give ourselves an easy month with the option of a post-walk lunch. Please meet 10:00 hrs, Friday, 9th August at Church Rise, Neston, SN13 9SX, for a walk of about 5 miles and an optional lunch at The Neston Inn. (please contact Colin for menus.) **All welcome, particularly new members,** this church, any church, no church.

Colin
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Wiltshire Ride & Stride
Saturday 14th September,
launching from St Bart's at 10 a.m.

Ride & Stride is a fun event for riders (on any form of transport to account for safety and age) and striders (of any distance). The route should visit a church(es) and can be as ambitious as 'around Corsham or Lacock or Gastard or Neston' to an epic pilgrimage within Wiltshire. Whilst the Saturday is the official date, individuals and groups could contribute on another date if that suits them better.

Ride & Stride is a county-wide event with visitors coming to the churches in our Team from far and wide across Wiltshire. Ride & Stride is also a fundraising event, the only one in the year that goes towards grants from the Wiltshire Historic Churches Trust and the chosen church of each fundraising participant on a 50/50 split. In the recent past, the Wiltshire Historic Churches Trust granted St Bart's £8,000 for the Spire Restoration and last year helped to secure a £15,000 grant for our church mission and improvements to church facilities. It is also an opportunity to seek funding from outside the immediate congregation through sponsorship from friends and associates. If you'd like to be involved and don't have an organiser at your church, please contact the Team Office.



THIS YEAR THE COUNTY-WIDE EVENT IS LAUNCHING FROM ST BART'S
With the Lord Lieutenant of Wiltshire

Please support this worthy cause by:

- Attending the official start of the event at 1000 hours and joining in the group photograph - everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend;
- Volunteering to Ride or Stride – please sign up and take a sponsorship form. A short planned walk around some of the Team churches and countryside will be completed by 2pm at the latest. The map of this route will be published by early August. Individual or other team routes of any length and duration are welcome.
- Volunteering to take a turn as the Reception for Riders and Striders who visit our churches;
- Inviting friends in the wider community to join us for the start and any activities they feel able to join.

Questions and ideas – to Nigel Jackson, phone 07730 001290 or email nigel.jackson29@hotmail.co.uk

More information, sponsorship forms etc from Nigel Jackson or Fiona Draper /Team Office . **Please put the date in your diary**

DEADLINE FOR NEXT ISSUE: Items for the next issue should be submitted not later than **SUNDAY 25th AUGUST 2019.** Email to: news@corshamandlacockchurches.org.uk or drop in to Church House, or leave a message on 01249 701720.

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