

CORSHAM MOTHERS' UNION

Our "Wave of Prayer" is a continuous expression of our commitment in prayer to each other. It runs through the year so that the work and members of each and every area in the world in which the Mothers' Union is active is prayed for at some point and we also include this in our Midday Prayers. We will be praying especially for our Link Dioceses of Pacong in South Sudan, Southern Nyanza in Kenya, Kutigi and Ijesha North in Nigeria, and Karnataka Central in India. This year our theme is "Listen, observe, act - in step with God." As we pray for our projects, please could everyone bring some food for the Refugees or the Food Bank to be offered during the service? Members and non-members are welcome to join us.

RIDE & STRIDE - SATURDAY 14TH SEPTEMBER

Day event date draws ever closer and we hope you have either gained sponsors or sponsored someone for this event. The event will be officially started **from St Bart's** at 10am by the Lord Lieutenant of Wiltshire - Mrs Sarah Troughton. The St Bart's Walking Group will be setting off soon afterwards for a short walk of around five miles, visiting local churches before returning to Corsham whilst the Young Church groups will be walking around Corsham churches. Individual walkers and cyclists will also set off on their chosen routes around churches. Half of the money raised by St Bart's participants will come back to St Bart's. Sponsor forms on the Cross Pew or the website.



HOBBIES AND CRAFTS

At the same time as the R&S event we will be holding our Hobbies and Crafts exhibition in Church from 10.30am-4pm so there is plenty of time to do both activities – especially if you are not riding or striding!

MEN'S GROUP

The Men's Group will next meet on Monday 23 September at 8pm in upper room at the Royal Oak in Corsham. The speaker will be our own Brian Trood who will be giving a talk on "Computer Security – for dummies". All men (not just from St Bart's) are welcome with £1 entry to cover costs.

HARVEST SUPPER 21ST SEPTEMBER

Free tickets are now available from L'nora or Cathy Reynolds. Boards for food contributions are on the Cross pew. Look forward to seeing you at the supper.

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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

1 September 2019

Trinity 11

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

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| Mon 2 Sep | 7.30pm | Pastoral Bubble meet at 33 Park Lane |
| Tues 3 Sep | 10.30am | Pilgrim Course follow up session |
| Weds 4 Sep | 2.30pm | MU Wave of Prayer in church (<i>see article</i>) |
| Thurs 5 Sep | Morning | Church Cleaning (Team B) |
| | 7.30pm | Pilgrim Course follow-up session |

PILGRIM COURSE

Revd Victor will be leading a second course, starting this Sunday, and on the first Sunday of each month at the 10am Holy Communion service, from Sept 19-Mar 20 (omitting Jan and Feb) 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 Sunday we look at "Living with openness to God".

Each time there will be a handout for you to take home with some questions you might like to explore. To go alongside two groups will be run in the week following the Sunday— one on Tuesday mornings at 1a Grove road at 10.30am and another on Thursday evenings at 7.30pm in Church House – to meet with others who may like to discuss and explore further.

NEW ALL AGE SERVICE AT NESTON

Starting in September there will be an additional service on the 2nd Sunday at Neston. This informal service for all the family will take place every second Sunday of the month at 9.00am, and consists of a short service in church followed by a light breakfast in the church vestibule, and the opportunity to contribute to the beginning of the 10.00am service in church, which is either Morning Worship or Holy Communion depending on the availability of clergy. This will run for a 6-month trial period.

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 1 Sep 2019 – Trinity 11

Collect

God of glory, the end of our searching, help us to lay aside all that prevents us from seeking your kingdom, and to give all that we have to gain the pearl beyond all price, through our Saviour Jesus Christ. **AMEN**

Old Testament Reading – Proverbs 25:6-7 (NRSVA)

Do not put yourself forward in the king's presence or stand in the place of the great; ⁷ for it is better to be told, 'Come up here', than to be put lower in the presence of a noble.

New Testament Reading – Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16 (NRSVA)

Service Well-Pleasing to God

Let mutual love continue. ² Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. ³ Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them; those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. ⁴ Let marriage be held in honour by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled; for God will judge fornicators and adulterers. ⁵ Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have; for he has said, 'I will never leave you or forsake you.' ⁶ So we can say with confidence, 'The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can anyone do to me?'

⁷ Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. ⁸ Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and for ever. ¹⁵ Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. ¹⁶ Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

Gospel Reading - Luke 14:1, 7-14 (NRSVA)

Humility and Hospitality

On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him closely.

⁷ When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honour, he told them a parable. ⁸ 'When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honour, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; ⁹ and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, "Give this person your place", and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. ¹⁰ But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, "Friend, move up higher"; then you will be honoured in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. ¹¹ For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.'

¹² He said also to the one who had invited him, 'When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbours, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. ¹³ But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. ¹⁴ And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.'

Reading for Pilgrim Course – Mark 7:24-30

The Syrophenician Woman's Faith

²⁴ From there he set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice, ²⁵ but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. ²⁶ Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. ²⁷ He said to her, 'Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs.' ²⁸ But she answered him, 'Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs.' ²⁹ Then he said to her, 'For saying that, you may go—the demon has left your daughter.' ³⁰ So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone.

Blessed are the poor in spirit; for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.
Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.
Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.
Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.
Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.
Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.
Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
Matthew 5:1-10

SERVICES FOR THE NEXT WEEK AT ST BART'S

Wednesday 4 Sep 19

10.00am Holy Communion led by Revd Andrew

Sunday 0 Sep 19 – Trinity 12

8.00am Holy Communion led by Revd Jim Hawkins

9.00am Early Birds

10.00am Morning Worship led by Revd Andrew

Anthem: TAMBLING – Angel Voices

6.00pm Contemplative prayer led by LLM Neil Pidduck