

The greatest lovers in Cowley

How's your love life? Are you looking for love – and a chance to show love wherever you go?

I've been reading a great book over the summer. I won't tell you the title yet, but I suppose it could be compared to the "Idiot's guide to being a great lover". When you think of great lovers who do you think of? Perhaps Romeo and Juliet, Antony and Cleopatra, Victoria and Albert, Robert and Elizabeth Browning, Marie and Pierre Curie (there was real chemistry between these two).

Christians are called to be the greatest lovers in England. Do we earn that reputation?

Jesus calls us to practice a radical hospitality.

The book I'm reading (OK – it's the Bible) says that great lovers know how to show hospitality. Hospitality means "showing love to strangers." Hospitality is not a noun; it's a verb. In fact, it is a moral imperative. God speaks to us today, just as he spoke to the Israelites centuries ago. God reminded them that they were once strangers and refugees who were welcomed and treated kindly: "The alien living with you must be treated as one of your native-born. Love him as yourself, for you were aliens in Egypt. I am the LORD your God" (Leviticus 19:34; also see Deuteronomy 10:17-19).

What would it mean to us in Cowley to "love the alien as yourself"?

Jesus calls us to practice a radical hospitality. He taught that we must receive everyone who is outside the community of believers, welcome them in, look for practical ways to help them, treat them as we would the most respected member of our Christian community.

Benedict, who founded the Benedictine monastic order, had a simple rule on hospitality that keeps everything in perspective. He said, "Let everyone that comes be received as Christ."

Benedict discovered that Christian hospitality goes beyond the exercise of the expected social graces. It is not found in the superficial smile, or the warm reception of expected guests, or the McDonald's quip, "Have a nice day." Hospitality for Benedict meant that everyone – the poor, the traveller, the curious, those not of our religion or social standing or education – should be received with genuine love and acceptance.

During September we urge everyone in the parish to think about how we practice hospitality. We want to fulfil everything that hospitality means: how we treat people who cross our paths, how we take Jesus as our model and love and care for the strangers in our midst, how we turn strangers into friends, and to understand that when we welcome a stranger, we welcome Jesus.

It would really help if each of us were to think about how it feels to come into a strange building, be among people we don't know, and participate in an act of worship with which we are not familiar or comfortable. How

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Chronicle

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Editor's Letter

Welcome back! I don't know about you but I feel a bit like the Israelites must have felt when they came out of the desert into the Promised Land having wandered through a barren August. Like the Israelites we have kept our worship and singing, thank heaven, but how lovely it is to reach September and an autumn "flowing with milk and honey". Well ... there is the Ride and Stride Saturday, the Poetry, Wine and Cheese evening, two Quiet Days at Stanton House, Harvest Festival, St Francis', patronal festival, the annual Craft Fair and a bumper Christmas concert, to say, nothing of our weekly Parish Lunches, Friends of St Francis, Bingo Club, Seashells for mums and babies and the reconvening of home groups. Whew! I have not mentioned the return to our regular round of meetings as I am not sure they fit under the "milk and honey" umbrella! Do other parishes keep up similar paces, I wonder, or is it just us?

I do hope all our regular readers have remembered to order their Chronicles for the coming year and that potential readers have signed up too. On going to press I understand from May and Stella that a few people have yet to pay up their £3. I really hope there will not be too many disappointments on September 5th.

Now it is high time to welcome Sally Hemsworth to the Chronicle staff. This is the first issue to which she has added her own ideas and articles. She has plenty of suggestions for new material so expect some interesting pieces in the coming months.

Those of you who are enjoying my little articles about the origins of Cowley will be interested to learn that an evening entitled "Dig Cowley" is being presented at the Ark-T Centre on Thursday, 30th September, 7-8 pm at no charge. The Ark-T is next to John Bunyan Church in

Beauchamp Lane. It promises to tell more about the history and archaeology of our area. I am always on the look-out for new research and information so I certainly hope to be there.

Don't forget it is St Giles' fair this week. What a lovely traditional link with our historical past the fair is. I hope you enjoy the jolly little poem we have included this month. I think it is great fun even though it does not mention the folk of Cowley. How about one of our readers adding a fifth verse?

Sally and I discussed the fact that none of our readers write letters to the Chronicle. You used to a year or so ago so what has happened? Perhaps we should be a little more controversial, or ask more questions. Come on, readers, it is your magazine, please take part.

God bless

Rosanne

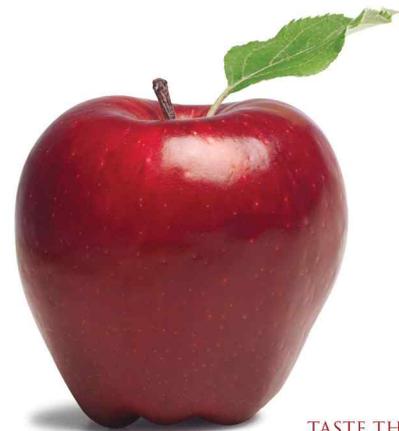
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does a person feel in those circumstances? What can we do to make them feel wanted and needed and appreciated? How will that affect our interactions with others?

We are not asked to take giant steps to change everything, but each of us needs to take little steps and keep taking them so that one day Jesus will say to you and me that we are "blessed for when I [Jesus] was hungry, thirsty, sick, naked and in prison you cared for me."

Will you do this? Will you write down on a piece of paper the name(s) of one or two or three or four friends who don't go to church and begin to pray that they might discover what Christian hospitality is really like? Will you ask God to give you insight as to how to invite them to come to church with you? Perhaps you could invite them to the "Harvest and Welcome" service on Sunday 26 September at St James and St Francis churches.

Howard



TASTE THE
GOODNESS

A PLEASANT SUNDAY AFTERNOON

So far APSA has been a very quiet affair with very few people taking up the chance to play board games (like Scrabble or Monopoly), card games or make a jig-saw puzzle with like-minded friends. We are going to give this little project another try this autumn beginning on Sunday, 12 September 2 – 4 pm at the Church Centre. The following dates are also proposed – 3, 17, 31 October and 14, 28 November. If you would like to come along do. It costs £1 per session to pay for a cuppa, biscuits and a contribution for the hire of the Centre.

70 YEARS ON

I expect many of our readers were children, or even young adults, during the years which spanned the Second World War. I also expect they can remember that August into September of 1940 when the Battle of Britain was fought over the English Channel and the skies of the Southern Counties of our country. I wonder if we have anyone in our readership whose father, uncle or grandfather actually flew a Spitfire, or a Hurricane during those crucial months in our history.

I was four years old at the time and lived with my parents in suburban Surrey. I remember the battles well. It was a glorious summer and we had a lovely big garden over-looking school playing fields. My mother encouraged me to play outside on the lawn or pedal my trike up and down the garden path. I recall vividly running indoors to tell her that there were lots of planes in the sky above our house. You could see the white vapour trails clearly scratched against the blue sky. I did not realise that those planes diving to earth were those which had been shot down but both my parents made it clear to me even as a small child that our brave young airmen were up there keeping the Germans away. It was a moment in history that I have never forgotten so I was pleased that “The Few” have been commemorated so properly this year, 70 years on from those fateful days. God bless them all, those who survived and those who gave their lives.



Rosanne

Chronicle Details and Deadlines

The Chronicle is the monthly magazine of the Parish of Cowley Team Ministry. The Chronicle is edited by Rosanne Butler, material from St Francis church members is collected by John Shreeve. To submit stories ring the parish office on (01865) 747 680 or email chronicle@cowleyteamministry.co.uk

Issue	Deadline
October	19 September
November	24 October
December	21 November

Please God

Will you show my dad where to get
a rowntoowit 'cos when he does
he's promised to fix my bike.



Harvest Festival and Welcome Service – 26 September 2010

This is one of the most popular festivals in the church year. I hope you'll be part of it. On Sunday 26 September, throughout the day, St Francis and St James Churches will celebrate Harvest Thanksgiving. The churches will be decorated for the Harvest. We'll worship with a specially prepared Harvest Thanksgiving liturgy. And of course it will be a chance to join with the choir singing old favourites such as "We plough the fields and scatter", and celebrate the many ways God blesses us.

Each person is asked to bring a food offering – tinned food (vegetables, fruit, meat, or fish) or dried food (rice or pasta) – to be given to The Porch Steppin' Stone Centre. The Steppin' Stone Centre provides day long support for homeless and vulnerably housed people who want to move forward in their lives, away from street-life and addiction. It is a great way for people of the church to show God's love and thank him for all that we have.

We will also celebrate God's blessing of people to resource the church in Cowley. You have a special role to play. Over the coming weeks please write down the names of four people you would like to invite to the Harvest Welcome service. Pray for them daily and then invite them to our service. According to a survey by Christian Aid, 45% of those who don't attend church say they might come if they were personally invited. We will have special gifts for all who come to the service.

Don't forget there is also a Harvest luncheon following the service – please sign up if you haven't already. Contact Roseanne Butler for tickets.

"What? Giving again?" I asked in dismay,
And must I keep giving and giving always?"
"Oh no", said the Angel, whose eye pierced me
through,
"Just stop when the Saviour stops giving to you."
Submitted by Thelma Telling

As the Church Centre does not ask for a fee for the use of the hall and kitchen for our monthly meetings, we have, over the last few years, organised several fund raising evenings. Half of the profits from these have been donated to the Church Centre and half goes into our branch funds to keep us (just!) solvent. We have held "puddings and quiz" events and "poetry, wine and cheese" evenings recently. The latter ventures have proved so successful that, by popular request we are holding a third poetry event on Friday, 17 September in the Church Centre at 6.30 pm. I cannot tell you what time it will end because we keep going until all the supper is consumed and all the poems read! If you have not yet been to one of these evenings do come. You do not have to read a poem if you don't want to; you can always sit and listen to other people presenting theirs. The cost of the whole evening, wine, cheese and lots of trimmings is £6 if you don't bring a poem or £4 if you do.

We have a packed programme of meetings beginning in September. Our first speaker will be Carol

Thornton, well-known as the rector's wife (!) who has promised to talk about The Shaw Trust. Although this charity has a shop in Templar Square run by Carol I am sure many of us will be interested to learn who it is that it supports. Carol will be speaking on Monday, 20 September.

In October we have a talk entitled "Relationships, not rules" which is the theme for 2010 of The Mothers' Union movement world-wide. This will be given by a well-known Mothers' Union speaker, Rosemary Pearce.

Back by popular demand, in November we have another of Mark Oxbrow's fascinating talks about the work of CMS throughout the world. Those of us who heard him speak on his experiences in China and Russia are looking forward to this very much.

As I always say visitors to our meetings are warmly welcomed. We meet at 2.30 pm on the 3rd Monday of each month and if you decide to try us out in December you will find us enjoying a Christmas party.

PARISH QUIET DAY AT STANTON HOUSE

The autumn Parish Quiet Day focussing on the theme of Blessings and taking place on Wednesday 29 September at Stanton House is now "full house". However there will be a "repeat day" on Saturday 20 November. If you want to join us, there is a list at the back of church, or contact Christine Woodman or Helen Beetham.

MacMillan Coffee Morning – Saturday 18th September 10.00 a.m. - 12 noon, In the Church Centre

As part of the national MacMillan Cancer Care "Worlds Biggest Coffee Morning" in September we will be holding a coffee morning at St James. All proceeds from coffee and cakes together with proceeds from a "Bring and Buy" Stall will go to MacMillan. There will also be bead jewellery and Phoenix Trading cards stalls and a percentage of proceeds from these 2 stalls will cover the donation to St James for hiring the Centre.

We would be grateful for any donations of cakes either for sale or to serve as refreshments, and donations of items for the bring and buy stall including plants or garden produce. Please come and help support MacMillan!

Pauline Shephard



JUBILEE BRASS (OXFORD) BAND

The Jubilee Brass (Oxford) Band is a friendly band, which performs a wide variety of engagements throughout the year. It rehearses in the United Reformed Church in Cowley between 7.45 and 9.30pm on Monday and Friday evenings. Its players come from Kidlington, Bicester, and Summertown as well as the Cowley Area.

The Band is very proud that last year at the annual regional London and Southern Counties competition it was promoted to the 3rd section, and is very excited about its future. However, it urgently needs more players.

If you are interested why not do one of the following:

Go to one of its rehearsals

Contact the Secretary (Mr K J Membury, 126 Oxford Road, Littlemore, Oxford, OX4 4QP, Tel: 01865 771347)

Contact the Conductor (Mr Clifford Sadler, Tel: 01865 373554)

Email jubileebrass@tiscali.co.uk

Look at the website www.jubileebrass.co.uk.

ST GILES' FAIR

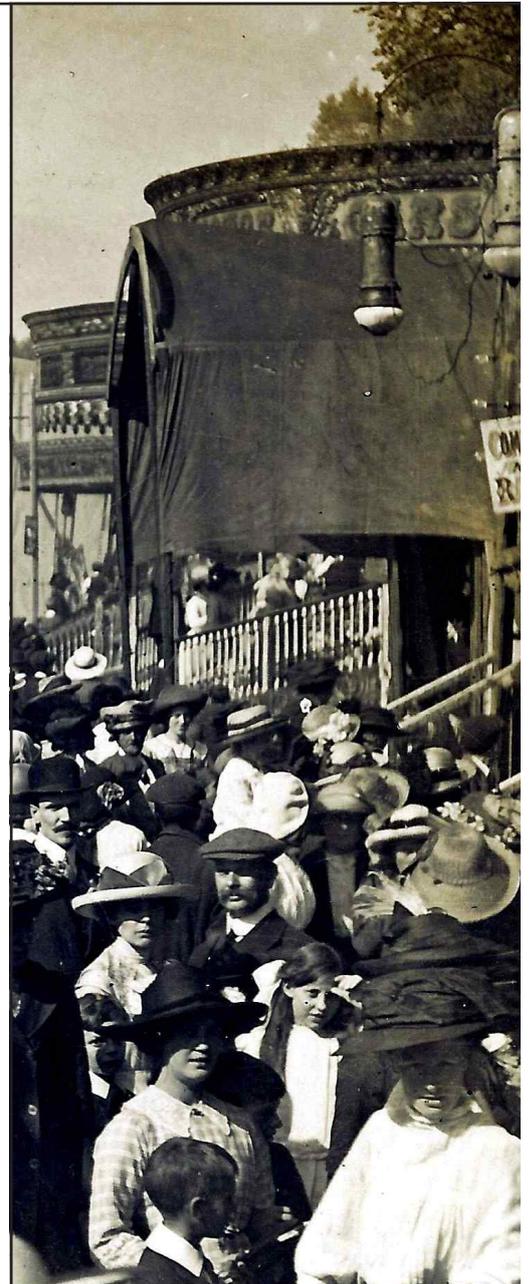
Us cums from Head'nton Quaary an' sum frum Shotover Hill
An' sum of us cums fru 'Whaatly an' sum all th' way fru' Brill
Fru Milton an' fru' 'Aasely frum Stad'am an' Talmage Stoke
Frum out o' th' Otmoor country an' t'others they cums from Noke
We all of us cums to Auxford, brought in by th' ould gray mare
'Tis only wunce a year us cums, an' that's to St Giles's Faier.

Us meets sum pals frum Yarnton, sum more frum Norligh too
From Blechinton an' Chalton, frum Wesson-on-th'-Green
An' sum frum Coate an' Chimby, the only time they're seen;
We all on us rides to Auxford, behind o' th' ould gray mare
'Tis only wunce a year us cums, an' that's to St Giles's Faier.

An'ther us sees old Boozer, as cums frum Witney Taown
But you maunt chaff him either, or much-about he'll fraown
An' Jack what hails fru' Bampton, an' Joe what cums fru' Leaow
They all hev brought thur lasses, but how I dosen't kneaw;
Somehow um rides to Auxford, behind o' the' ould gray mare
'Tis only wunce a year um cums, an' that's to St Giles's Faier.

Us mixes in the dancing, for-bye us likes it well
An' goes to see th' helephant, by goms, ain't he a swell
Us to th' "Harse an' Jockey" goes in to have some yale
An' then us larks about th' faier until it all gets stale;
Then whoam us all goes frum Auxford, behind th' ould gray mare
'Tis only wunce a year, ye kneaw, us cums to St Giles's Faier.

Recalled by Richard Jeffery (Oxford Mail)



The Origins of Cowley

Part Five : Hockmore Street

Settlements become established for a variety of reasons: trade, geographical accident, exploration leading to a perfect physical situation (for example Church Cowley) or even through the enterprise of people. There is no historical record of why or even quite when the hamlet of Hockmore Street became a settlement. Simply that sometime during the ninth or tenth century AD a small group of cottages sprang up at the point where the causeway called the Hogmere Street intersected the route taken by drovers and their oxen on their seemingly relentless journey from the stone quarries in Headington to and from the Thames at Iffley. You will remember from the last article in this series that Saxon Oxford had great need of stone as a building material in order to protect itself from marauding Danes.

The churches, St Frieswides priory and part of the walls of Oxford were all built from stone well before the Normans conquered Britain, all of which was transported via the crossroads at the foot of the hill, where Cuffa planted his village. Now, hauling stone was heavy work and slow to boot and by the time your oxen had plodded the length of Hollow Way, across to the terrace we know as Church Cowley Road, then down to the river, after unloading your huge cargo of stone, you were pretty tired and in need of a break before you returned to the quarry. It would seem logical therefore that the enterprising folk of Cowley would set up stalls to sell the drovers maybe bread, cheese, fat bacon, an onion or two and a drink of beer, mead, apple juice or whatever to refresh them. After a while the stalls would be replaced by small dwellings to eliminate the need of transporting the wares, stalls, pottery mugs and jugs up and down the hill each day. Thus a tiny settlement was born. The Hogs' Mere Street became known as Hockmore Street and remained as a separate part of Cowley for centuries. During the Middle Ages it became known as Middle Cowley separated by fields from its neighbours. Now, of course, it has been swallowed up by the building of Templar Square, except for a single road off Barns Road which skirts round the back of the shopping centre and has its outlet into Crowell Road.

It is interesting to note that Hockmore Street did not, throughout history, associate itself with Cowley

but turned its face to Iffley. One of its earlier inhabitants who became quite rich (perhaps from selling good food and drink?) bequeathed a goodly sum on her death to the villagers of Iffley. The Alice Smith Charity helped the poor of that village for a number of centuries until it was merged with the Cowley Charities (more details of them in later instalments) and our rector and the vicar of Iffley became trustees of these.

As for the "hollow way", gouged out of the earth by the transportation of all that stone, it became so deep that it was almost a tunnel. It was only about 250 years ago when it was decided to fill it in and raise the surface of the road for safety's sake. That tiny narrow road was never meant for lorries, buses and cars and often when Frank and I are stuck in traffic along there I can visualise the stream of drovers and their oxen trudging towards the river barges and maybe looking forward to stopping off on the way back for a bite to eat, a welcome drink and a moment to dally with a wench in one of the cottages in Hockmore Street!

PARISH REGISTER

Baptisms

13 June	Dara Anthony Brown
13 June	Jack Wheal
11 July	Charlotte & George Nott (naming ceremony)
8 August	Alexander Dunlop-West

Weddings

9 July	Franz de Vere Stevens & Nicola Margaret Williams
17 July	Althea Thomas & Brett Hawley
24 July	Jennifer Kambadza & Joseph Menseh
31 July	Tracy Massey & Gareth Pearson
7 August	Steven Walker & Marie Conaghan
21 August	Don Crook & Tammy-Ann Pennington

Funerals

4 June	Barbara Brown
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Rosanne Interviews **Lydia Gilday**

Have you ever played “Pass the Parcel” when, each time you remove a wrapper there is not only a sweetie waiting for you but a little message or conundrum too? Well, it seemed that each time I asked Lydia a question during our interview the other day her answers were like finding surprises under each layer. If I start by telling you that this young lady has been an avid football supporter since the age of six I think you will begin to see what I mean.

Of course many of our readers will remember that it is only just over a year ago that Lydia married Patrick at the altar of St Francis Church. That was a day she describes as the most wonderful day of her life – “so far!” The young couple are now living happily in a country cottage at Middleton Stoney, near Bicester. Their next-door-neighbour is a shepherd and Lydia described sheep “wandering all over the place”. There are an apple and a pear tree in the garden. It sounds idyllic. They have made a decision not to own a television set, nor to have broadband in their cottage as they want to enjoy their newly-married life, just being together. However Lydia can receive emails at work – which is where? More of that later.

She was born in Stockton, near Durham, to a mother who is a physiotherapist and a father who is a chartered surveyor. She has a younger brother, Cameron, whom, she confesses, she bossed as they grew up together. I find that remark quite surprising because she seems a most

“unbossy” person. Something she told me later refuted this impression. She and Cameron now have a close relationship and Lydia is looking forward to his wedding next year. She relishes the idea of his fiancée becoming her sister-in-law as they are already good friends.

Life for Lydia began in the country and her education began in the small village school nearby. She remained there until after her sixth birthday. Due to the distance her father travelled to work the family moved into town to a larger house and an urban environment. School then was very different, a large primary school. However she soon made friends and began to shine academically especially in maths. She told me with regret that one science lesson a week was all the time-table allowed.

Her secondary school career was mainly centred on science and sport. She was made school hockey captain and remained so for several years. I expressed surprise as, in my own grammar school, captaincy of a team was only retained for two years at most. Lydia explained that she has good leadership skills and tactical ability (remember how she sorted out her little brother?) and she knew how to organise her team. For her A level exams she took maths, economics and chemistry. She did physics at AS level. With good results it was not surprising that she came up to Oxford where she read for a degree in chemistry at Jesus College.

Although she was excited at the

prospect of independence at university she found her first year quite daunting. She told me that at first she did not think she was “good enough” academically. She also found that she missed home more than she had expected. However, she worked solidly, got good results and made friends.

It was a much happier and relaxed student who, in her second year met, across the dinner table in Hall, a young man who introduced himself as Patrick. Lydia still remembers their first conversation: a discussion on the theology of St Paul. Yes, another of those surprises. She and Patrick shared mutual friends so their love and friendship grew within a group of like-minded young people. The situation became even more fun when she and Patrick lived in student houses on opposite sides of an Oxford street. Towards the end of her degree course they got engaged and soon after finals were over they were married.

A honeymoon in Rome introduced Lydia to a large number of ornate Roman Catholic churches which came as a shock to her. Her parents worshipped at a Baptist church where they took her and her brother. She, as a young teenager, had been part of an Anglican congregation in Newcastle. She had, in all her young life, never seen such opulence and grandeur in places of worship before. I hasten to add that the honeymoon was not all a church-to-church trail as they did sit by the glorious Trevi Fountain in the moonlight amongst many other lovely places.

Back in Oxford Lydia is still studying at Jesus College. She is working towards a PhD and is doing research into molecular structures at the University Chemistry Laboratories in Parks Road. It all sounded most exciting though way beyond my scientific understanding. What is clear is that she works very hard. When she arrived at my house after a day's work she was obviously ready for a reviving cup of tea.

It was inevitable that music was discussed. Lydia learnt to play the piano and flute as a child but told me that she enjoys music at a "that's-a-nice-tune" level. She declared that her husband's expertise reaches far beyond hers. We talked a little about Patrick's and her attachment to St Francis Church. I wondered if they might have thought about their village church at Middleton Stoney – but, oh, no. Patrick so much enjoys being the regular organist and Lydia said that they want to serve God at St Francis at this point in their lives.

How would you describe yourself as a young child?

Fairly outward-going, chatty. I enjoyed talking to adults as much

as childhood friends. I had a strong work ethic.

Do you have a childhood memory which you will never forget?

I am very into football. The match I will never forget was when my Dad took me to Roker Park for the very first time. It was Sunderland v Tranmere Rovers and we won 3-2. I was six years old. It was wonderful. I was a season ticket holder when I was eight.

Has God always been a part of your life?

I asked my Dad at aged four how I could let Jesus into my heart. My faith has been pretty constant. I decided when I started at secondary school that I would declare that I was a Christian. A couple of older girls at school took me along to a big church in Newcastle. I took part in lots of youth activities there. I would not have been able to fall in love with someone who was not a Christian.

What is your opinion about modern society?

I wish there was a stronger focus on family or community. There are too few strong, meaningful

relationships.

What makes life good for you?

Just Patrick

Which period of your adult life has given you most satisfaction?

Now!

Do you have a treasured possession?

My engagement ring.

If you could change something in a spectacular way what would it be?

Cure cancer. My Mum is ill with cancer at the moment so that is why it feels so urgent and immediate.

Have you plans for the future?

Get my PhD. It depends how that turns out but I would like to work in industry or do work with young people in the science world.

How about ten years from now?

I see myself as a mum and housewife. Depending on Patrick's future career I suspect we will be living in a town somewhere in England.

CHRISTMAS BOXES

Soon we shall be thinking about what to give to our children and grandchildren for Christmas.

Let us also spare a thought for those children without parents or grandparents – living in overcrowded orphanages, who have probably never had a present in their lives. Many of these children on reaching school age cannot attend as they cannot provide the writing materials they need. We like to include these items in the parcels. Toys and toiletries are also very scarce. Can you imagine the look on a child's face on receiving a "Christmas Box" and realising someone thousands of miles

away has sent it to him (or her)? We desperately need funds to cover the cost of carriage. It costs us £2.50 a box.

Your help would be greatly appreciated, if only a donation towards carriage, though items suitable to pack into a shoe-box would be welcome too.

[Editor: All donations can be sent to Joyce or Helen Doling at St Francis Church. The boxes are packed by the end of November in time for Christmas]

Joyce Titchell

As they say at Nike – Just do it

HOME GROUPS

September is a good time to think about joining a home group. A home group is a great way to share a bit of who you are, and to grow in your faith. Home groups can be an exciting and important part of your life as a member of the church. Your home group is a place where you can experience and enjoy getting to know people better, and our home groups go a long way in making our church a place where people feel supported and cared for.

Home groups are also places where you can explore the Bible. Have you ever wished you could find out what the Bible tells us about life? You'll find there are lots of people in our churches who are exploring what the Bible has to tell us today. They say that home groups bring a new and exciting way of being a member of the church. Right now there are seven home groups are operating – and there are plans to start two more. You could join one of the present groups (spaces are limited) or be a part of a brand new home group. As they say in the Nike ads, “Just do it.”

If you'd like to find out more, contact the leader of one of the home groups detailed below, or speak with any member of the ministry team.

1. Una Dean – alternate Monday mornings at 10:30 in Una's home
2. Connie Uren – alternate Tuesday afternoons at 2:30 in St James Church Centre Lounge
3. Friends of St Francis – Tuesday alternate afternoons at 1:30 in St Francis Church. Contact John Shreeve for further information
4. Tony Beetham – alternate Tuesday evenings at 7:30 in St James Church Centre Lounge
5. Patrick Gilday – alternate Wednesday evenings at 7:30 pm in St Francis Church upper room
6. Rosanne Butler – alternate Thursday mornings at 10:30 in St James Church Centre Lounge
7. Mark Oxbrow – alternate Thursday evenings at 7:30 in Mark's home

CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR – SATURDAY 13 NOVEMBER 2010

The Christmas Crafts and Gift Fair will take place on Saturday 13th November approx 10.30-3.00 (time to be confirmed). I already have a number of new stallholders this year as well as some of those who have been with us before. As usual we aim to have a good variety of interesting stalls rather than too much repetition. Stalls will cost £20 for a 6ft table, £12 for a 3ft table and £30 for a 9ft table (only four 9ft stalls will be available) – we cannot make any reduction in cost for other charities who hire stalls since proceeds go to our own charity i.e. St James. This is higher than some smaller craft fairs but on a par with the annual one in Kidlington, and it ensures that we get serious crafters who produce good quality crafts that people want to buy. The bulk of our proceeds comes from the sale of stall space and our Fair is popular with serious stallholders because we are always well supported by our congregation and friends. There will again be a cake stall, second hand book stall and “St James Stall” in the foyer. We would be grateful for donations of home made cakes, pies, biscuits etc. both for the cake stall and to sell as

refreshments, books for the bookstall and for the St James Stall good new unwanted items or nearly new items, preserves, produce, and craft items that you have made yourself. We hope the craft fair will be as much of a success as it has been in the past – we usually make around £800 for St James for this event.

After this year the craft fair will take place every other year - so the next one will be in 2012 – it takes a lot of organising and I no longer have time to do it every year. This means it will alternate with the “Cowley Proms”. This will prevent the event becoming stale and predictable. It also leaves a space for anyone else who might like to organise a different type of event at that time of year! As usual we will be very grateful for your support in promoting this event to your friends and relatives. Details will appear in The Link nearer the time.

Pauline Shephard
pjs.oxford@ntlworld.com

CHURCHWARDEN'S REPORT

As a new Churchwarden I have had plenty of novel experiences and am more aware now of all the hard work that goes on behind the scenes taking part on the various committees I am expected to attend. There is some leadership required and also some large measure of servant-hood involved in being a Churchwarden. In a large way it is learning to be part of a team, one of which has been very supportive as I feel my way into a new role.

At the St James Centre you will no doubt have noticed the outside has had a lick or two of paint. There has been a defective section of cast iron gutter replaced and where there were loose tiles on the roof they have been replaced. This will all ensure the longevity and looks of the building.

We had an ideal opportunity to enjoy the facilities at our lovely building when we had our annual barbecue at the end of July. The weather was ideal and we could enjoy the garden and patio for cooking. Several of us donned aprons including myself. Howard and Jeremy, assisted by Rosemary, manned the barbecue grills. The highlight had to be Carol's special chicken barbecue prepared to a secret recipe

in an unknown location that received lavish praise. The catering team ably created salads and dessert.

There was such a good atmosphere with around 85 people including non regulars sitting inside and outside and enjoying great fellowship. We did have prayers answered for that event. Thanks again to everyone who was involved and partaking.

A long standing need at the centre has been to improve the acoustics. I am hopeful that this is now in hand for we have arranged to have acoustic tiles installed on the existing ceiling by contractors in the last week of August when the centre is least used and am hopeful that this will retain the looks but will improve the intelligibility for all users. The next chapter will be to fit a suitable sound system.....

On the church at St James we are moving towards fulfilling the maintenance requirements for the outside of the building involving mostly obvious repairs and repainting. Being a grade 2 listed House of Worship involves a long drawn out process of approval and so far we have been liaising with

the Church Architect and met up with the Diocesan Advisory Committee (DAC). We have to obtain the approval of the DAC before applying for a faculty and seeking possible grants and undertaking fund-raising. Please pray for this process in that we will be able to overcome obstacles and show perseverance and wisdom in managing this process. We have a lot to be grateful to God for in that the church has a sound roof and is not damp and is such a beautiful place which inspires worship.

Lastly I want to mention that I have been aware of what only can be best described as a sense of joy at some of the services and events recently and that this has come about through unplanned or unexpected outcomes. It was great to have our choir lead the singing in rounds the other Sunday - quite risky but made the service memorable and brought out our sense of humour. Lots of laughter then followed by a meditative and contemplative communion. We need to take some risks like this if we want to move forward and discover God's purposes.

Dave Stanley

HISTORIC CHURCHES SPONSORED RIDE AND STRIDE

This coming Saturday, 11th September, will see hundreds of church-goers from babies in buggies to folk in their nineties walking or riding from church-to-church not only in our diocese but throughout the country in order to raise money for a very good cause close to all our hearts – namely the preservation of the thousands of beautiful ancient and historic churches and chapels in Britain.

We, in our parish, raised a record £737 last year. Half of this went into parish funds and half to the Historic Churches Trust. That was truly magnificent and a figure to aim at this year.

If you have not yet signed up to take part and feel you would like to there are still sponsor sheets in church. If you would like to be a meeter/greeter, the lists of times are also available. Just to recap (or inform new participants) the idea for the riders/striders is that you choose a route which suits your capabilities between churches in whichever area you like. You have all day to visit these churches and

get your form signed. It is not a competition even if you meet super-fit enthusiasts on your journey who vow they have already visited 120 churches! It is however an opportunity to pop into those lovely churches you have always meant to visit.

The meeter/greeters are very important too. You are needed to sit in church for an hour or two with a friend (it is a great chance for a chat!) and greet those people who are whizzing round on their chosen route. You also offer them a drink and a biscuit or two. You do get to meet some lovely people from other parishes.

Please, please do get involved if you can. We have, in the past, had young families who have walked around the area with toddlers in pushchairs, children on scooters, even lads on skateboards. As long as you round up a few sponsors to make it worth your while I can promise you a rewarding day both for you, personally, for a good charity and for our parish.

I, Cowley

June 2010 saw the launch of I, Cowley, a new and innovative community heritage project inviting local people to build a living archive exploring the rise and rise of Oxford's multi-story urban village!

Backed by a £47,200 grant from the Heritage Lottery Fund, Fusion Arts Oxford have teamed up with the Ark-T Centre, Museum of Oxford, Oxfordshire Record Office and Oxfordshire Studies to deliver an exciting new project celebrating Cowley, Oxford. Well known for its landmark multi-storey car park and shopping complex, Cowley is central to the lives of many and the project will follow the area's growth from village to urban hub!

You can find out more from the notices which are displayed around Templar Square, from its

website www.icowley.info, and by going to the Ark T Centre, which is next to John Bunyan Church in Beauchamp Lane, on Thursdays between 10 am – 1 pm. The main aspects of this project are:

Virtual Scrapbook: You can bring your own family photos and interesting documents of Cowley life over the years to scan and add to the growing virtual scrapbook.

Photographic Portraits: Artist Giles Davies will be taking more unique portraits of Cowley people with a favourite possession. Be a part of this fascinating collection and receive a free copy of your portrait. Information and to book telephone 07956 656618

Walkabouts and talkabouts: Details of Dig Cowley are given in the Editor's letter. More special walks and talks are going to take place. All talks are free and to book a place or for more

information email mail@ark-t.org or phone Henrietta Gill on 07796 175492.

More to Come: A fusion Arts Project to celebrate and look at Cowley in a new light: Oral History Recordings, Creative Art Sessions, and a Spectacular Final Event that transforms the Cowley landscape overnight with a large outdoor projection of images from the project.

This all fits in so well with the marvellous articles Rosanne does on the History of Cowley, and illustrates the changes which have occurred particularly over the last eighty years since William Morris decided to set up his car factory in Cowley. If you have been born and brought up in Cowley it will bring back many memories and for those who have settled in Cowley this will give you very interesting information on how the present Cowley developed.

God in my life

When I was a little girl, my grandmother told me that without God in your life you have nothing. I have never forgotten this.

26 years ago my life could have changed for ever when my husband and I nearly lost one of our beautiful precious daughters to meningitis. Without God in my life, I would not have been able to cope with what was to follow, which turned out to be the worst 3 weeks of my life.

I was trying to get our eldest daughter who was only 6 ready for school but was having difficulty with her sister, who wanted to play and indeed thought she was in a park playing on the swings. I became alarmed when she jumped off the bed shouting push me mummy, push me. I quickly realised that something was very wrong. Having sorted the elder child off to school, with very little breakfast and a kindly neighbour, I rang my GP who was with me in no time at all.

When he asked me if I could get my daughter to hospital quicker than an ambulance, I felt sick and scared but somehow got myself into action, phoned my mum who was left to get my husband out of work and to the

hospital and off I went.

At the hospital we were met with a medical team wearing blue uniforms and masks. I still didn't understand what was going on!

A very nice Australian doctor told me that they were going to take our daughter away and we would need to go into quarantine as my GP had telephoned ahead to say he suspected meningitis. The next few hours were very frightening, we were told that after initial tests they thought it was meningitis but a lumbar puncture would confirm their diagnosis but it would be very painful and distressing for our child and one of us would need to be with her.

My husband nominated himself and when he came back I have never in my life seen him look so ill. Yes it was confirmed she had meningitis and had slipped into a coma after the test. Over a period of 3 weeks the hospital staff monitored her on a screen, she was hooked-up to lots of tubes and machines and we were told it was not looking good.

In all this time I did not question whether this was God's will, what I did do was to ask my family and friends to pray for us in organised

prayer sessions. My mother and mother-in-law who are staunch Christians went into action and we had a prayer group every day at the hospital throughout my daughter's illness.

One morning when I was feeling very low and crying in the corner of the hospital room, I heard a little voice asking why was I crying. I couldn't believe it; she had woken up and was trying to pull out all the medical equipment that she was hooked-up to. Our daughter had come back to us.

We were warned that even though she seemed coherent there could be brain damage, but

after extensive tests she was fine and asking to go home.

3 weeks later we left hospital with lots of instructions and a much stressed warning that she may become deaf. Luckily her hearing was fine and after attending numerous hospital appointments over a period of 2 years she at last had the all clear and in June this year celebrated her 30th birthday.

Without my Faith and God in my life I firmly believe we would not have our beautiful precious daughter today.

June Smith

Gardening

I am typing this just before I pack for our family holiday in Wales. Rain is forecast as usual. Our gardens have really suffered this year, watering plants doesn't really solve the problems. I have kept my tomatoes and courgettes watered, along with the runner beans, but the soft fruits have been very poor. Did you notice that I said 'tomatoes'? Yes! This year I have a better crop of fruits, and we have been eating beautiful small sweet yellow tomatoes. Yum! I also have some tomatillo plants. They have papery cases around the fruits which shrivel away leaving a fruit like a tomato. They taste unusual and apparently are good for salsa. We don't make salsa. Has anyone got any ideas please?

I have just received a gardening catalogue with many beautiful bulbs in it, but also two things

which caught my eye. I have no complaints about my neighbours, so I shall not be buying movement-activated hen and cockerel which cluck/crow or the quacking duck to alert me to people (or cats) in my space!

Cats! Now I love cats but three visiting animals, one of whom sleeps on my spare bed, are just too much for my little tabby. She hisses and swears, she is not a lady! But she is discerning. She is as fussy as a diva - I have planted some cat grass in a pot outside for her. Each of the cats ignores it, (although they happily eat her left-over food, even if she has not actually finished with it!). The grass in the garden is a better flavour for them, although most of it is still yellow, only near the tomato pots is it still green. Talking of cats – does any one else think that basil grown in the

kitchen makes the kitchen smell as if a cat has wet the floor? I think that I will have to grow it outside, the smell is upsetting me.

My neighbour dragged me to her garden to show off her lovely tall white tobacco plants. She bought them at our plant sale and wants the grower to know how pleased she is with them. I have found that you do read my articles, and I now have thousands of poppy seeds. So next year I will need to expand my garden to accommodate them!

Here I am talking about next year again. But this is one of the joys of gardening - there is always more to do, different plans and plants, more fun (more work!).

Have fun.

Diana Pope

HARVEST LUNCH

We shall be celebrating Harvest Festival this year on 26 September with our usual Sunday morning services. The celebration lunch on the same day will be served in the Church Centre at 12.30 pm. It goes without saying that all are invited, including St Francis folk who are guaranteed to make any occasion go with a swing. Amazingly the catering team are only pricing the tickets at £5 each (How do they do it, I wonder?). Tickets will soon be on sale at Tuesday Lunch Club and Sunday coffee after church. St Francis people can reserve their tickets by ringing Chris Woodman on 778078. There are only places for 72 guests, so once you have decided to celebrate Harvest Home snap up your tickets.

Rosanne

KNITTING FOR SEPTEMBER

I have been gratified by the interest shown in knitting little hats for Age UK. I did suggest that we could have a group or groups to share our knitting skills and this has received some interest. I know of one group of older people who meet to knit and chatter, and I am sure that there are more, with the potential for even more. Do share your meetings with us, or let me know if you are interested in starting/coming to one. After church at St. Francis, a lot of chat and advice is already available over coffee. At the moment quite a lot of this advice is about knitting. We are always pleased to accept double knitting wool, hear about people who like making pompoms, admire the work and encourage each other.

Diana Pope, tel. 432630



THE FIRST CHRISTIANS

It was at Antioch that the Jewish followers of Christ first became known as Christians. They had moved away from Jerusalem partly to escape persecution, and also to spread the Good News of the Gospel which they had been commanded to do.

Antioch was a fine city by any standards in the ancient world, and it was not far from Jerusalem. Furthermore, Jewish merchants had strong links with trade in the city and had visited it regularly. So it was a natural choice as a starting point of the movement of Christianity into the Eastern Roman Empire. At that time it was under Roman Governance though it had previous Hellenistic Syrian Roots. After Olympia in Greece, Antioch had the most famous Games in the world and its Chariot Races were legendary. It had a two mile long main street, the first in the world to be paved with marble. A great market ran along that street covered with pillared arcades and backed by great merchant houses and city temples. Excavations in the City suburbs have revealed the finest mosaics of the Ancient World. In short, on the face of it there were all the trappings of a great civilization, but there was a darker side too, partly connected with their ancient Gods. There was cruelty and immorality and a lot of people lived in a climate of fear and uncertainty.

It was this sort of thing that the first Christians had to contend with. In some ways it worked in their favour with their message of love and peace and certainty. At first they had great success with their converts both amongst the Jews and the Pagans. Then came the backlash driven by jealousy and hatred. The final break came when the Jews would no longer accept their message, and they were forced to leave the synagogues. It must have been very traumatic for them after their long tradition of corporate close-knit worship throughout the centuries. They had no other ready made places to worship in, and so they had to make do with whatever they could find – in private homes, in caves and wherever there was some shelter from the weather.

Yet Christianity prospered and expanded throughout the ancient world, eventually reaching even Rome itself. After a period of intense persecution during which many Christians lost their lives, the Emperor Constantine finally embraced Christianity and became a convert.

We owe a great debt to those first Christians who faced adversity with great faith and courage.

John Shreeve

SPONSORED HYMN SING

A sponsored hymn sing, I thought I would like to have a go at that.

Then I thought, who would sponsor me?

I cannot see the words in the hymn books

I am completely tone deaf and cannot sing a note

I am asthmatic and lose my voice easily

Who on earth would sponsor me?

I asked my two children, they could not refuse could they?

A friend volunteered to contribute and then four church friends asked to sponsor me!

I was surprised at all this.

With the help of another church friend I went along and 'sang' for two hours and enjoyed it very much

I sang in tongues, as I do on a Sunday, I put off my neighbours with my tunelessness and I lost my voice.

I raised £30 into the bargain.

Una

ST JAMES' HYMN SINGING MARATHON

As promised our marathon hymn-sing was lots of fun. Our three organists, Mark, Brian and Patrick, led the singing with huge enthusiasm, each with his own individual style, trying out different tunes to much loved familiar hymns. They were brilliant and we owe them great thanks – we could not have done it without them.

We could not have raised the amazing sum of £410 without your support either. Those of us who waved sponsor forms under your noses would like to say thank you for your generosity. Of course the whole day was an excuse to raise useful funds for the parish while having a bit of fun (aren't most of our projects like that?) and it was fun. Throughout the ten hours of singing about 25 parishioners popped into St James Church. Some stayed for ages, some made several visits and they all enjoyed themselves. There is something a bit crazy about singing "In the deep midwinter" or "O come all ye faithful" on a sunny Saturday morning in July, but that is what we did.

We sustained ourselves with coffee, tea, cake, biscuits, bread-rolls, cheese, ham, etc, as is our parish tradition, and the whole event turned into something of a party with God very much in the middle of it all. Patrick was so swept away with the atmosphere and the gusto of the singing that he has suggested that we should do another hymn-sing in the winter at St Francis. How about it St Francis folk? I, for one, would love it. You have got a lovely warm church and lots of room. February might be a good month. I promise you I will be there.

Rosanne

SYNOD REPORT

Our July Deanery synod meeting was held at St Mary's, Bayswater. Christine Woodman and I attended. The subject of the meeting was Mission in the Deanery. It was a little confusing at times, the acoustics were poor and there was a lot of background noise - for starters the church is very close to the Green Road roundabout.

Mr Michael Beasley from the Diocese spoke about Mission. He summed it up by saying that God's purpose was to love, teach and encourage everyone until the end of time. Our purpose should be to help God in this work.

Mission is extending God's word gently and is not soap box preaching.

After coffee and biscuits we broke into our groups. Cowley was aligned with Iffley, for discussion on how we could further mission in our parishes. We had been told the Bishop of Oxford would have some input into the proceedings in the future.

We then had an open discussion. Several of the groups appeared to be a little confused. In our group we felt that we would do better working in our own parishes rather than being linked to another. The general feeling was that no one wished to be evangelists, we deplored the idea of trying to confront people but we felt that we could best help in the process of mission by example. It was suggested that we extend our outreach by having open meetings in our areas and encourage the local communities to attend.

Christine and I left feeling that we could do nothing without consulting our clergy team.

Una

ST FRANCIS NEWS

This summer has been a fairly low key period for St Francis. We have obviously missed Susannah, our team Vicar, who has been ill for much of the time, so that no major decisions have been made. However, the good news is that our prayers have been answered, and she is now much better and is beginning to ease herself quietly into harness again.

As usual, a few very dedicated and committed people have prepared the church and lined up the services for Sunday worship. We are particularly grateful to Patrick, our organist, and his wife, Lydia, who have faithfully motored in every Sunday from their home in the country, which is quite a long way. They always arrive early and immediately set about the last minute preparations for the service. They have liaised closely with Norah, our Church Warden, and the visiting clergy, so that things run smoothly. Patrick puts a lot of enthusiasm and expertise into his organ playing, and a lot of thought into choosing the right hymns.

Congregations have fluctuated a bit during the holiday period, but whatever the numbers, there has always been some very sincere worship going on.

The high point of our calendar has been our Fun Day/Fete which took place recently. It seemed to come together quite well without a great deal of detailed planning beforehand. There was the usual faithful band of stall holders who had worked hard to prepare and make things to sell on the day, particularly on the crafts side. There were plenty of home-made cakes, and Lyn and Shirley had made some very original sweets which were popular with the youngsters. So, all the ingredients were there for a good day, which was enjoyed by all who took part. However, the volume of people who came through the door to spend some money was greatly reduced from last year. It is easy to be wise after the event, but I think our timing could have been better. A lot of people were still on holiday, which made a big difference, and in the present economic climate people are

thinking more about any extra money they spend. In the event our takings were about half of what we achieved last year, some £220. There would have been more but we had to pay for the hire of a Bouncy Castle which we had hoped would help to draw people in. Nevertheless, it was a good corporate social event which drew people together in a common cause.

On the question of raising money, it was good to see St Francis involved in Christian Aid this year, and thanks to some firm leadership by Frank Butler quite a respectable sum was raised.

Our next big event will be our St Francis Day celebrations, our 80th, and we are meeting shortly to plan these. Some of us hope that we can get away from the usual Bring and Share lunch and do something a bit special, but we shall have to see.

John Shreeve

DID YOU KNOW?

Did you know that Stagecoach now runs a bus service to and from Cowley Centre once a day from Monday to Friday? It is the number 86. It starts at 10.45 am from Glebelands and goes via Lye Valley, Coverley Road, Bulan Road, Hollow Way, Cranmer Road, Brasenose Driftway, Fletcher Road, Yeats Close, White Road, Oliver Road, Fern Hill Road and so to the Centre, putting the passengers down at the Nelson.

There are no designated bus stops but if you stand on the pavement and hold out your hand the bus will stop and pick you up anywhere along the route.

The bus returns at 12.25 pm either from the Nelson or one of the bus stops on the other side of the road (check with the driver before you leave the bus). You can of course get off where you got on in the first place. Wonderful if it is close to your home and you have shopping to carry!

Maureen Chatterton

SAINT OF THE MONTH St Matthew

If anyone had told Matthew, as a young man, that he would be revered as a saint, an apostle with the symbol of an angel, it is very doubtful that he would have believed them. His name originally was Levi and he was a tax collector, a career which made him one of the least popular people in his area.

He was born in first century Judea. He was a Galilean, son of Alpheus. His tax office was situated in Capernaum and he was responsible for collecting taxes for Herod Antipas during the Roman occupation. The Hebrew people did not just resent the position he held they hated it especially as it was a lucrative job. He was a comparatively rich man.

It was in this setting that Jesus

called him to be one of the Twelve Disciples. After his calling he invited Jesus to dine with him. Jesus, of course, accepted which caused the Scribes and Pharisees to try to stir up trouble. They criticised Jesus for eating with tax-collectors and sinners. Jesus retorted "I came not to call the righteous but sinners."

As a disciple of Jesus, Matthew witnessed many important events during our Lord's three years' ministry, most notably the Resurrection and Ascension. He was no longer Levi, the tax collector. He was present in the Upper Room at Pentecost. He is often paired with St Thomas in his subsequent ministry. They remained in Jerusalem and for fifteen years Matthew preached the Gospel in Hebrew to the

Jewish community. He was probably spurred on even more after the martyrdom of his friend, Thomas. Later on he travelled to Gentile nations, namely Ethiopia, Macedonia, Persia and Parthia. It is believed that he died a natural death, possibly in Ethiopia or Macedonia.

It is said that he wrote the first gospel somewhere near Jerusalem for Hebrew Christians. The original was kept at the Library of Caesarea. It was translated into Greek but that copy was lost.

Like other evangelists Matthew is often depicted in art as one of the four living creatures of Revelations (4:7). His is the form of the winged man, or angel. His special day is September 21st.

PARK – JOHN ALLEN CENTRE

There has been a lot of concern about the condition of the park area and the new play area so I have tried to find out more about the maintenance arrangements.

The area is maintained by Oxford City Council, that carries out a litter pick of the area twice a week. Further to that, a review of litter picking throughout Oxford is being undertaken over the coming month to assess which areas require increased visits from the litter picking team. Whilst the Oxford City Council endeavours to keep the park tidy and clear of litter, being so close to the centre itself poses a challenge as debris is often blown from site and into the park, and the management of Templar Square have been made aware of the issues raised by the public and members of the litter picking team.

You will see that during August work started on opening the area up to allow more natural supervision of the site which, evidence show, cuts

down anti-social behaviour. Also, some basic maintenance has been lined up over the next couple of months to assist in tidying the site whilst waiting to see if funding can be found for a fuller project.

The new play area is well used and obviously enjoyed by the many children who use it. However, there are concerns that the area has not been fenced to ensure the safety of children and keep dogs out of the area surrounding the play equipment. Also, there is no seating facing the play area for parents/grandparents to use, and very limited number of litter bins in the area. What are your views on this? Do you feel the play area should be fenced and more seating and litter bins provided?

PLEASE LET US KNOW WHAT YOU THINK. IF YOU SHARE THE CONCERNS ALREADY EXPRESSED IT IS SOMETHING WE CAN FOLLOW UP WITH OUR CITY COUNCILLOR AND OXFORD CITY COUNCIL.

Sally

RECIPES

With plenty of apples and tomatoes around at the moment this seems a good time to stock up with lovely chutneys for the winter and treat yourself to a piece of apple cake

APPLE AND TOMATO CHUTNEY

2 lbs apples	½ oz mustard seed
2 lbs tomatoes	½ oz curry powder
Clove of garlic	½ level teaspoon Cayenne pepper
¾ lb onions	Salt to taste
8 oz dried fruit	1 ½ pints malt vinegar
12 oz sugar	

1. Peel, core and stew the apples until they are pulpy (use only very little water for this) in a large pan.
2. Chop onions, garlic and tomatoes.
3. Add dried fruit, vegetables and sugar to apples.
4. Put the mustard seed in a little bag (a clean, old hanky will do) and add this with the other spices and salt to the other ingredients.
5. Pour the vinegar over and cook gently for about 2 hours. Be careful not to let your mixture burn, stir occasionally.
6. Remove the bag of mustard seeds and pot the chutney in sterilized pots, cover and label.



MOIST DORSET APPLE CAKE

1 large Bramley apple, about 225g	125g cold butter, diced
225g self raising flour	125g caster sugar, plus 1 tbsp for dredging
1 tsp baking powder	Finely grated zest of 1 lemon
½ tsp mixed spice	2 medium eggs, beaten

1. Preheat the oven to 190°C, gas mark 5 and lightly grease a 20cm spring-form cake tin. Peel the apple, cut into quarters and remove the core. Reserve one of the apple quarters and dice the rest.
2. Sift the flour, baking powder and mixed spice into a large bowl. Rub in the diced butter to form fine breadcrumbs.
3. Stir in the sugar, diced apple and lemon zest, then gradually stir in the beaten eggs to form a stiff mixture. Spoon into the prepared tin and level the surface with the back of a spoon. Thinly slice the reserved apple quarter and arrange on top of the cake.
4. Bake for 30-40 minutes, until springy to the touch. Dredge with the remaining sugar, then leave to cool in the tin for 10 minutes. Turn out on to a wire rack to cool completely, then slice and serve with clotted cream.

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Sunday Services

ST JAMES' CHURCH, BEAUCHAMP LANE

8.00 am Holy Communion

10.00 am Sung Eucharist

Every fourth Sunday: *Church at the Centre*

Every third Sunday: *Sunday Lunch*

ST FRANCIS' CHURCH, HOLLOW WAY

10.30 am Parish Eucharist

Mid-Week Services & Meetings

Monday 8.15 am Morning Prayer – St James
2.30 pm Parish Mothers' Union –
St James (3rd Mon)

Tuesday 8.15 am Morning Prayer – St James
10.00 am Seashells Toddler Group : St James
12.00 pm Eucharist – St James
12.30 pm Tuesday Lunch Club – St James
2.30 pm Friends of St Francis –
St Francis (2nd & 4th)

Wednesday 8.15 am Morning Prayer – St James
9.15 am Morning Prayer – St Francis

Thursday 8.15 am Morning Prayer – St James

Friday 8.15 am Morning Prayer – St James
5.30 pm Evening Prayer – St James

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