

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS 24 September 2017 **fifteenth Sunday after Trinity, proper 20**
Harvest thanksgiving Jonah 3 : 10-end 4 Philippians 1: 21 - end Matthew 20 : 1-16

PARISH DATES – EVENTS – MEETINGS *at St Francis unless otherwise stated*

Mon 25 Sep 2:15 pm **Second Parish walk - to Sandford** *meet at St James Centre*
 Sat 30 Sep **National Prayer Weekend stall** *Templars Square*
 Sun 1 Oct 10:30 am **Parish joint celebration Family Eucharist for St Francis Day**
followed by a bring and share lunch no 10:00 am service at St James
 Sun 22 Oct 12:15 pm **PCC meeting postponed from Sunday 1 Oct**

HARVEST THANKSGIVING **Saturday 23 September 10:00-11:30** please come and share in the task of decorating the church – bring flowers, fruit, vegetables, CEF donations (*see below*)

SINGING PRACTICE 11:30 stay and enjoy a relaxed time singing the hymns and songs we will enjoy at worship over the next few weeks

Sunday 24 September in both churches, followed by a Parish harvest lunch at St James Centre – please sign the list for that by Tuesday £5

Gifts as usual will be for the **Community Emergency Foodbank**, based here : these items are currently needed ** indicates most urgently

** UHT/long life milk	** long life fruit juice	** sugar
** tinned vegetables (<i>but not tomatoes or pulses</i>)	** tinned & packeted puddings	tinned fruit
** jams/other spreads	tinned meat	bottled sauces
cereals	biscuits	practical toiletries
coffee	hot chocolate	

When donating food please ensure that items have a 'sell by date' of at least 3 months, which is clearly marked Cash donations are also welcome, of course www.cefoxford.co.uk/

RIDE OR STRIDE **Saturday 9 September THANK YOU to all who rode or strode - Dave Stanley, Graham Coleman (the Treasurer's other half), Harriet Stevens and Lesley Williams (who has just sponsored herself following your generous support of her wingwalk); and to those who stewarded and warmly welcomed visitors** If you sponsored anyone and haven't yet paid up, please do so soon! Retrospective sponsors are also welcome – the money is split between the Parish and the Oxfordshire Historic Churches Trust – which also funds repair work for us!
June Smith ☎430 835 ✉junesmith@ntlworld.com

BIBLE BOOK CLUB continues **Tuesday 26 September 3:30 at the Rectory – Hosea 7:30 pm in the Ranklin Room – Romans** Please try to read the book(s) in advance see www.biblesociety.org.uk/explore-the-bible/bible-book-club/how-to-run-a-book-club/

PARISH WALKING GROUP 11 of us enjoyed strolling to **Iffley** last Monday and along the towpath as far as the Isis Farmhouse, followed by a cup of tea at the Prince of Wales and return **The next walk is also on a Monday** but we will vary the days for working people after that...
Monday 25 September 2:15 from St James Centre – to Iffley again and then the towpath to Sandford with tea there – bus or walk back contact **Sally Hemsworth** *see details below*

PARISH SEASIDE HOLIDAY places are available on the holiday to **Eastbourne from Monday, 10 September 2018 for four nights; £339** but we need a minimum of 30. Please speak to/contact **Pat Chambers ☎ 01235 799 717** or **Sally Hemsworth ☎ 774 776**
 ✉ office@cowleyteamministry.co.uk for more details. It seems a very long way ahead but numbers need to be confirmed and deposits paid to secure coach and hotel booking

THE LONELINESS OF LOSS **Saturday 23 September, 9:30 for 10:00 to 12:30 at Headington Baptist Church, Old High Street OX3 9HW** Loss is a universal human experience - the morning will involve talks and group work exploring the responsive pastoral care in our churches and community situations **FREE but booking essential – talk to Chris or John Booty ☎770 836** or e-mail ray@archwayfoundation.org.uk

HYMNS OF PRAISE **Saturday 23 September, 7:00 pm at St Andrew's Church, Linton Road, North Oxford** presented by **Christian broadcaster Pam Rhodes**. Join the church choir and friends to sing favourite hymns and hear their stories **Fundraising for the church's Jubilee building**
Tickets on the door : £5 adults & concessions

Welcome to our service at St Francis this morning!
please take this leaflet home and reread/share it

a toilet is available in the side corridor
 a hearing loop for those with hearing aids is fitted in the church
 gluten free wafers are available for communion – let the welcomers know if you need one

WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

TODAY	10:30 am	ALL AGE EUCHARIST <i>Celebrant & preacher : Geoff Bayliss</i>	
	1:45 pm	Anglican Asian Living Church <i>followed by a time of fellowship & food</i>	<i>St James St James Centre</i>
Monday 18	10:00 am	Little Stars	<i>St Francis</i>
	2:30 pm	Parish Mothers' Union <i>Mark Oxbrow</i>	<i>St James Centre</i>
Tuesday 19	10:00 am	Seashells	<i>St James Centre</i>
	12:00 pm	Holy Communion	<i>Ranklin Room</i>
	12:30 pm	Lunch club	<i>St James Centre</i>
	7:30 pm	Social & mission planning meeting <i>all welcome!</i>	<i>88 Temple Road</i>
Thursday 21	2:00 pm	Prayer space	<i>St Francis</i>
	7:30 pm	Praying with the bells, local house of prayer	<i>St James</i>
Friday 22	7:00 pm	Hillsong singing group	<i>The Rectory</i>
Saturday 23	10:00 am	Decorating the church for Harvest	<i>St Francis</i>
	11:30 am	Singing practice	<i>St Francis</i>
Sunday 24 <i>Trinity 15</i>	10:30 am	FAMILY HARVEST EUCHARIST <i>with Sunday Club</i> <i>Celebrant : Mark Oxbrow Preacher : Mandy Watts</i>	
	12:30 pm	Parish harvest lunch	<i>St James Centre</i>
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