

**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 9:30 am Gardening working party – to attack what most urgently needs pruning, clearing, digging  
 Sat 30 Sep National Prayer Weekend stall St James Centre  
 Sun 1 Oct 10:30 am Parish joint celebration Family Eucharist for St Francis Day St Francis Templars Square  
 followed by a bring and share lunch – please sign the list  
 NO 10:00 am service at St James  
 Sun 22 Oct 12:15 pm PCC meeting postponed from Sunday 1 Oct St Francis

**HARVEST THANKSGIVING - DECORATING THE CHURCH** Thursday 21 September, 9:30 am  
 contributions of flowers, fruit and vegetables and CEF donations can be brought to St James Centre on Tuesday morning or the church on Thursday morning

**CELEBRATION** 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  
**Harvest gifts** will as usual be for the Community Emergency Foodbank, based at St Francis : these items are currently needed \*\* indicates most urgently

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

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](http://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 on 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/](http://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 before return  
**The next walk is also on a Monday** but we promise to 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 ☎ 774 776 office@cowleyteamministry.co.uk

**PARISH SEASIDE HOLIDAY** places are available on the holiday to Eastbourne from Monday, 10 September 2018 for four nights. Please speak to/contact Pat Chambers ☎ 01235 799 717 or Sally Hemsworth ☎ 774 776 ✉office@cowleyteamministry.co.uk for more details.

**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 **Tickets on the door : £5 adults + concessions**

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**Sunday 17 September 2017**  
**the fourteenth Sunday after Trinity**

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



A toilet is available in the adjacent St James Centre

We have a hearing loop ; please switch your hearing-aid to the "T" setting

Gluten free wafers are available for communion – let the welcome know if you need one

**What's on this week**

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|---------------------------------------|-----------------|---|-----------------------------|
| <b>TODAY</b>                          | <b>8:00 am</b>  | <b>Holy Communion</b><br><i>Celebrant : Geoff Bayliss Preacher : Mark Oxbrow</i>                  |                             |
|                                       | <b>10:00 am</b> | <b>FAMILY EUCHARIST</b> <i>Children's Church</i><br><i>Celebrant &amp; preacher : Mark Oxbrow</i> |                             |
|                                       | <b>12:00 pm</b> | St James Church committee   | St James Centre             |
|                                       | <b>1:45 pm</b>  | Anglican Asian Living Church<br><i>followed by a time of fellowship and food</i>                  | St James<br>St James Centre |
| <b>Monday 18</b>                      | <b>2:30 pm</b>  | Parish Mothers' Union <i>Mark Oxbrow</i>  | St James Centre             |
| <b>Tuesday 19</b>                     | <b>10:00 am</b> | Seashells   | St James Centre             |
|                                       | <b>12:00 pm</b> | Holy Communion  | Ranklin Room                |
|                                       | <b>12:30 pm</b> | Lunch club  | St James Centre             |
|                                       | <b>7:30 pm</b>  | Social & mission planning meeting <i>all welcome!</i>   | 88 Temple Road              |
| <b>Thursday 21</b>                    | <b>9:30 am</b>  | Decorating the church for Harvest   | St James                    |
|                                       | <b>12:00 pm</b> | Choir practice  | St James Centre             |
|                                       | <b>2:00 pm</b>  | Prayer space  | St Francis                  |
|                                       | <b>7:30 pm</b>  | Praying with the bells, local house of prayer   | St James                    |
| <b>Friday 22</b>                      | <b>7:00 pm</b>  | Hillsong singing group  | The Rectory                 |
| <b>Sunday 24</b><br><i>Trinity 15</i> | <b>8:00 am</b>  | Holy Communion  |                             |
|                                       | <b>10:00 am</b> | Family Eucharist <i>with Children's Church</i><br><i>Celebrant &amp; preacher : Geoff Bayliss</i> |                             |
|                                       | <b>12:30 pm</b> | Parish Harvest lunch  | St James Centre             |
|                                       | <b>1:45 pm</b>  | Anglican Asian Living Church<br><i>followed by a time of fellowship &amp; food</i>                | St James<br>St James Centre |

**Parish Office :** St James Church Centre ☎747 680  
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*both phones are monitored regularly by volunteers*

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