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**Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfil the law of Christ.
Galations 6:2 (NIV)**

Lord, in your earthly life you always made time for people. Help us to develop listening ears and hearts and enable us to be more willing to listen than to speak, for the sake of Jesus who understood suffering and cares about those who suffer today.

Amen

CHRONICLE

Editorial Team- Sally Hemsworth, Nicki Stevens

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If possible, please send entries by email to Sally at chronicle@cowleyteamministry.co.uk.

Paper contributions should be left at Parish Office for the attention of Sally.

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PASTORAL NETWORK

Hands up everyone who attends St James Church! You are part of the St James Pastoral Network – oh yes you are! A list of names will be available soon when you will be able to check that:

- (a) your name is on the list, and
- (b) who your Link Person and Buddy is.

At St James there are 13 Linkers and at the moment 7 Buddies. These lovely people are not saying that they have 'perfect' lives with 'perfect' families, with no difficulties or problems in their own lives but they are saying that being part of the Community of St James Church is being there for each other. As our Core Values put it: 'we are called to serve one another, to be an encouragement to those who are having a hard time, to sing and laugh and cry together in the journey of life.'

These Linkers and Buddies want to have communication with those they are linked with and may well ask you how you are! If your usual pattern of church attendance varies for some reason, they might well phone you to see if everything is OK with you. It's part of us all caring for each other. It's a showing-love role. The Buddy role is not onerous, simply a named person who does what most of us in the congregation do, care for one another. They also seek to offer support to the Linker, looking out for the folk on the Linker's list if the Link Person is absent from church for instance; maybe committing to saying a quick prayer once in a while for those people; perhaps coming to our quarterly Network meetings with or instead of the Linker. We are looking for more Buddies – could you be one?

At present St Francis have a similar system and will be joining Pastoral Network meetings to ensure both churches work along the same lines.

Of course the Pastoral Network is not a substitute for being friends and having friends! We at church are Church Family and friendships are valued. I recently heard a Christian Speaker say 'being a Christian is simple but not easy', let's be active in looking after each other.

We continually review the way the system works, and our next Pastoral Network meeting is on 19th July at 3.30 pm, when we will be meeting over tea in the Rectory Garden.

Jill Ling

SAFEGUARDING

As Christians, we are all of course committed to protecting and safeguarding children, young people and vulnerable adults; we are on track to ensuring that all our Parish officers and volunteers who have any contact with or the chance to influence children, young people or vulnerable adults or who have access to confidential information or who visit parishioners in their homes comply with the latest Anglican training requirements.

We have now run the on line **Basic awareness course (C0)** 5 times at St James Centre – that's for the majority of our volunteer officers. It covers the whole spectrum of safeguarding and is especially adapted to church life and values. It can be followed individually as can the **Foundation course (C1)**, but that will also be a delivered course on a Saturday morning, hopefully in July, for those working with children & young people or visiting homes.

For certain Parish roles there will also be **C2, S1 and S2** courses.

If you are a: verger, sidesperson/welcomer, flower arranger, bell ringer, office volunteer, reader, chalice administrator, coffee server, church committee member, PCC member, Children's Church/Sunday Club leader, Little Stars/Seashells worker, Open the Book team member, church warden, choir leader, pastoral team member, prayer space leader, volunteer driver **you should have received a letter or e-mail from Lesley. If you have slipped through the net, *please contact Lesley immediately.***

Just a few people are still to sign up for C0 – we may have to run one more session for them.

Anyone else who recognises that **Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility** is welcome to study the course – speak to Lesley Williams, Parish Safeguarding Officer

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UNA'S CORNER

St Lukes Church

I was interested in David Cook's description of the laying of the stone at St Luke's. I was born in 1937 and I do remember that my father and lots of people of his generation called the church the Works Church because Billy Morris alias Lord Nuffield gave the money for it. It was a very big church. My first memories of Cowley churches were when Father Whye was vicar.

When the Rev Patrick Parry-Okeden was our vicar he was leaving St Luke's one day when something fell before his eyes and landed with a crash at his feet. It was one of the hands from the clock on the tower. It was very large at close quarters, metal and very heavy. If Patrick had been a fraction of a second earlier it would have fallen on his head and in all probability killed him.

In St Luke's the organ was in the chancel, on the right with the organist with his back to the choir stalls. The organ went to a church in Australia after the church closed.

It was a very good church for large parades and we used it for Guide parades. I was Division Commissioner for City 1 for the Guides, that is for the area of the city East of Magdalen Bridge. I remember one Division Church Parade years ago when I insulted the Mayor of Oxford – it could have been the Lord Mayor I am not sure if the promotion had been made. I organised the seating so that the Brownies occupied the front seats as I felt that was the best place for them to see what was going on. I put the Mayor and his entourage immediately behind the Brownies, he was in his regalia and chain. Behind him were the Guides with adults at the back.

The mayor's sergeant came to me and said that I had insulted the Mayor, he should have been put at the front. I was horrified. I went over to the mayor and apologised to him and said I did not intend any insult, I just wanted the Brownies to be able to see what was going on at the front of the church. He was very gracious and said he was happy where he was. I offered to move some Brownies and put him in front but he would not hear of that.

My parents were invited to the Lord Mayor's for a drink when my son was a small boy in a pushchair, and I went with him. This was Evan Roberts the first Lord Mayor of Oxford. Lionel Harrison was the last Mayor of Oxford.

Sunnyside Estate – Further information

At the bottom of the gardens of houses situated in Bleache Place, Wilkins Road and Marshall Road there was a stretch of land (the entrance to which was in Marshall Road). On this land was Mr Payne's bakery. The family lived in one of the houses in Bleache Place. I recall being sent to buy bread, taking the necessary 4½d, and picking at the warm bread and eating it whilst taking the bread home. They delivered bread on a horse and cart. The horse's name was Maggie! At Christmas time Mr Payne would cook people's Christmas dinners for them.

Mary Biggs



BIBLE SOCIETY 'MORE THAN A BOOK' REGISTRATION

If you order anything on line or by phone from the Bible Society, please use the unique Parish reference number 12044 *or* select the 'Parish of Cowley' from the drop down menu when placing an order and we will benefit from the 'More than a book' cash back scheme. It is that easy! We earned £3 from a recent 'Open the Book' resources order.

Do look at the on line shop – Bibles, prayer books, cards, courses, fiction, dvds etc.

<https://www.biblesociety.org.uk/products/>

DIARY DATES TO REMEMBER

Mothers' Union

Monthly Meeting on 3rd Monday of month from 2.15 pm, 18th June 2018 - Pilgrimage/Picnic to Bartlemas Chapel, East Oxford
Meeting at St James Church Centre at 2.15 pm

Women's Institute

Monthly Meeting on 3rd Wednesday of month from 2 – 4.30 pm, St James Church Centre
20th June 2018
St James Church Centre

Gardening

Last Saturday of the month – Gardening at St James Church/St James Church Centre

Parish Walk

4 June 2018 – Wolvercote, along the canal to Oxford
11.15 am at Barns Road bus stop, to get the bus to Oxford or 12.00 – 12.15 pm at The Plough, Wolvercote. Walk will start at 1.15 - 1.30 pm

Film Club

Friday, 8 June 2018 – “The Book Thief”
St James Church Centre, commencing at 6.30 pm with coffee and cake

Sunday Lunch

Sunday 17th June 2018, at 12.30pm
St James Church Centre

Mission and Social Planning Meeting

Monday, 16th July 2018 at 7.30 pm
88 Temple Road

PCC Meeting

Sunday 10th June 2018, at 12.45pm
St James Church Centre

Local History Group

Wednesday, 27 June 2018, at 7 – 8.30 pm
The Venue, Barns Road
The History Centre, Temple Road

Beetle Drive with BYO Pudding, Cake, Drinks

Saturday, 16 June 2018 at 6 pm
St Francis Church

Sunday Lunch

Sunday, 17 June 2018, at 12.45 pm
St James Church Centre

Christian Aid Quiz Aid

Friday, 29 June 2018, at 7 pm

Ordination of Gemma Beesley, Curate

Saturday, 30 June 2018

Christ Church Cathedral

Joint Parish Eucharist for Gemma Beesley

With bring and share lunch

Sunday, 1 July 2018, at 10 am

St James Church/St James Church Centre

Pastoral Network Meeting

Thursday, 19 July 2018, 3.30 pm

The Rectory

Youth Café

Saturday, 21 July 2018, 10 am

St James Church Centre

St James Pastoral

Sunday, 22 July 2018, at 4 pm

Big Sing worship and strawberry cream tea

St James Church Centre

REMEMBER: Tuesday lunches at St James Church Centre from 12.30 pm

FROM THE ARCHIVES

Cowley Church & Parish Magazine

JUNE 1966

COWLEY FATHERS

On May 6 the Society of St John the Evangelist celebrated its centenary. The Cowley Fathers are especially close to the parish of Cowley as their founder, Fr Benson, was Vicar of this parish before he moved nearer into Oxford and with two others started the Society. Many people who now live in this parish once worshipped in the Cowley Fathers' church in Iffley Road, and many have a great affection for the Fathers. Mr John Sawyer, now a worshipper at St Luke's, recalls his boyhood with the Cowley Fathers:

When the Church festivals of Christmas, Easter and Whitsun occur each year, I am reminded of my early days with the Cowley Fathers. Maybe you do not know what a boat boy is, so I will explain:

He is the small boy who carries a metal vessel filled with incense and shaped like a boat, hence the name. During procession he walks on the left of the server who swings the censer, and when necessary puts more incense on the charcoal with a small spoon. I well remember walking in procession round the Cowley Fathers' church with Brother Gregory. He was very tall, large and jovial. When we turned a corner, he swung the censer right over three times, and then he opened it and held it under my nose so that I might put more incense in. The incense made my eyes water and I always felt that Brother Gregory was chuckling to himself.

It was Brother Robert who taught me the duties of a server and I spent many quiet hours with him learning how to carry a candle, when to move, kneel or sit during services. Brother Robert was an albino, that is, although young, he had white hair and pink eyes. I noticed his eyes especially because I painted his portrait. They were a very beautiful colour. As he was not allowed to possess anything, he gave the portrait to his mother. He used to come to our home, always at tea time and was the only person allowed to sit in my father's chair. This was a large Windsor chair with arms and when my father came in, Brother Robert would get up, but my father always told him to stay where he was. We all liked him very much.

When I served at the 8 o'clock service, I was allowed to be late for school. After the service, the Father and I had our breakfast together in the Mission House. The cook in those days was Fr. Strong. He stood at the door of the kitchen as I came away from the table and beckoning to me would fill my pockets with oranges and apples 'for play-time'.

Palm Sunday was a great day for us ⁷ servers. During the procession we car-

signed by Fr. Bull 1903. He became Superior when Fr. Benson was ageing.

I well remember Fr. Benson preaching his last sermon during Evensong. I believe he was then about 90 years old and had to be helped up the steps of the pulpit.

Fr. O'Brien who died a few years ago was my last link with the Cowley Fathers. In my young days he was a Sunday school teacher. I also knew Fr. Turner who was drowned while trying to rescue a boy in the sea.

The Fathers used to give us servers and choirboys great treats. I remember going with them to Bournemouth when it was white cliffs before the promenade was built and another time we went to London, visiting the Tower and St. Paul's. We were given a special treat at Christmas in the Mission House with tables loaded with all sorts of good things.

I hope I have not given the impression that I remember the Cowley



Our new Curate Gemma Beesley is to be Ordained Deacon on Saturday 30th June at 2 pm.

We are invited to join her in the Cathedral. I suggest you arrive early to get a choice of seating!

Please pray for her and her family. We are so looking forward to her joining us.



CHRISTIAN AID WEEK 13-19 May <https://www.christianaid.org.uk/christian-aid-week/>

We proved that in Cowley TOGETHER WE'RE STRONGER THAN THE STORMS with.....

The Big Brekkie on Sunday 13 May: 25 of us enjoyed the usual Sunday breakfast crumpets, croissants and toast plus Big Brekkie bacon butties and scrambled egg with extra special smoked salmon! and even fresh fruit - and donated £152.

A coffee morning on Wednesday 16 May: 25 guests chatted over delicious cakes at Lyn and David Lord's home – thanks to them for the hospitality and all who contributed cakes and cash - £155

The charity stall at Templars Square

With a tombola and cakes plus balloons and a leaflet for children was open

for 17 hours in total during Christian Aid Week – each afternoon except Tuesday, and all day on Saturday. We were ignored by many people but still had some stimulating conversations and were there to declare very publicly our commitment to giving time to support our brothers and sisters in extreme need, in the name of Christ – thanks to Chris Knevett, Ruth Goodwin, Chris Lee, Rosanne Butler, Pam Treadwell, Dave Stanley, Andrew Swallow, Phil Evans (from the CA Oxford Office), Joan Coleman - £176

St Christopher's School cake sale on Friday 18 May: £94

St Francis & Church Cowley St James Schools will be fundraising in the week after CAW, having been diverted by SATS during 14-18 May.

And you can still of course still fill a CAW envelope before we pay over the weeks donations.

Thank you!

**Give us, Lord God, a vision of your Kingdom as your love desires,
a world where the weak are protected, and none go hungry,
a world where life is shared, and enjoyed by all,
a world where all races, nations and cultures live in tolerance and respect,
a world where peace is built with justice, and justice is guided by love.
Give us the inspiration and courage to build your Kingdom here and now**

AMEN

The next event to add to our 2018 Christian Aid fundraising:

CHRISTIAN AID QUIZ AID, Friday 29 June, 7:00pm

**Rosanne will as usual be the Quizmaster and Frank will keep the scores.
Come with your own team or join one when you arrive.**

**Nibbles and soft drinks will be provided – bring your own stronger drinks if
you wish.**

There will of course be a raffle.

£5 per person

“we believe in life before death”

COLLECTING FOR CHRISTIAN AID

I've said it before and, at the risk of boring everyone, I'll say it again, collecting for Christian Aid is great fun. I have just spent two jolly hours with Pam Treadwell on duty on the Christian Aid stand in Templars Square and we had a great time. Not only did we meet some lovely people but we managed to "sell" all our balloons and ended up with quite a lot of cash from the tombola stall.

Pam got hugs and even a couple of kisses from some of her old neighbours and one nice fella who had already donated £1 offered another one in exchange for a hug from me! Well, what do you think?!

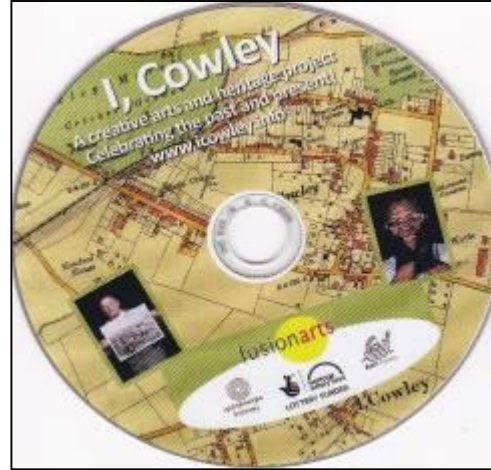
We managed to waylay some great folk. Two chaps in builders' gear were heading for Greggs for their lunch snack and said they would call in on their way back which they did. One of them won a prize on the tombola but offered it back to us as a goodwill gesture. Strangely enough that happened again later on with someone else – people are so generous.

We got a big compliment from a Virgin Media chap who said it was so good to see genuine volunteers working for a real charity (working? No, having fun) and another man who won the teddy bear prize said we were great saleswomen and invited us round to his house to share the gammon joint he had just bought for supper.

It goes without saying that anyone we knew from church did not get a chance to pass us by. Just as we were leaving a charming couple shared the fact that they were about to celebrate their 45th wedding anniversary and, along with many others, said goodbye by adding "God bless you". Well, He certainly did bless us that afternoon.

Rosanne Butler

The Venue@Cowley
Local
History Group
Come to a talk about:
I, Cowley
by Giles Davies from the Ark T Centre



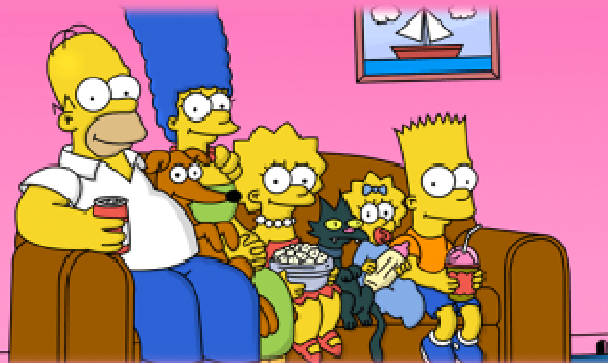
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FINDING FAITH WITH THE SIMPSONS



4 pm In the Rectory 11 Beauchamp Lane
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Dates:
22nd April Gods Love for us
13th May God has paid the price for our sins
27th May Temptation
3rd June What is Church
17th June Self image
1st July Friendship
15th July Encouraging others with our words

Cowley Team Ministry at the National Pilgrimage Walsingham May 28th



A group of ten (7 from the Parish) set off at 7:30am to join those at the National Pilgrimage. Four hours travel each way, a big celebrational Mass with a focus on 'Mary the Star of Hope', a homily, Procession and Service of Benediction, made for a long and full day. We enjoyed the coming together with our brothers and sisters in Christ and the wonderful sun filled gardens of Walsingham Priory.



Monday Home Group Cowley Rectory



Starts
4th June
2 pm.

This a small
quiet gentle
group.
Ideal for
those who

have not been part of a
group before or are
getting back into it.
Do have a word with
geoff if you fancy joining
us!

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Reason for Faith

Reverend Rob Gilbert is an Associate priest at Holy Trinity Headington Quarry, and a Professor of Biophysics and Director of Graduate Studies at Magdalen College.

In an interview format, Rob will share his thoughts on what he believes and why he believes it, and discuss some of the ideas in his book - 'Science and the Truthfulness of Beauty'.



Following the interview, questions from the floor will be welcome.
Refreshments will be served afterwards.

4pm, Sunday 17th June
Holy Trinity Church,
Quarry Road, Headington, OX3 8NU

A VISIT TO CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL

As you may have seen in the Mothers' Union news we are planning an afternoon visit to the cathedral on Thursday, 11 October. The programme includes a conducted tour round the cathedral, afternoon tea in the Great Hall of the College, a chance to visit the shop and see the exquisite ancient treasures of communion plate on display and then attend choral evensong. Anyone who is interested in joining the group is asked to let me know by the end of June so that I can send off the booking form with final numbers. The tea, incidentally, costs £5 but (as someone who has done this visit before) I promise you it is well worth it.

Rosanne Butler

Cowley Team Ministry

**A welcome Service for the
Revd Gemma Beesley
10 am
Sunday 1st July
St James Church**



**Followed by a bring and
share lunch**

www.cowleyteamministry.co.uk



DO NOT JUDGE

Do not judge a biography by its length,
Nor by the number of pages in it.
Judge it by the richness of its contents.

Sometimes those unfinished are among the most poignant ...
Do not judge a song by its duration
Nor by the number of its notes
Judge it by the way it touches and lifts the soul.

Sometimes those unfinished are among the most beautiful ...
And when something has enriched your life
And when its melody lingers on in your heart
Is it unfinished?
Or is it endless?

The Annual Interfaith Friendship Walk 2018
Thursday 28th June
All Welcome!
Assemble from 5.30pm

6.15pm Synagogue
Richmond Road, Jericho
Reflections & Refreshments

6.40pm St Giles' Church
Reflections

7.15pm Radcliffe Square
Reflections & Refreshments

8.00pm Central Mosque
Manzil Way, Cowley
Reflections, Meal after the walk

We are grateful to have been the recipients of the High Sheriff's Community Integration Award 2015.

Supported by: The Oxford Council of Faiths, Churches Together in Central Oxford, The Central Oxford Mosque, Oxford Jewish Congregation, The Madna Mosque, Bangladeshi Islamic Education Centre and Mosque, Oxford Mosque Society (Bath Street), Oxford Hindu Temple & Community Centre Project, The Asian Cultural Centre, Elite Cars Ltd, Minuteman Press and others.

Find us on Facebook and Twitter: Oxford Interfaith Friendship Walk 2018

SUNDAY SERVICES

ST JAMES CHURCH, BEAUCHAMP LANE

8.00am	Holy Communion
10.00am	Sung Eucharist
1.45pm	Anglican Asian Living Church
Sunday Lunch – the date varies so watch for notices	

ST FRANCIS CHURCH, HOLLOW WAY

10.30am	Parish Eucharist
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MID-WEEK SERVICES & MEETINGS

Morning Prayer	7.45am 8am	Mon, Wed, Thu at St James; Tue, Sat at St James
Monday	10.00-11.30am	Little Stars Playgroup— St Francis
	2.30pm	Parish Mothers' Union— St James (3rd Monday)
Tuesday	10.00am	Seashells Toddler Group— St James
	12.00pm	Eucharist—Ranklin Room, St James Church Centre
	12.30pm	Tuesday Lunch Club— St James
Thursday	2-4pm	Prayer Space—St Francis
	7.00pm	Cowley Parish Healing Service St Francis (1st Thursday)
	7.30pm	Local House of Prayer, St

HOME GROUPS

Leader	Time/Venue
Connie Uren	Alternate Tuesday afternoons at 2.30pm St James Church Centre, Ranklin Room
Friends of St Francis (Katherine Reed)	2nd & 4th Tuesday afternoons at 2.30pm St Francis Church
Geoff Bayliss	Alternate Wednesdays at 10am St James Church Centre, Ranklin Room
Mark Oxbrow	Alternate Wednesday evenings at 7.30pm Mark's home, 13 Annesley Road (just behind the Rose Hill Coop). Enquiries to Mark at 01865 461953
Rosanne Butler	Alternate Thursday mornings at 10.00am St James Church Centre, Ranklin Room
Catherine / William Hartley	Thursdays at 8.00pm, Catherine Hartley 07792 104448 William Hartley 07751 939092

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