

Parish Directory

THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST JAMES

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Sunday Services

ST JAMES' CHURCH, BEAUCHAMP LANE

8.00 am Holy Communion
10.00 am Sung Eucharist
6.00 pm Evening Praise
[1st Sunday of the month]

ST FRANCIS' CHURCH, HOLLOW WAY

8.00 am Holy Eucharist
10.30 am Parish Eucharist
[Family Eucharist - 2nd Sunday of the month]

Mid-Week Services & Meetings

Monday	9.00 am	Morning Prayer – <i>St James</i>
	5.00 pm	Evening Prayer – <i>St James</i>
Tuesday	9.00 am	Morning Prayer – <i>St James</i>
	5.00 pm	Evening Prayer – <i>St James</i>
	8.00 pm	St Francis Discussion Group – <i>4 Long Close</i>
Wednesday	9.00 am	Morning Prayer – <i>St Francis</i>
	9.30 am	Eucharist – <i>St Francis</i>
	10.10 am	Mothers and Toddlers – <i>St Francis</i>
	10.30 am	Pram Service – <i>St James</i>
	12.00 pm	St James Prayer Group – <i>Benson Cottage</i>
	5.00 pm	Evening Prayer – <i>St James</i>
Thursday	9.00 am	Morning Prayer – <i>St James</i>
	9.30 am	Eucharist - followed by coffee – <i>St James</i>
	11.00 am	St Francis Prayer Group
	5.00 pm	Evening Prayer – <i>St Francis</i>
	7.00 pm	Eucharist – <i>St Francis</i>
Friday	9.00 am	Morning Prayer – <i>St Francis</i>
	5.00 pm	Evening Prayer – <i>St James</i>
	7.00 pm	Friday Club – <i>alt Fridays at St Francis</i>
Saturday	9.00 am	Morning Prayer – <i>St James</i>
	9.15 am	Morning Prayer & Breakfast – <i>St Francis</i>
	9.30 am	Eucharist – <i>St James</i>

Arrangements for Baptisms, Banns of Marriage, Weddings, Confessions and Home Communion can be made with any of the clergy.

Days Off

Fr John, and Vernon have Monday as their day off; Stephen and Fr Peter have Friday off. Except in emergency, please try and respect these days of rest.

February 2001

Gone but not forgotten

The Cowley *Chronicle* used to have a wide circulation and was charged for - unlike this edition which is free (so ask for your money back if you paid!) I suspect that the *Chronicle* still gets to people who are not regular churchgoers. Perhaps someone passes their copy on, like "The Sun" newspaper which sells 2.9million daily but is read by 9million!

Many of the 20,000 plus people in our parish used to come to church. Some have grown old and understandably can no longer attend, others moved house and never really got back into church-going again. I wonder why people don't come back?

Some tell me that they fell out with the clergy years ago, and I think it's sad when one distant personality clash has such a long lasting effect.

Others say religion makes them feel guilty and they are all screwed up inside at the thought of a strict God. This is particularly tragic because it means the Church has failed to get the message across that Christianity is about God's love for each of us and his forgiveness for our failures. In our Bible reading this Sunday from Luke Chapter 4 Jesus said he came "...to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour" - what a wonderful message - God is for us not against us!

I speak to some who say they feel too unworthy to come to church, they're not good enough. They wouldn't fit in with all the "holy" people there! I hate to disillusion them but most Christians I know are just ordinary people with all the usual problems, but recognising that Christ has forgiven them and the Holy Spirit is giving them extra strength so they are not "running on empty".

A welcomer was standing at the church door before a service and called out to a man passing on the other side of the street "won't you come to church?" "No" he replied "it's full of hypocrites in there" so the welcomer called back "well, we've got room for one more!" I have to confess to being a hypocrite - I don't practise what I preach all the time; but show me someone who does.



Vernon

The monthly magazine of the Cowley Team Ministry

Chronicle

LENT AT ST JAMES

Ash Wednesday – 28th February *the beginning of Lent*

9.30 am Eucharist and Imposition of Ashes
7.30 pm Sung Eucharist and Imposition of Ashes

TUESDAY LENT EUCHARIST & LUNCH

These will be on **Tuesdays** at **12 o'clock** beginning on March 5th. The Eucharist is followed by a simple lunch of soup, bread & cheese, fruit, tea or coffee. Proceeds will go to USPG's Tercentenary Fund

LENT TALKS

Following on from the success of last year, another series of Lent talks has been arranged by the Oxford Diocesan Renewal Fellowship in Abingdon on **Wednesday** evenings. Transport is available to those who would like to go along to these evenings.

March 7th	Learning New Patterns of Being Church	<i>Chris Neal</i>
March 14th	Reconciling People and Healing Places	<i>Russ Parker</i>
March 21st	Jesus—the Relational Son of God	<i>Richard Kane</i>
March 29th	What is “Servant Leadership”?	<i>Bp Colin Fletcher</i>
April 4th	“Who do you think you are?”	<i>Ann Persson</i>

Chris Neal is the Diocesan Director of Evangelisation
Russ Parker is the Director of the Acom Healing Trust
Richard Kane is the Director of National Marriage Week
Ann Persson is the Director of “The Spring” at Highmoor Hall, Nettlebed

Please contact Stephen if you would like to go to these gatherings.

LENT BOXES

This year's Lent Boxes will raise money for the United Society for the Propagation of the Gospel which is celebrating its three hundredth

Lent at St Francis

Ash Wednesday
9.30am Holy Eucharist
7.00pm Sung Eucharist
both services include the Imposition of Ashes



An Emmaus Course for Lent THE EUCHARIST

on Tuesdays & Wednesdays in Lent, starting on 6th/7th March, a course to think about and explore further the act of worship which is central to our faith as Christians.

‘Do this in remembrance of me’



Services at St Francis during Lent

these will all take place in church -

Thursdays - **Night Prayer** at 9.45pm

Sundays - **Stations of the Cross** at 5.30pm, followed by **Quiet Prayer** before the Cross until 6.45pm.

Morning Prayer on Saturdays continues at 9.15am - followed by breakfast. As we keep the important season of Lent, why not join in one of these times of prayer and devotion? - if you can't come to church, you could always set aside one of these times for prayer at home.



Growing Together - Growing in God

EMMAUS

Prayer

A 4 week course before Lent
On Tuesdays and Wednesdays
see notice board for further details



Walk with the Seasons - Winter

starting from St Francis Church

2pm, Sunday 11th February

a walk to enjoy the Winter season and the countryside around us, to remind ourselves of God's work in creation and to reflect on how that relates to our journey of faith.



Pilgrimage to Assisi

20 - 27 October 2001

Would you like to join us on a week long pilgrimage to Assisi? A poster and some leaflets are at the back of church with more information. If you would

like to come please speak to Fr John and come to a meeting at 7.30pm on Monday 12th February at St Francis Vicarage.

Charitable Giving

The PCC agreed last year to try to give 10% of our weekly giving from members of the congregations to charities and missions at home and overseas. The churchwardens and a representative from each church met and decided to allocate £3025:

Cowley Asian Christian Fellowship	£720.00
Church Army Student Placement	£270.00
Douglas House Hospice Appeal	£230.00
Corymeela Community in Northern Ireland	£230.00
Scottish Fishermen Appeal *	£50.00
Selena Firth (Cameroon)	£200.00
Cancer Relief India (Gillyburn)	£200.00
United Society for the Propagation of the Gospel	£300.00
Neris Shalom Community (Israel)	£200.00
Christian Blind Mission	£200.00
Romanian Prison Appeal	£200.00
Mozambique Disaster Appeal *	£200.00
Romanian Hospital Appeal *	£25.00

* paid out earlier last year

St James' Weekend Away

Friday 1st – Sunday 3rd June
Offa House, nr Leamington Spa



“COME SPIRIT”

CELEBRATING THE FEAST PENTECOST
led by *The Revd Martin and Cynthia Peppiatt*

Martin and Cynthia are retired and live near Witney

Baptism and Confirmation Service with Bishop Richard St James Church

Sunday 25th February 5.00 pm

Please pray for members of our church

family preparing for Confirmation -

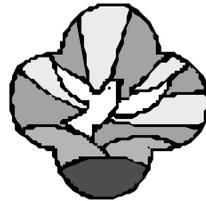
Jeff Hupf

Vernon Needham

Susie Pavelin

Cyril Room

Pat Sansom



PLEASE NOTE THAT ON THIS SUNDAY THERE WILL BE ONLY

ONE MORNING SERVICE (SAID) AT 9.00 AM

THERE WILL BE NO 8.00 OR 10.00 SERVICES AT ST JAMES

Healing Service

Tuesday

20th February 7.30 pm.

St James Church

Receive Jesus'

promise of healing

through personal prayer



Sunday Evening Praise

Worship, teaching,
prayer ministry
in an informal setting.

**Sunday
4th March
6 o'clock**



morning prayer & Breakfast

St Francis Church

Saturday Mornings

9.15 am

all welcome





It is a well-publicised trend that during the last couple of decades the over 50s are leading more active and healthy lives. In other words we're a sparky lot (and long may it continue!). Our interviewee this month is a prime example of this and is always, as she puts it, "looking for something to get my teeth into". Some of my regular readers will probably remember how she, along with two other people, did a coast-to-coast walk across the North of England about two years ago, raising

thousands of pounds for cancer research.

Angela had a tough start in life as her mother died when she was only twelve years old. By the time she was eighteen she was holding down a job and running the home for her father and two brothers. She enjoyed all her school days, especially those at Milham Ford. She kept her beloved school boater for years and only lost it in 1963 when it topped a snowman in that seemingly endless winter. The straw hat disintegrated as the snow slowly melted. Her father was an engineer with the Thames Conservancy and passed on to his children a love of the outdoors. Angela still appreciates long daily walks with her dog in all weathers.

Her first job, at eighteen, was with Barclays Bank. It was at about this time that she met Brian. He was called up for National Service and was due to embark for Cyprus. The thought of separation was too much for them so just before Angela's 20th birthday they were married by Fr. Whye in St James' Church. As things turned out, Brian was not sent abroad. A talented sportsman, he played cricket and football for his regiment and for that reason was stationed in Britain (at Cowley Barracks no less!). Angela also enjoyed her sport. She played hockey in a team from the bank and later for Morris Motors where she later worked.

Their first baby, Kaye, was born in 1959 and two years later a son, Philip, arrived. However, amongst the joy of bringing up her young family came the sadness of losing her much-loved and respected father. She was only 23 and is so sorry that he never experienced the happiness of watching her children grow up. She, at this time, became involved in local projects, most notably the Guide movement. When the Brownies at St Francis needed a leader she filled the slot. When the need for a Guide company at St Luke's arose she offered to start one and then went on to become District Commissioner. Guiding filled much of her spare time for 15 years. She also became a member of the local good-neighbour 'Fish' scheme.

Nowadays Angela is as busy as ever. She has been a serving magistrate for a number of years, a position which she finds both interesting and very worthwhile. Having retired from her 'temporary' post (which lasted 31 years!) at the Churchill Hospital she looked around for a new challenge. It was through an article in 'The Chronicle' that she began to think about the Homestart project. As soon as she was able she offered her help and was readily accepted as a visitor. She is linked with several families who need support but the family she visits on a regular weekly basis are "her quads". Four lovely, lively four-year-olds and their mum whom Angela regards as her friends "for life, I expect". She gives the children lunch, and cuddles, reads stories, helps in many ways and, of course, chats to mum. She thinks they look on her as "a kindly aunt or something..."

On top of these activities, Angela is a doting grandmother, finds time to ring as part of St James' bell-ringing team and has recently joined the Mothers' Union. Now you understand why I referred to the active over 50s in my opening sentence. However, she and Brian are currently facing another challenge as they plan to leave Cowley, which has been their life-long home, for pastures new. They have put their house in Glebelands on the market and intend to move to the south coast. Angela relishes the idea of a new life in a new community and her eyes sparkle at the thought. Look out Highcliff, here she comes, now, what needs sorting out in your area?

Was there a particular person who had a strong influence on your early life?

My grandmother who cared for us when our mother died. She was a very strong character. I had great respect for her.

Was there an incident in your childhood which held special significance for you?

When my mother died. It wasn't a shock because she had been ill for quite a while.

What sort of child were you?

Fairly shy. I had a friend who brought me out I was a tomboy, not a dainty little girl.

Has your faith been with you since childhood, or did you find it later in life?

I went to Sunday School and Brownies at U.R.C. with a friend and I loved it. I went on to be a junior church member. I drifted away but then began to take my children to St Francis. Now I miss church if I don't go. To me it's important.

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

Each decade brings its own satisfaction. I'm still trying to find something I'm good at. I'm not too old yet

What aspects of modern life do you dislike?

I don't like the 'throw-away' society. You don't throw anything away when you're a Guide.

What is best about today?

The whole world is so accessible.

How do you like to spend your leisure time?

Walking with the dog, the natural world (I've seen a kingfisher several times in the last three weeks), playing golf, enjoying our garden.

What makes you laugh?

I married Brian because he makes me laugh.

If you had a magic wand what would you change?

I'd like to clear every bit of litter. I try to clear it now but I'm banging my head against a brick wall.

If you were not doing what you do now what would be the alternative?

I think I would have been a vet.

What do you hope to be doing in ten years' time?

I hope I'm going to be fit enough to continue what I do now. I have plans to swim in the sea every day as long as Brian stands by with a big towel and a flask of brandy!

Angela Munday

