

Confirmations
St James Church
June 16th 10 am

If you wish to be confirmed speak to Geoff it is not yet too late to join this date!

Joint service of Confirmations
St James Church
Led by Bishop Steven Croft

Followed by a
Bring and Share meal



Gemma's First Communion as Priest
10:30 am
Sunday 30th June
St Francis Church
Followed by a Bring and Share lunch!
Come and join us. There will be no 10 am service at St James on this day



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From the Editors

Sally Hemsworth and Nicki Stevens

Summer is here! The displays of wisteria and laburnum have been marvellous and now the roses are giving a good show. How quickly things change in the garden – snowdrop weekends do not seem that far away!

Many congratulations to Joan for arranging such a successful Plant Sale which raised a really good amount for the “Flush” Fund. What an achievement, and she is already advertising the 2020 event.

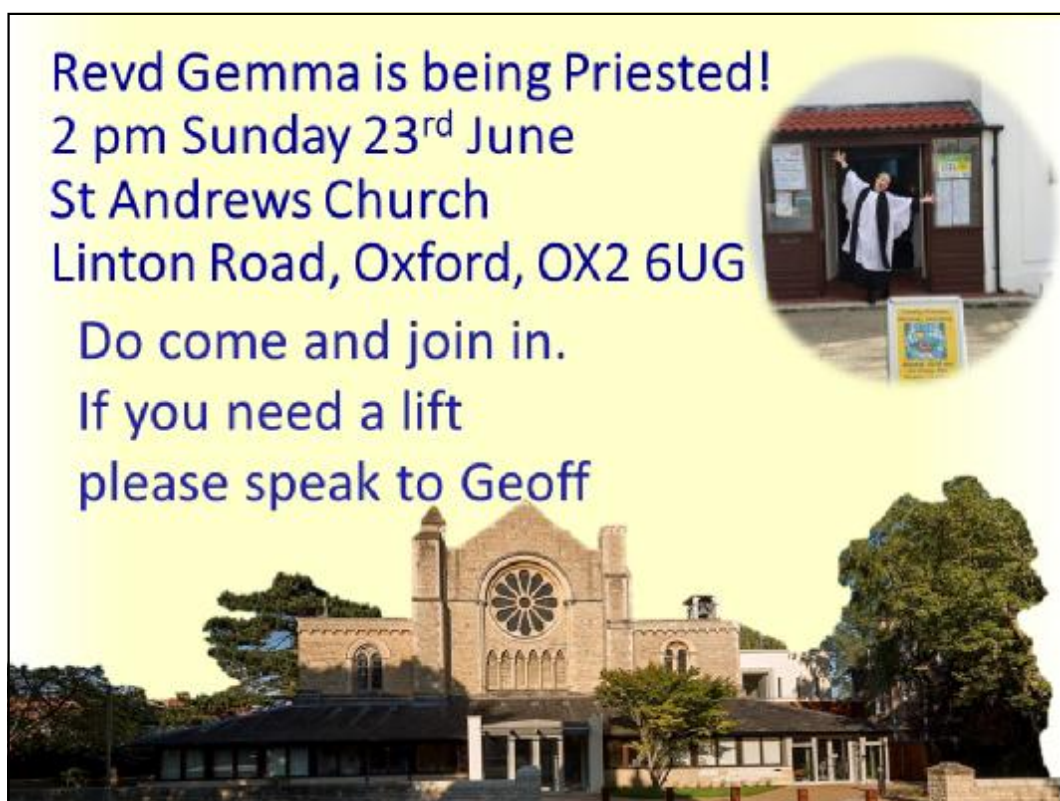
The sun makes one think of holidays or days out – Pat Chambers has put a list of ideas up in the church premises and you might like to think of days out on this list? If you are interested in the September holiday, contact Pat, although she has mentioned that no single rooms are available.

A local day out would be a walk on the Chilswell hills. Park at the Garden Centre on the Southern By-Pass and walk up the nearby path –it is possible to walk to The Fox on Boars Hill. The Parish “Walkers” went there for its last walk, in wonderful sunshine, and although we did not make The Fox we went up the hill, looked at the wonderful view and then came back via the dell, a City of Oxford Nature Reserve.

Subscriptions need to be renewed from 1 September. We hope you decide to take out a further subscription (£4 for an A5 copy/£5 for an A 4 copy). A renewal form is inside this Chronicle – it would be really helpful to have these back by the middle of August at the latest.

Disappointedly this edition of the Chronicle is much smaller than usual. We would love to make the July/August edition special and will be hunting for interesting articles to include so if you have any ideas for articles or can supply material (articles, recipes, cartoons, jokes, etc.) we would be very pleased to receive them.

Nicki and Sally



Revd Gemma is being Priested!
2 pm Sunday 23rd June
St Andrews Church
Linton Road, Oxford, OX2 6UG

Do come and join in.
If you need a lift
please speak to Geoff

The image features a large photograph of St Andrews Church, a stone building with a prominent rose window. In the upper right corner, there is a circular inset photograph of a priest in white vestments standing in the doorway of a small wooden structure, possibly a vestry or a small shrine, with his arms raised. The background of the text is a light yellow gradient.

A word from the Rectory

Does life ever feel like you are trying to keep a lot of plates spinning? You would have thought that with Easter behind us life would settle down and it would become steady. But we discover that life continues to go on at full speed.

10 am Sunday June 16th St James Church we are looking forward to a confirmation service led by Bishop Steve Croft. Followed by a bring-and-share lunch. It is a chance to get together and celebrate the growing faith of friends and family. This year all our candidates are adults. Some have journeyed down long roads with us. Others have only recently joined our pilgrims journey. For all of them Confirmation is an important step, a chance to make for oneself the promises made by adults and Godparents many years ago. A chance to say for themselves "I want what Jesus can give me". There will be no 10:30 service at St Francis on that day but there will be the usual 8 am service at St James.



2 pm Sunday June 23rd, St Andrews Church Linton Road, Oxford, OX2 6UG. We gather with Revd Gemma Beesley for her Service of Ordination to the Priesthood. It is an occasion when the church recognises and commissions her into the role of a church leader. These words are used to describe the process.

"God calls his people to follow Christ, and forms us into a royal priesthood, a holy nation, to declare the wonderful deeds of him who has called us out of darkness into his marvellous light.

The Church is the Body of Christ, the people of God and the dwelling-place of the Holy Spirit. In baptism the whole Church is summoned to witness to God's love and to work for the

coming of his kingdom.

To serve this royal priesthood, God has given particular ministries. Priests are ordained to lead God's people in the offering of praise and the proclamation of the gospel. They share with the Bishop in the oversight of the Church, delighting in its beauty and rejoicing in its well-being. They are to set the example of the Good Shepherd always before them as the pattern of their calling. With the Bishop and their fellow presbyters, they are to sustain the community of the faithful by the ministry of word and sacrament, that we all may grow into the fullness of Christ and be a living sacrifice acceptable to God."

It makes it clear that ordination to the Priesthood comes within the calling of the whole people of God to be Royal Priests.

It will be great for as many people as possible to join us. If you would like to come but need transport, please let Geoff know, or sign up at the back of church.

Our normal services will take place on that day.

10:30 am Sunday 30th June St Francis Church. We gather with Revd Gemma as she leads her first communion service. We will follow the service with a bring-and-share lunch. There will be no 10 am service at St James on this day.

11 am 21st July Love Oxford a chance for Christians

across Oxford to meet together in the centre of town. Our service pattern will change on that day so we can go along and join our brothers and sisters!



Benson Cottage

Cowley Women's Institute

In early May we went to Witney and had a great time. Most of us visited the shops which make Witney unique. However, one of our members took the opportunity to go to the museum which she reported was excellent. The rest of us now need another trip to Witney to visit the museum for ourselves. We could not leave Witney without having refreshments; some of the cakes we ate were very indulgent.

At our May meeting we welcomed back Joan Creese and had a fun session exercising together. It was good to be reminded of the benefits of regular movement. Once again, we found muscles we hadn't used for a while.

In June we are going out for lunch to the Red Lion, Chalgrove. The speaker for our June meeting is Judy Harris who is going to tell us about her journey into quilt making and how to make fiddle quilts for people with dementia.

Our WI meets monthly on the third Wednesday of each month. We meet from 2pm – 4:00pm in St James Church Centre. If any woman is interested in joining us, we would love to meet you, so please come to a meeting to find out more.

Sarah Lawrence, Secretary to Cowley WI

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GARDENING PARTY

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CHILDREN'S CORNER

Do you like surprises? I must say that I do like the good ones but sometimes the wrong ones occur for me these days. I'll just tell you about a couple of them.

After I left school and started work, right at the bottom of the tree, as they say, I had all sorts of jobs around an office, so it was quite a surprise after two years to join the Royal Air Force for National Service. I was committed to two years in the services as all young men had to do this at that time. Yes it was different being in uniform and being drilled and learning how to march, but also learn special skills that allowed me to work in the air traffic control tower. The training was completed at a special school but the surprise was that although most of the group were sent overseas, my posting was to RAF Benson. So close, that I could cycle home when I had some spare time!

On Wednesday afternoon, all staff not required for duty were encouraged to do some sport, or you were free to do other things, preferably on the station in case of emergency. I found out that occasionally aircraft had to ferry parts to other airfields or the pilot need to get some extra flying time and you could apply to fly as a passenger. I called in at the required hanger, that is the name of the aircraft garage, and found that one pilot had to do at least one hour flying that afternoon and I could go with him if I wanted to. When he found out that it would be my first flight in an aircraft, AND that I lived in Oxford, only 10 miles away, he asked me to show him where we lived and told me to hop in.

My next surprise was to find that half the floor was missing! He told me to be careful. The aircraft was usually used for taking photographs for mapping purposes, and the cameras had been removed. So I settled down to

a rather noisy but enjoyable flight. As we flew over Cowley, I could see that we had visitors with a motorcycle and sidecar. I guessed who this might be, because only one uncle of mine had a motorcycle. In the evening I phoned home and told my parents that I knew that visitors had called, which surprised them, and especially that I was in the plane that kept circling around. They thought it was looking for somewhere to land, but it was only me having a good look from the air.

Of course, you should try to avoid bad surprises, like going shopping for something special and forgetting the money to pay for it, especially if it is the last one! A good phrase to remember is the Scout motto - 'Be prepared'. Surprises will happen. Don't worry. Sit down and think what has to be done and find out if you can get the same result by doing it a different way. By re-thinking about the job to be done, you might find an even better way to reach your goal.

And did you get a surprise at the answer to last month's query. That's right. Our St. George doesn't have a shield. Although he is often shown as a knight in armour on a horse with shield and staff, he was more likely to be a foot soldier with a sword. Whatever his history, he is the patron saint of England. The Red Cross on a white background was adopted as his flag and is repeated on his shield if he has one.

And now instead of me giving you a question to answer, how about you giving me a surprise and telling me if you had a surprise recently.....

Go carefully, and be prepared, for life. With good wishes

Uncle Ben

Mothers' Union News

Our May branch meeting began with a report on the Area Spring Meeting which was held at CMS House in Garsington Road on the Thursday before. Four members attended the Spring Meeting and found it a most interesting and rewarding day. The workshops gave us a perspective on the activities and projects which are undertaken by branches across the diocese. We came away with a list of ideas to feed into future programmes.

The other item of note on the agenda was planning for our forthcoming visit to Cuddesdon on the 17 June. It will take the shape of a picnic tea after time spent in the new chapel. As we shall each need to take a folding garden chair, Geoff has agreed to borrow the Asian Church mini-bus (and drive it!) as we did for our June meeting last year. Each member is also asked to bring a contribution to the picnic. Some members are happy to offer lifts in their own cars but the "luggage" can be transported in the mini-bus. We shall leave the Church Centre at our usual time of 2.15 pm.

Our speaker last month was the delightful Jane Gallagher who told us about the excellent work being done at the Florence Park Community Centre's mother and baby group. It meets once a week offering friendship, sup-

port and advice (together with home-made cake and "posh" coffee) to mums and the occasional dad with very small babies. Their policy is to move their mums and babies on, when the child reaches about nine months, to groups such as our Seashells where there are more suitable toys and stimulation for that age group. She explained about how she and other friends she knew had experienced isolation in the immediate weeks and months after the birth of a new baby and how extraordinarily successful has been their group in helping to solve this at Florence Park. We as a branch have been invited to visit their group on 18th July and several members have expressed a wish to do so. More details in next months' report.

On Tuesday, 4th of this month when we shall celebrate corporate communion as usual in the Ranklin Room at the Church Centre, our Mothers' Union Enterprises trustee is bringing a wide selection of lovely cards, booklets and other "goodies". She is setting up her stall at the Lunch Club so we hope lots of people will spend money on her stall to make her visit worthwhile.

Rosanne Butler



The Cowley PCC has declared that it wishes to become a Fairtrade Parish but we have made little progress towards it over the past year, still regularly accepting gifts of non-fairtrade products. We of course thank you if you are donating supplies to the Parish kitchens at St James and St Francis.

Please only give fairtrade products when they are available : tea, coffee, chocolate and sugar. Biscuits, jam, kitchen roll would also be appreciated.

Prayer Space

Spirit of the living God,
fall afresh on me,
Break me, melt me,
Mould me, fill me,
Spirit of the living God
fall afresh on me

Michael Iverson

Breathe on me, Holy Spirit,
that I may think what is holy.
Move me, Holy Spirit,
that I may do what is holy.
Attract me, Holy Spirit,
that I may love what is holy.
Strengthen me, Holy Spirit,
that I may guard what is holy.
Guard me Holy Spirit,
That I may keep what is holy.

St Augustine of Hippo (354 – 430)

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

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TEA PARTY

St Francis Church
Hollow Way, OX3 7JF

Saturday 22 June

2:00 – 4:00

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tea – cakes

ice creams

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COWLEY FESTIVAL OF CHRISTMAS TREES 2019

Friday 13 - Sunday 22 December



We're underway: the first planning meeting on 22 May decided on the theme, based on similar suggestions from Sarah Lawrence of Cowley WI who wrote: "with all the current Brexit talks going on at the moment, a theme that pops out is a nation divided, so perhaps something along the lines of unity, loving your neighbours etc. may be appropriate."

And, from Sheenah Broadbent, Headteacher of St Christopher's School: "what about 'United Cowley' i.e. a celebration of the diversity of Cowley (United Nations), where trees could either be themed to a specific country with a link to the parish (not difficult as most countries are represented in the local community) or all countries e.g. schools could have flags from every country in the school etc."

We settled on 'COWLEY UNITED – celebrating community life in Cowley' Start planning your tree now!

We have several ideas for the festival to be different whilst retaining the best of earlier ones. We are particularly determined to secure "buy-in" from local businesses. If you have any links with a local Cowley business of any kind – shop, office, service, manufacturing – you work there or know someone in management - please talk to us about the package we will offer.

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday 11 September, 9.00 in the Ranklin Room. It will be 'all systems go' then.

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Film Club at the Centre

In order to keep our programme for the year fresh and interesting for our members it is sometimes necessary to introduce a film which is somewhat "different". Last month's film was certainly that! "Morning Glory" is a very modern American production with a lot of very American humour and repartee. So it was with some trepidation that we showed it. However, we need not have worried as our members are a cosmopolitan crowd and they really enjoyed it. Of course, it did have two excellent stars in Harrison Ford and Diane Keaton to give the story substance. One member, who had been confined to home through a very nasty bout of ill health told me she had needed a good laugh when she came and as she left her face ached with laughter. I was thrilled.

This month's film is a classic guaranteed to please. "Charade" stars Cary Grant and Audrey Hepburn in what critics described as "a finely crafted thriller". No-one can act the vulnerable female better than Hepburn and, my goodness, is she in for a rough ride in this one!

The film scheduled for September, "Dancing at Lughnasa" received excellent reviews when it was released just a few years ago. However, having given it an airing at home I have decided that I do not think it is our kind of film. So I am proposing to replacing it with a film called "The Post" which also stars Meryl Streep. Anyone who would like to

borrow the DVD and watch it at home is more than welcome (and maybe corroborate my views?)

In the next month or two I shall be planning our programme for 2020 which will be our eighth year in existence. I would be delighted if members or friends have any favourite films they would like to see again or any new ideas to keep our programme fresh. Do let me know.

Rosanne Butler

Shaun Guard

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CHRISTIAN AID WEEK

Sunday 12 – Saturday 18 May



Christian Aid Week 2019: 'All mums should live' - let us try to ensure many happy, safe birth-days.

We worked hard this year to collect:

Coffee morning at St Francis:	£ 40
Big Brekkie at St James Centre:	£160
Templars Square	£244
Boswell's café bucket by the till:	£ 30

Thanks to the company management for allowing that and the Centre management and staff for their support.

Those on duty had fun playing bagatelle and the flowerpot marble challenge. We could not persuade many passers-by to have a go so bagatelle was won by Sonica Tassell, with a beginner's luck, and the marble challenge by Lesley Williams!

St Christopher's school cake sale:	£ 92
St Francis school bucket-at-the-school-gate:	£ 20
St James and St Francis churches:	<u>£210</u>
TOTAL:	£796

This is a bit of an approximation as some donations were made on the card reader 'Goodbox' and we will not know exactly how much until later.

That is considerably down on previous years but it is still good to note that with every £300 we collected, Christian Aid can provide a new delivery bed in the planned new health centre in the community of Sawula in Sierra Leone, so more mums like Jebbeh, who featured on the CAW posters and envelopes, can deliver their babies safely.

The current health centre is the size of a small bedroom. Operations, deliveries and baby check-ups all happen in one single room with only two delivery beds. Nurse Judith works around the clock to meet the needs of mums and young children who come to the clinic. But the need is great, and sometimes she is forced to send people away.

When women come to the clinic at night, there is no light for Judith to use. So she has to ask her patients to bring a torch to see by.

In addition to this, there are often not enough drugs at the clinic. Judith sees diseases like malaria and typhoid, especially in children. She has to go on a motorbike or sometimes walk for three hours to collect drugs.

'I need help' nurse Judith says. 'Women are dying from childbirth, children under five are dying, because of poverty. Please help us.'

"We'll dance for three days when we have the new health centre"

THANK YOU to all who gave their time and energy in any way and those who donated. Christian Aid is one of the Parish of Cowley's annual mission giving commitments. The members of staff in the Oxford office think we're wonderful!

CHRISTIAN AID

Next it's: QUIZ AID - Friday 28 June 7:00 pm at St James Centre

Start assembling your team (up to 6) now – or just arrive and we will form ad hoc teams on the evening. Get into training to face Rosanne Butler's 8 rounds of fiendish questions – the round titles will be published in Link in the next couple of weeks.

£5 a head entry – free soft drinks and nibbles – bring your own stronger drinks and supplementary survival supplies if you wish.

We promise this year to remember to buy the team prizes but there will of course be a raffle.

It's always a relaxed, fun way to start the weekend.

All proceeds to Christian Aid's worldwide project work.

The next CHRISTIAN AID EVENT after that: another BIG BREKKIE on Sunday 8 September to welcome you back from the summer break.

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QUIZ AID

Friday 28 June
7:00 pm

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St James Centre
Beauchamp Lane

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tickets on the door **£5**
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information from Chris Knevett 07468 793 507

Bee walks at Wytham Woods and in Oxford City

Learn more about bees and participate in a citizen science project



-  Visit the solitary bee nest-boxes that have been set up by Oxford Plan Bee
-  Learn about the importance of citizen science and how you can get involved
-  Find out how to tell if the nest-boxes are occupied
-  Survey the wildflowers around the boxes

No experience necessary, equipment provided, you just need your own lunch, sensible footwear, and enthusiasm!

Meet at 9:45am in Wytham Woods car park (or outside Plant Sciences Dept on South Parks Rd for the City walk) for an 10am start, finishing by 1pm.

 Wytham Woods solitary bee nestbox walk & wildflowers

 Wytham Wildflowers

 Oxford City solitary bee nestbox walk

 Wytham Bumblebees & Wildflowers

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Plus: Sun 6 Oct. These and other citizen science events are listed here: <https://www.wythamwoods.ox.ac.uk/events>



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Verna, CAP Money Delegate

RECIPES

Red Onion Tart (serves 4)

Ingredients:

one 35 x 22.5cm sheet ready-rolled puff pastry
300g asparagus spears, halved lengthways
olive oil coarse sea salt
juice and grated zest of 1 lemon
4 red onions, finely sliced
1 tsp dried thyme 1 tbsp sugar
dash of red wine vinegar
salt and freshly ground black pepper
450g frozen peas
30g fresh mint leaves, roughly chopped

Method:

- ∅ Heat 2 tablespoons of oil in a non-stick frying pan. Add the onions and season. Sweat for several minutes, then sprinkle the dried thyme and sugar over. Once the onions begin to soften, add the red wine vinegar. Add a dash of oil if necessary and allow to sweat gently for 30 minutes until completely soft.
- ∅ Meanwhile, place the peas in a bowl of boiling water. After a few minutes, drain and place in a food processor with the mint, 2 tablespoons of oil and lemon juice. Season and blitz to form a coarse purée.
- ∅ Preheat the oven to 200°C/gas mark 6. Cut the pastry into 4 equal rectangles and place on baking trays.
- ∅ Leaving a 1cm border around the edge of each pastry rectangle, spread a quarter of the pea purée over each, followed by a quarter of the caramelised onions. Arrange the asparagus over the top. Drizzle with a little olive oil, season and bake for 25–30 minutes.
- ∅ Finish with the lemon zest, a fine sprinkling of freshly chopped mint and a pinch of coarse sea salt.

Recipe from 'Keep it Vegan' by Áine Carlin. Published by Kyle Books, priced at £14.99.



The following recipe (from *Cakes, Bakes, Puddings and Prayers* by Susan Over) says this is an excellent quick – and – easy pudding for summer evenings. The sharpness of the yogurt contrasts with the sweetness of the topping and the 'treasure'.

Buried Treasure (serves 6)

Ingredients:

2-3 large bananas
2-3 squares of plain fudge or 50g (2oz) soft brown sugar
284 ml carton double cream
275 (10 oz) Greek yogurt
50-75g (2-3 oz) icing sugar

Method:

- ∅ Slice bananas and place in a deep heatproof serving dish, approximately 21 cm x 16 cm (8in x 6in). Either chop fudge into small dice and sprinkle over bananas, or sprinkle with soft brown sugar.
- ∅ Whip cream and yogurt together until thick and spread over fruit, keeping surface as level as possible. Chill for at least 1 hour.
- ∅ Dust with half the icing sugar and place under preheated grill for 3-4 minutes until sugar caramelises (watch carefully) or use a kitchen blowtorch. Repeat with remaining icing sugar.
- ∅ Chill for a few minutes until topping is crisp and serve within an hour to prevent caramel from softening.

For a more sophisticated version, soak 50g (2oz) raisins in rum for 2 hours and add to bananas, reducing the amount of fudge or sugar

The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field. When a man found it, he hid it again, and then in his joy went and sold all he had and bought that field. (Matthew 13:44 (NIV))

Help us, Lord, to appreciate that we are your treasure and to live in the light of that amazing truth. Teach us to store up the best kind of treasure in Heaven by our words and deeds. And thank you, Lord, that our greatest treasure is the gift of your son, Jesus. Amen.

SAFEGUARDING IN COWLEY PARISH

As a Parish, we are committed to the Christian care, nurture of, and respectful pastoral ministry with, all children and all adults but particularly those who are vulnerable.

So we will ensure that our policies and practice on selection and training of those with any responsibility within the Church are in line with safer recruitment principles, including the use of Disclosure and Barring Service criminal records checks where applicable.

We intend that St James and St Francis churches will be safe, caring communities which provide a loving environment where there is a culture of 'informed vigilance' as to the dangers of abuse.

We will challenge any abuse of power, especially by anyone in a position of trust.

We will follow statute, guidance and recognised good practice in all safeguarding practice and check that all users of our premises do so too.

Following our training programme, we are now working to ensure all volunteers have a clear role description, clarifying their responsibilities. New church committee and PCC members will soon be trained.

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From the Archives

Extracts from the Cowley Chronicle

JANUARY 1960

THE SLADE WILL SOON BE OF AGE

The Slade Hospital has nearly "come of age" for it was opened almost 21 years ago in February 1939, as the Isolation Hospital for the Oxford area. A good many changes in hospital design have taken place there since 1939 and it is not now, perhaps, the model up-to-date hospital it once was, but it is still very good.

In the early days the Slade's 80 beds were used for tubercular and infectious cases. Today, however, the incidence of TB has fallen so considerably that patients with many other chest illnesses - asthma and bronchitis, for example - are admitted, and one third of the beds are used for patients with skin diseases, the Dermatological Unit having been transferred from Radcliffe Infirmary in 1949.

As anyone who has travelled along the new by-pass will know, the Slade Hospital stands in extensive grounds, so not only is there plenty of fresh air for the patients, but plenty of home-grown vegetables too. Meals in an isolation hospital involve special difficulties and because of the risk of spreading infection, all crockery is boiled before every meal.

Miss CA McLeod has been matron of the hospital since 1954, and in her time the pattern of patients has continually changed. A few years ago considerable numbers of mild polio cases were admitted, though the more serious ones go to the Churchill. But in 1959 not a single polio patient from the City of Oxford entered the Slade.

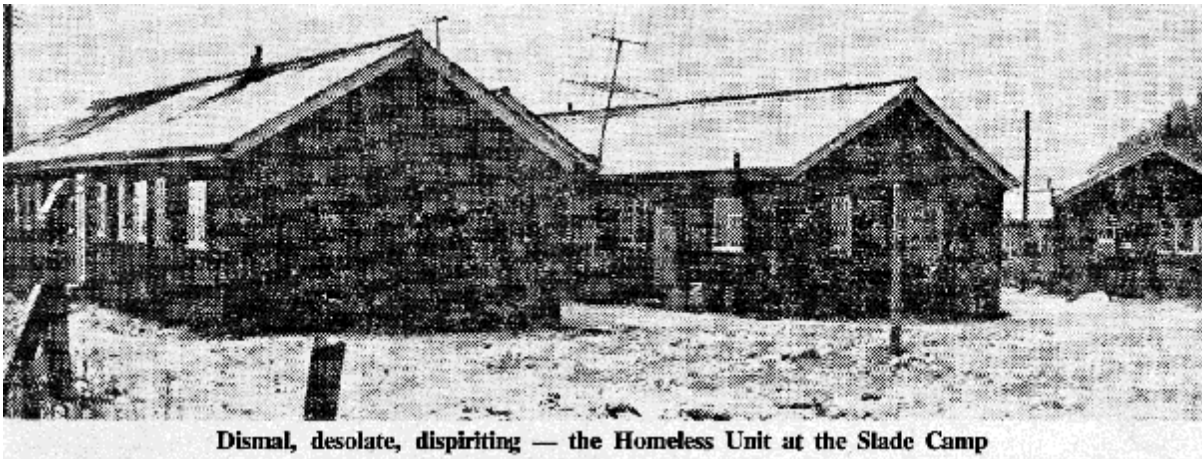
A number of trained nurses under Miss McLeod are married and live in their own homes: the others have very pleasant rooms in the hospital. Girls training to become 'State Assistant' nurses spend part of their two-year course on the chest and infectious wards --- the skin wards are staffed by student nurses from the Radcliffe. Among the nurses there are often several from other countries and at present there are a number from Spain.

The Slade is a friendly hospital and there are usually several children as patients --- the youngest recently was three days old --- who can be visited by their mothers as often as they like.

Other frequent visitors are the clergy --- Fr. Topley (St. Francis), Fr. McKenna (Roman Catholic), and the Rev. B. Rowlands (Congregational), who regularly bring Communion into the wards.

The Cowley Chronicle sends its greetings and good wishes to all the patients and staff of the Slade on its 21st birthday. B.J.W

MARCH 1966
SLADE CAMP
NEW DEAL FOR THE HOMELESS



Homeless Units are big news at the moment and in Cowley, Slade Camp is about to undergo a radical change. From May of this year, the responsibility of the Unit will fall upon the Children's Department, and not upon the Health Department as in the past. The Unit has only been in Slade Park since the spring of 1962. Before that it was at 'The Laurels' on London Road, Headington.

At first, it consisted of 2 two-bedroomed huts, and 1 four-bedroomed hut, which were divided up to give accommodation for the Warden and a series of single rooms for the families.

However large the family, the rule up to now has been one room per family, with the regulatory number of three beds. Husbands were not allowed in after nine o'clock and had to find alternative sleeping accommodation. Cooking and washing facilities were provided, but only at the rate of two cookers and one bath to six families. The reason for this primitive type of accommodation was because it was felt that it would act as an incentive to the families to find their own homes more quickly. To house them too comfortably in the Unit might discourage them from leaving and might also appear to condone the actions of those families evicted for some offence.

It has now been recognised that many of the families who find themselves in the Unit, are there through no fault of their own. To find such minimal accommodation for these families is to add to the suffering which many of the families already have. Also, for the children of the families, such overcrowding and the separation from their fathers, can only cause harm.

From now onwards, a general social worker is to be appointed to deal with the homeless families and with the potentially homeless (i.e. those in rent arrears or in matrimonial difficulties). It is hoped that by tackling problems which cause homelessness early, the break-up of families may be avoided. The Homeless Unit itself is to be rearranged, so that each family will be virtually independent and fathers will be allowed to live with their

families. This will remove the feeling that it is a fair punishment to a family to split them up, just when they are in greatest trouble.

Quite soon, the old Sunnyside Mansions, previously independent flats, will be ready for use to house families with deep emotional, personality or family problems. There will be a Warden in charge and families which previously would have been left to battle with problems that were insoluble, will be helped to work their way through these problems and begin a new life. The Homeless Unit in Slade Park has been through very bad times. On October 17th last year, there were 13 mothers and 44 children there. It is to be hoped that the plans for the future will do much to compensate for the misery and unhappiness that has been lived out in the midst of us.

EDITOR'S NOTE:

Whilst computerising the baptism register for St Francis' Church, it was noticed that a number of baptisms were for patients at the Isolation Hospital and Slade Hospital. The area then became Slade Camp, a development for homeless people which, eventually, was succeeded by the housing development currently occupying the site.

Researched by Les Hemsworth

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Plant Sale Mania

The date of Saturday 18th May 2019 had been at the front of my mind for a long time. It was the day of this year's Plant Sale. It started last September when my seed order was dispatched, followed by my orders of small plug plants in January. Since the autumn I had been finding plants in the garden that could be split and potted up for the sale.

February saw me sowing my first seeds, chillies, in the small electric propagator. They germinate and grow very slowly. Then as they were moved on, other seeds were sown. March and April saw me pricking out and potting on. 280 plug plants arrived and I had to find pots, compost and frost free space for them all. My request for small pots produced enough and more and, often, just in time of my running out, which was great.

My greenhouse became full and some plants were put in the shed which gets lots of light from windows on three sides. More trays were placed on top of the washing machine, dryer and cupboard in our lean-to. About a week to go, I was able to cross fingers about night frosts and put the hardiest plants outside.

We had a power cut on the Sunday before the Sale and the fault was found in cabling under the pavement right outside our gate. The Tuesday found SSE digging a big hole in which the cabling was fixed but they didn't come back to fill it!

Luckily, the workmen had suggested we move the car out but we then had the pantomime of finding a parking space in the road for the next few days. On Friday morning I was working hard to make sure that every plant was labelled and priced. Every time we had visited the supermarket in the last few weeks, I had been collecting lots of the cardboard boxes that fruit come in. All were used to box up the plants and, together with other containers, we ended up with 44!

It was a bit of a bind to fill up the car with boxes outside in the road each time but we managed to get everything to the Church Centre in fewer trips than we thought we would need.

As it was, it was a hectic, tiring and enjoyable day. Apparently, we had a long queue before the 10am door opening! Lots of people gave their time to help and I do wish to thank you all for the support. We raised £1,270 towards the "Flush" Fund to get an accessible toilet in St James' Church and its consequent drainage pipework

Are we going to do it all again next year? Of course! Put Saturday 16th May 2020 in your diaries!

By the way, we eventually had the hole filled in a few days later!

Joan Coleman

FLO'S - THE PLACE IN THE PARK

Announces an exciting new initiative:
FLO'S REFILL SHOP!

Opening on Saturday 8 June, then Wednesdays and Saturdays 12.30-5pm, Flo's Refill Shop is a great way to buy local, reduce plastic waste, support a great community cause!

It will sell unpackaged staple foods (from pasta to porridge), SESI Refills (for washing dishes, clothes and humans) and some environmentally sound baby products. The products will be sold by weight or volume, which means you can buy exactly what you want, and bring back the empty container for more!

The aim is to help local people to reduce plastic waste at the same time as investing in local community initiatives. The money raised through Flo's Refill Shop will go towards supporting Flo's wide range of community projects.

It's here - at Flo's!

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DIARY DATES TO REMEMBER

Mothers' Union

Monthly Meeting on 3rd Monday of month from 2.15 pm

17 Jun 2019 – Visit to Cuddesdon with picnic tea Meet at St James Church Centre at 2.15 pm

Women's Institute

Monthly Meeting on 3rd Wednesday of month from 2 – 4.30 pm

15 May 2019 – The importance of regular exercise – Joan Creese

St James Church Centre

Gardening

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

Thy Kingdom Come Launch

Sunday, 2 June 2019 at 4 pm

St James Church

Parish Walks

Monday, 3 June 2019

Lunch at The Plough, Wolvercote, at 12 noon for walk to Oxford via either river or canal.

Monday, 9 June 2019 - Details to be announced

Thy Kingdom Come Prayer Booth

Saturday, 8 June 2019, 10 – 3 pm

Templars Square

St Francis Church Committee

Sunday, 9 June 2019, 12 noon

St Francis Church

Sunday Lunch

Sunday, 9 June 2019, at 12.30 pm

St James Church Centre

St James Church Committee

Tuesday, 11 June 2019, 7.30 pm

St James Church Centre

Film Club

Friday, 14 June 2019 – “Charade”

St James Church Centre, commencing at 6.30 pm with coffee and cake

Confirmation Service followed by a bring-and-share lunch

Sunday, 16 June 2019 at 10 am St James Church²¹

Beside the Seaside Tea

Saturday, 22 June 2019

2 – 4 pm at St Francis Church

Gemma's Ordination

Sunday, 23 June 2019 at 2 pm

St Andrew's, Linton Road

Christian Aid – Quiz Aid

Friday, 28 June 2019 at 7 pm

St James Church Centre

Parochial Church Council

Sunday, 14 July 2019 at 12 noon

St Francis Church

Feast of St James - Strawberry tea and sing along

Sunday, 21 July 2019 at 5 pm

St James Church Centre

Cowley Festival of Christmas Trees

13 – 22 December 2019

St James Church

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Christian Values for Europe

Will we be in? Will we be out? When? How? On what terms? I have no idea what is going to happen next with regards to Brexit but I am certain of one thing – unless something really amazing happens Britain will still be a European country next year and for many centuries to come. Tectonic plates shift and geologists tell us that Britain was once ‘stuck on to’ Greenland but that was many millennia ago. At least for my life-time I will be a European!

As a meeting of leaders of European Churches last month, held in Romania, the General Secretary, Fr. Heikki Huttunen, reminded delegates that despite all the challenges we face day by day we still live in the most privileged continent on earth. Our economy, our health care, our education, our freedoms, our security and much more all stand head and shoulders above those of other continents. We thank God for all we have but we also need to face our responsibilities as a privileged continent.



During that meeting on 9 May (Europe Day) the 114 member churches in 40 European countries agreed a set of seven priorities for ‘a Responsible Europe’ in the context of many global challenges. I thought it might be helpful if we, as a church in one of the more prosperous European cities, took note of just three of these. (Perhaps I will return to the other four next month.)

Ecological and Economic Justice: When I was at school we occasionally missed a day in the classroom to ‘bunk off’ and go to the fair or a sports match but today our young people have been regularly missing their classes because they are deeply concerned about the planet we are leaving them, choking on plastic, loosing hundreds of species every month and with millions of people threatened by climate change. Europe has the economic strength, the research capacity and the resources to clean up our planet – but will we do it? Will we listen to the pleas of our children? Justice is a biblical principle and as European Christians we need to take justice seriously in economics and creation care.

Popularism and Extremism: The church leaders who met in Romania identify the cause of terrorism, extremism and popularist politics as an underlying experience of ‘exclusion, deprivation and hopelessness’ both within Europe and outside. They suggest that terrorists will never be defeated by war or security measures but only by economic development, equal-

ity, inclusion and giving hope to ordinary people. Hope is a strong theme in the Bible. How can we as European Christians give hope to those who are hopeless?

Racism and Discrimination: There are no racisms in Britain today, certainly not in the churches. True? I'll let you answer that question for yourself. Discrimination happens in so many different ways in our world today but that must never be acceptable to European Christians. The Bible clearly shows us that every person, of whatever background, is a 'child of God' and all God's children are equal in His eyes – so why should we see them differently?

Whatever happens to Brexit and the EU, may each of us learn to be a responsible European Christian, aware of our privileges, and working for a more sustainable, more just, WORLD.

Mark Oxbrow

PARISH MISSION AND SOCIAL PLANNER

JUNE	JULY
<p>SUN 2nd 4:00 <i>Thy Kingdom Come launch</i> (J)</p>	<p>SUN 21st 5:00 <i>Feast of St James strawberry tea and sing along</i> (CC)</p>
<p>SAT 8th 10:00-3:00 <i>Thy Kingdom Come prayer booth</i> (TS)</p>	
<p>SUN 9th 12:30 <i>Sunday lunch</i> (CC)</p>	<p>MON 29th 10:00-11:30 <i>Messy Church</i> (F)</p>
<p>SUN 16th 10:00 <i>Confirmation service</i> (J) bring & share lunch</p>	
<p>SAT 22nd 2:00-4:00 <i>Beside the Seaside tea</i> (F)</p>	
<p>SUN 23rd 2:00 <i>Gemma's ordination</i> (St Andrew's, Linton Road)</p>	
<p>MON 24th 7:30 <i>M&S meeting</i> (88 Temple Road)</p>	
<p>FRI 28th 7:00 <i>Quiz Aid - for Christian Aid</i> (CC)</p>	
<p>SUN 30th 10:30 <i>Gemma Beesley's first communion + bring & share lunch</i> (F)</p>	

(CC) - St James Church Centre - Beauchamp Lane (J) - St James Church - Beauchamp Lane

(F) - St Francis Church - Hollow Way

(A.A.L.C) - Anglican Asian Living Church (J & CC)

(TS) – Templars Square

(CH) – Corner House pub

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
1st Sunday All Age bring n/share lunch

MID-WEEK SERVICES & MEETINGS

Morning Prayer	8.00am	Tue, Thu, Sat at St James; Mon at St Francis
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	7.30pm	Local House of Prayer, St James

HOME GROUPS

Leader	Time/Venue
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

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