

Chronicle

May 2018

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From the Editors

Sally Hemsworth and Nicki Stevens

The following is the report which went to the Annual Parochial Church Meeting on the 29 April 2019:

“The Chronicle is the parish magazine of Cowley and is published ten times a year. It appears monthly (except for double issues in July/August and December/January), and our aim has been to ensure the Chronicle is in the churches on the first Sunday of each month, and this has been achieved.

Nicki Stevens and Sally Hemsworth form the editorial team and, with the assistance of Mandy Watts with distribution, have been responsible for collecting articles, setting up the Chronicle in “Publisher”, photocopying and distributing. An appeal for “holiday” help in setting up the Chronicle has resulted in Chloe Clark joining the team, an addition we very much welcome. Sally is mainly responsible for collecting articles and has been pleased at the amount of material which is received without encouragement from her! Una’s Corner has evoked lots of memories with comments, and the school-day memories are doing the same. Can you add to these?

The main aim of the Chronicle is to keep its readers informed of all the different activities throughout the parish services, reports from the PCC, the Deanery Synod, social activities and dates and the Parish Registry. Besides this it includes news from our schools, the uniformed associations and much more. It includes advertisements from local and reliable services. However, it is essential to get new ideas/articles to widen the input into the Chronicle. Can you help?

If you feel you would like to get involved with the collection of articles or would like to contribute please let the Chronicle Team know. Articles can be delivered to the Chronicle Team at the Parish Office or submit by email to chronicle@cowleyteamministry.co.uk. Please do not wait to be asked for an article – the Chronicle is always put together a few days before the 1st Sunday of the month.

The editorial team would like to thank all those who have contributed throughout the last year in making it a lively and informative publication.

Please remember the plea at the beginning of this report – we would love to extend the editorial team and would be pleased to hear from anyone who is interested in taking part.”

Please note all the pleas for help and articles

There is an early deadline for the June edition – holidays are being taken!

Wednesday 16 May 2018

A word from the Rectory

Soap operas are one of the very regular TV listings. Emmerdale, Crossroads, the Big Bang Theory, and the Archers are just some examples, there are so many. You can even find Sci-fi versions; Babylon 5, Star Trek, and Star Gate SG-1.

There is something appealing about looking in on a world that you are not involved with. That sense of drama as we follow somebody else's life seems to bring entertainment and joy. This 'peeking into another world' is also



found in programs like 'Long Lost Family' and 'Who Do You Think You Are'.

We watch, as individuals drift in and out of relationships, struggle with life crises and live lives in a fish bowl. At a more

real level we follow the lives of celebrities in programmes like 'Big Brother' and 'I'm a celebrity get me out of here'

Jesus calls us to be more than followers. Yes, Jesus did call Peter and Andrew to follow him, but that was at the very start of their journey. They became people who did what Jesus did. Peter and Andrew did so much more than look on and follow (or, notice) what Jesus was doing. They became disciples living life the Jesus way. That is what we are called to be, and what we are called to make.

As we are called to be more Christ like we are called not to look on but to change the world around us. It is very easy to look at the writings in the Bible and notice that there are really good things said, and nice ideas talked about. The challenge for the Christian is to take those ideas and build them into life.

On the evening of June 7th, we are starting a



small group who will look at the 10 Commandments. It will use the Pilgrim Material, that Bishop Steven has co-written. The 10 Commandments are very well known yet so often we do not allow them to shape our lives. We look at them, rather than allow them to be ideals that change the way we live. You may feel that you have 'DONE' these 10 rules but I suggest that journeying with others and reinvestigating them will bring you new insights into each other and yourselves. So, do come along and join us!



It may be that you want a very easy way to get to know a few other people. If so, you might like to join our New Alpha course that starts on Monday June 4th. It's a really good way of sharing a meal and getting to know the Church family. even if you have done Alpha before I am sure you will enjoy the company of others and some good conversation!



Benson Cottage

5th Cowley Guides

Last September we decided to have a go at the Beatrix Potter Challenge Badge. This involved making up messages in code for others to solve (Beatrix Potter would sometimes write in code), having a go at making vegetable soup, cooking duck shaped biscuits and a quiz on identifying different types of fish.

Two of our older girls have been working towards their Baden-Powell Award, the top award in the Guide Section. They held a Cake Sale, as well as running a Diwali Evening finishing off all the challenges they needed to do. It will be finished when they take part in an adventure weekend, hopefully in May.

We had a Bonfire night themed meeting, did some Christmas crafts including decorating cupcakes, an ex-guide, Laura Turner came in to show us how and brought in lots of cakes for us to experiment on. We took part in the Christmas Tree Festival and at the end of term had a Christmas Party with 1st Blackbird Leys Guiders.

January started with us having a go at the Chip Shop Challenge and The World Centres challenge. One evening we made individual English Trifles, we have also made African Bead necklaces, posters on Microbeads, balloons and Chinese Lanterns releases. They did some Mehndi patterns on their hands and made pegs skiers. There was crisp tasting and also we tried some traditional English sports. The term finished with a Fish and Chip supper. Congratulations to our long standing Guider Becky Ford from Witney who has just had a baby girl.

Cynthia Retter



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's 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.

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FLO'S – THE PLACE IN THE PARK

Flo's – the former Florence Park Children's Centre, set right at the edge of the park on Cricket Road, is now a community-owned hub reaching out to everyone including children, families and carers, to provide a welcoming and inclusive space to meet, work, play, learn, eat and foster people's connection to nature.

It has received a set up grant from Oxfordshire County Council and has a fully costed business plan which includes a nursery and café.

But further funding is needed to ensure it can be up and running later

this summer. You can donate to the £10,000 ignition fund via JustGiving, direct from the website and/or invest in the community share offer

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Busy, busy.....

The first thing I do each morning, at the moment, is to go out into the garden and check on all of the plants that I am nurturing for the Plant Sale. Do they need water, moving to a more favourable place, potting on or pricking out? Are there any signs of nibbling? If so, the slug or snail has to be found and removed. I have to be on top of all this to have some quality stock for the sale. I had run out of small pots but some kind friends came up with bags of them just when they were needed. Thank you!

Wet and cold weather has gone and now we are full tilt into spring via a dose of summer. We were going to see some friends overnight during that hot spell. I am sure there would have been casualties if I were to be away from home for two days. But, luckily for them, our friends had the builders in so we are going later in the year.

I hope you have noticed that the estate agents, Connells, based on the corner of Crowell Road, are giving us some free publicity this year with signs at strategic places around the neighbourhood. It is a shame that they didn't include the time of the Plant Sale which is from 12 noon to 2pm. Tell all your friends and neighbours to come and get some bargains! If you can, please support us with baking for the Cake Stall, also providing jams, chutneys and marmalades and any raffle prizes as well as the plants you have nurtured yourself. We will be setting up on the morning from 9am for those who can help. We made over £1,200 last year. The best yet! Can we make it bigger in 2018?

Of course, my other half and I are working on the allotment too. It is a late start this year after the wet and cold so it will be catch up, but the soil is drying out and warming ready for planting. The potatoes are now all in as well as the onions and shallots that I had started in modules in the greenhouse. Broad beans and one row of peas are in as well as other seeds including lettuce, beetroot, parsnips and parsley. Sweetcorn, courgettes, squashes and pumpkins are sown in the greenhouse to plant out after the threat of frost is gone.

The garden borders at home are bursting with foliage and flowers. Unfortunately, the unwanted are bursting too! A daily tour to remove the pesky bindweed is needed as well as other specimens "growing in the wrong place". One native pretty plant is Herb Robert with its rosette of much-divided and red-tinged triangular leaves and purple stems topped with pink flowers. It seeds profusely so some have to be removed. The rest add to the mix. I had to take a second look in the conservatory in the Botanic Garden last week as there were giant Herb Roberts! A close relative native to Madeira.

Amidst all my activity, I was able to take my annual visit to see the fritillaries in Magdalen College on one of those hot afternoons. There were few people about. The sky was blue and the purple, and the odd white, nodding heads were at their best.

Joan Coleman

Cowley Women's Institute

Earlier this month we visited Yarnton Nurseries for a little shopping and an enjoyable lunch. Our next outing is a pleasant bus ride to Thame where we have booked a Cream Tea and a look around Thame before the bus ride home.

Our new programme started this month with a birthday lunch before the meeting. The speaker at our meeting was Amy Surman who gave a fascinating talk and demonstration on jewellery making and repair. In May our speaker is Joan Creese,

who will get us all doing gentle exercise from our chairs.

Our WI meets monthly on the third Wednesday of each month. We meet from 2pm-4.30pm in St James Church Centre, Beauchamp Lane. We welcome new members to our friendly group so if you would like to know more please come and have an enjoyable afternoon making new friends.

Kathy Hulcup, Treasurer of Cowley WI
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JOINT PRESS RELEASE

Future of former United Reformed Church building secured

The former Temple Cowley United Reformed Church is to be sold to the Littlegate Trust who are acquiring it to establish a congregation of the Church of England in that part of Cowley. Their initiative, which is with the warm support from the Bishop of Oxford and the Cowley Team Rector, Revd Canon Geoff Bayliss, is in partnership with St Ebbe's Church, Oxford.

Tim Dossor, the Chairman of the Littlegate Trust said: "We are delighted to have secured the building against strong competition and will be looking to continue the tradition of a church that serves the community, sharing the good news of Jesus Christ, which was formerly provided here by the URC congregation."

In addition to a Sunday service and midweek church groups, including work with children and young people, the new owners are looking to engage with local community groups to ensure that the buildings continue to serve the needs of local people.

Revd Nigel Appleton, speaking on behalf of the United Reformed Church Wessex Trust, who are the present owners of the building, said: "Contrary to some ill-informed rumours that circulated locally it was never the intention of the Trust to sell to the highest bidder without regard to the needs of the local community. With support from our agents we marketed the building on the basis of its current use and received a high number of expressions of interest, almost all from community-based organisations and faith groups. We short-listed six organisations, three Christian and three from other faith communities, and were open to the possibility of selling to any of them. Any one of them would have been an asset to the local community. In the end the offer from the Littlegate Trust combined the best financial return that allowed the trustees to show that they had achieved the best outcome for the charity, with high levels of availability for use by the local community. We wish them well."

The building had been listed as an Asset of Community Value and the protocols required by that designation have now been completed so that the sale may go ahead.

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One Small Step Barry's Story

Picking up plastic bottles when out and about...

“Seeing a plastic bottle lying around now instantly connects me with the image of all that plastic that ends up in the sea and so into the stomachs of fish and birds and in turn into us.”

“I walk a lot and I spot a lot of plastic bottles lying around. So, without going berserk, I try to make a point of picking up the ones I come across and putting them in the recycling at home.

“I think I was most inspired by a woman called Bernadette who lives in our village and does a huge amount of caring for our local environment. She does it quietly and modestly without preaching to anyone but just setting a brilliant example. She does all sorts of things from organising rubbish clearing to tending plant troughs around our streets.”



How have others reacted to the step(s) you have taken?

“I quite like it when I get strange looks from people when I pick up bottles. I reckon that at least they're registering what I'm doing and maybe, somewhere along the line, a penny might drop.”

Has it led you to make any other changes?

“I guess it's part of a long-standing journey of trying to lessen our own impact as a family on the environment and trying to spread the message in a way that doesn't alienate people - so things like getting our church aware of recycling and switching from plastic cups for our Sunday coffee, first to compostable cardboard ones and now to china ones. At first people said nobody would do the washing up but in fact we all do.”

What advice would you give to anyone contemplating a similar change?

“Know that you can't save the world on your own but little steps add up. And be prepared to look a bit daft.”

How has the change affected your spiritual life or Christian witness?

“It's hard to sort out which influences which but I guess a few years ago I wouldn't have associated picking up plastic bottles with my Christian faith and now I definitely do”.



Story with kind permission of Barry Sugg, counsellor and psychotherapist. CCOW's 'One Small Step' series shares stories of change – the small steps individuals have taken to live more in keeping with their faith – to help inspire and encourage all of us on our journeys. We hope you've been inspired by this story. Please do get in touch and share yours with us!



A Poem from the book "Seven Days – Dips into the well of Truth" by Gertrude Wood

FAITH'S FOUNDATION

Had Christ not risen that first Easter morn,
Our faith would have had no foundation then
Just one more Hebrew prophet done to death,
His teachings treasured by some earnest men.

That he would save his people from their sin
His parents knew, and Scripture had foretold.
"The Lamb of God, atoning for all sin?"
So thundered John the Baptist, prophet bold.

How could the physical death of one man
Atone for a world's spiritual sin?
Faith sees it as the Great Creator's plan;
His Resurrection proves that origin!

How terrified Calaphas must have been
Not to have sent the frightened soldiers back.
To roll the stone away and view the corpse,
Or send some Jews to trace the body-snatchers' track.

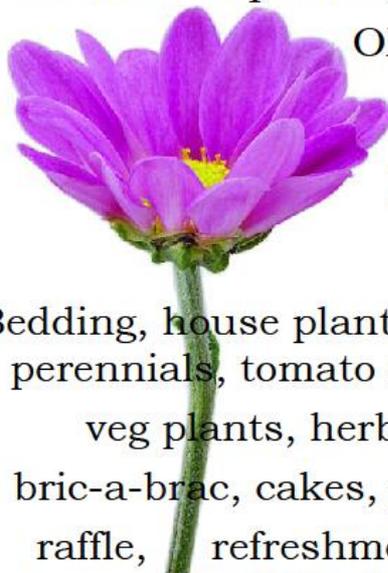
He knew! And many like him know and fear
An unknown, active, very real power!
A rebel spirit, self-aggrandizement
Were Eve's undoing, and may well be ours!

A life of selfless love to God and man,
Regardless of indifference or scorn,
Is but the evidence of real Faith
Firm founded on that Resurrection Morn.

Plant Sale

Saturday 12th May

St James' Church Centre,
Beauchamp Lane, Cowley
OX4 3LF



12 – 2pm

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School Memories

We were very lucky at St. Christopher's because the whole range of schools were in the same area and you got to know the area like the back of your hand. There was even an apple orchard to raid if you were one of those naughty boys in the junior school, but heaven help you if you got caught, and worse if you were reported to the head teacher. That meant you would visit Miss Neeve, the very tall headmistress who seemed to delight using her very thin cane on such occasions! Lesser crimes or trouble in class would qualify for the ruler. That meant a sharp smack on the inside of the open hand with a foot long flat ruler. Mr Trevor broke three rulers on one occasion, and called it a day.

The school also provided a good safe supply of young people for all kinds of 'jollies'. I was lucky enough to be selected to attend the foundation stone laying ceremony for St. Luke's Church in 1937. Together with others from the school and a few teachers to keep us in order we stood on the bank alongside the South aisle, next to the Nuffield Press building. This was probably one of the best viewing points and we loved it. Lord Nuffield himself was present. Later when the building was completed the school would attend the Maundy Thursday Service. This was probably one of the largest churches that I had been in, with a massive font at the west end of the nave. At the other end were miniature statues on the wall above the altar, and a massive crucifix above the choir screen that always upset me because it was so realistic in its detail.

We would love to hear of your school experiences – just send any articles by email to the Chronicle or paper copies to the Parish Office.

On the other hand there was one extra small sculpture that everyone loved. That was the one of St. George, who used to be standing on the right hand side of the choir screen. He was paid for by the children of Cowley and was 'lost' for a time when the church was being remodelled to its present use. After an extensive search through the various locations used to store County archives he was found and none the worse for his travels around the county. He is now back home.....at the Cowley Archives and History Facility.

Another advantage that was probably unique to St. Christopher's was that the schools had a mixed age range as well as being for boys and girls. One day a request was made to both the infant and junior head teachers for three children of differing ages to visit the Morris works and act as a 'family' with two adults. Together, they would feature in the new Series 'E' Eight family saloon car publicity. It seems that in those days, 1938, the photographic department at the factory was 'running on a shoe string', because the male and female to complete the family were a clerk from the wages department and a secretary! Payment was also kept to a minimum. Tea in the staff canteen ...with cream cakes. The first we knew about it all was when Beryl, my sister, arrived home from school. She found the trip highly enjoyable, especially being transported around in a chauffeur driven car!

David Cook

The Editors

Film Club at the Centre

The story of a handsome young man who had experienced an unfortunate youth and a violent adolescence and became seriously injured in a gunfight, then taken in by a compassionate Christian family and nursed back to health does not seem to be the usual background for your average western film, does it? Then add in the fact that he falls in love with the lovely daughter, makes friends with good neighbours, is presented with a beautiful Bible at a Quaker prayer meeting and rejects his bad ways to marry the girl, and that was the theme of our April film. It was so much enjoyed by our members that it received a round of applause at the end. They do love a happy ending!

May's film, which will be shown on Friday, 11 May, is "Mrs Henderson Presents". It stars, Dame Judi Dench and Bob Hoskins and is the story of London's Windmill Theatre mainly during the Second World War. Described as a "deliciously charming comedy" by critics it is a little bit naughty because in order to entertain the troops on leave The Windmill introduced static tableaux of beautiful nude girls. It is all very tastefully done and the story of how the policy of "We never close" was maintained completely through the blitz is amazing. We are looking forward to a really good evening.

Rosanne Butler

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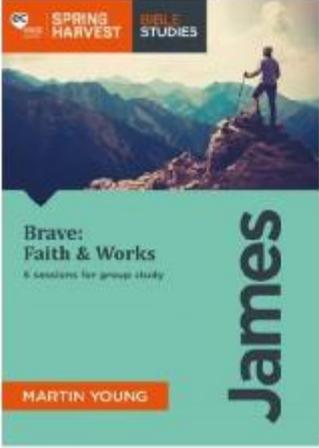
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HOW TO RECYCLE YOUR FOOD

Each household should have a small indoor caddy and a larger outdoor caddy or shared red bin (at flats).

You can collect a free indoor and/or outdoor caddy from [St Aldate's customer service centre](#) (OX1 1DS; Monday to Thursday, 9am to 5pm and Friday 9am to 4:30pm) or [Marsh Road Depot](#) (OX4 2HH; Monday to Friday, 8am to 6pm) if you don't have one.

Food recycling is collected every week on your normal bin day. Empty the contents of your smaller caddy into the larger one or red bin. Place your larger caddy out for collection with your other bins/sacks by 7am on the day or after 8pm the night before.

Lining your food caddy is optional and helps to keep it cleaner. You can also rinse it with warm, soapy water, or wash it in a dishwasher up to 60°C. You can line your caddy with any of the following:

- Plastic carrier bags
- Supermarket carrier bags (including bags for life)
- Pedal bin liners (not black bags)
- Other plastic bags (e.g. bread bags and salad bags)
- Compostable bags
- Newspaper

Please don't use black bags, crisp packets or cloth bags.

We now take all of our food recycling to an anaerobic digestion plant in Cassington, which can remove plastic and turns food leftovers into electricity and fertiliser. Before this, some of our food went to a composting plant, which didn't have the ability to remove plastic.

Plastic liners can be used in Oxford City, South Oxfordshire, Vale of White Horse and West Oxfordshire only. If you live in Cherwell, please only use compostable liners or newspaper/kitchen roll, as your food is sent to a composting plant which cannot remove plastic.

You can buy food caddy liners from [Marsh Road Depot](#) (OX4 2HH) for £1.50 a roll of 40. You can also get them for free at our [recycling roadshows](#).

Items you can recycle in your food caddy:

- Bread and pastries
- Dairy products (e.g. cheese)
- Fish (including bones and scales)
- Fruit and vegetables (including fruit stones)
- Meat and bones (cooked or uncooked)
- Cooking oils and fats (e.g. vegetable oil, olive oil, coconut oil, butter, lard)
 - ∅ Please collect (cooled) oils and fats in a plastic bottle and place inside your food caddy or red bin
 - ∅ These can be solid or liquid form
- Tea bags and coffee grounds

RECIPES

Spring chicken in a pot –

Serves 4

Recipe by Mary Cadogan, Good Food magazine, [April 2009](#)



Ingredients:

- 1 tbsp [olive oil](#)
- 1 [onion](#), chopped
- 500g boneless, skinless chicken thighs
- 300g small new potatoes
- 425 ml low-salt vegetable stock (such as Kallo low-salt vegetable stock cubs)
- 350g broccoli, cut into small florets
- 350g [spring greens](#), shredded
- 140g petits pois
- Bunch [spring onions](#) sliced
- 2 tbsp [pesto](#)

Method:

1. Heat the oil in a large, heavy pan. Add the onion, gently fry for 5 mins until softened, add the chicken, then fry until lightly coloured. Add the potatoes, stock and plenty of freshly ground black pepper, then bring to the boil. Cover, then simmer for 30 mins until the potatoes are tender and the chicken is cooked.
2. Add the broccoli, spring greens, petit pois and spring onions, stir well, then return to the boil. Cover, then cook for 5 mins more, stir in the pesto and heat through.

The following (from Cakes, Bakes, Puddings and Prayers by Susan Over) also seems most appropriate at this time of year.

GIVE AND TAKE BISCUIT BAKE

(Suitable for the Plant Sale's Cake Stand?)

INGREDIENTS:

- 225g (8oz) butter
- 110g (4oz) caster sugar
- 110 (4oz) soft brown sugar
- 1 standard egg, beaten
- ½ teaspoon vanilla essence
- 225g (8oz) self-raising flour

Possible flavourings:

- 50g (2oz) desiccated coconut
- 50g (2oz) dried ready-to-eat cranberries
- ½ teaspoon each ground cinnamon and nutmeg
- 25g (1oz) chocolate, chopped
- 25g (1oz) glace cherries, chopped
- 50g (2oz) crushed salted peanuts
- 50g (2oz) ground almonds
- 1 drop almond essence

METHOD:

1. Cream butter and two sugars until light and fluffy
2. Gradually beat in the egg and vanilla essence then stir in the flour.
3. Divide the mixture into three equal portions and add one of the flavourings to each one, kneading until evenly combined.
4. Shape each flavoured mixture into a roll about 5cm (2in) diameter. Freeze for at least 2 hours to make the mixture firm enough to slice, although it can be kept in the freezer for several weeks.
5. Preheat oven gas mark 5/190°C/375°F.
6. Cut each frozen roll into 20-24 thin slices and bake on lightly greased baking trays for 10-15 minutes until golden brown.
7. Allow to cool and harden for a couple of minutes, then remove carefully to a wire rack to finish.
8. Store in an airtight tin

Makes 35-40 biscuits.

Make sure you don't take things for granted and go slack in working for the common good; share what you have with others.
Hebrews 13:16 (The Message)

Lord, thank for the joy of human relationships. Help us to celebrate our differences rather than to want our own way all the time. Give us a double dose of 'give-and-take' for today. Amen

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Many legitimate businesses sell products door-to-door (windows, solar panels, cleaning products, home maintenance, tree surgeons etc.). Gas, electricity and water companies will also visit to read meters. In addition charities may visit to ask for donations or post collection bags for you to fill and leave out for collection.

However, scammers also do the above to part you from your money, gain entry to your home to steal, or profit by posing as charities in order to collect donations.

What you should know:

- ∅ Door-to-door scams involve selling goods or services that are not delivered or are very poor quality. You won't get value for money and you may get billed for work you didn't want or didn't agree to.
- ∅ Some scammers conduct surveys so they can obtain your personal details or disguise their real intent to sell you goods or services you don't want or need (e.g. unnecessary roofing work or patio replacement).
- ∅ Door-to-door sales are normally uninvited and the people selling **MUST** leave if you ask them to.
- ∅ Even when a genuine business and product is being sold, unscrupulous employees can sometimes still act illegally.
- ∅ If someone knocks at your front door claiming to be from a company always check their ID. If you are not happy then do not let them into your home.
- ∅ Never ring the telephone number on the ID card. Tell them to wait outside, shut the door, and ring the genuine number from the telephone book or website.

CHRONICLE

Editorial Team- Sally Hemsworth, Nicki Stevens

Deadline for the next edition: **Wednesday 16 May 2018**

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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MOTHERS UNION NEWS

Despite several of our members suffering ill-health at the moment and others with unchangeable arrangements, about half of the membership enjoyed a delightful St George's Day lunch with flags and red roses on the tables. The meal was followed by the World-wide Wave of prayer scripts with prayers prepared by our link dioceses from around the world. The business which followed mainly focussed on the forthcoming 130th anniversary celebrations in July in Dorchester Abbey. The Diocese calls it a pilgrimage but it sounds like a service of celebration followed by a mammoth tea party. Ten places have been booked for the Cowley branch plus special places for our banner carrier (Mandy Watts), two volunteer stewards (Christine Woodman and Valerie Goodall) and two volunteer tea servers (Chris Lee and Mary Bayliss). Our Rector, Geoff, will be seated with other clergy so if we fill the ten extra seats Cowley will be well represented!

We also discussed plans for our own branch's 130th anniversary celebration. This will take place in June when we are off on a "pilgrimage picnic" to Bartlemas Chapel in East Oxford for tea, cakes, prayers and decisions on what we would like included in our 2018/19 programme.

The forthcoming meeting in May has not yet had its speaker finalised but we are hoping that Gilly Byrne, who has a cottage in Beauchamp Lane will be talking on her clinic in India and the work she does there.

We continue to collect little knitted

garments, cot blankets and toiletries to donate to the Children's Hospital at the John Radcliffe Hospital. Our lovely knitters are doing a wonderful job and we are very proud of them.

A booking has been made for a group of twelve members to visit Christ Church Cathedral on Friday, 30th November. This will include a conducted tour of the cathedral, afternoon tea in the great hall followed by choral evensong back in the cathedral itself. Names of those who wish to go can be sorted out in a month or two, and travel arrangements discussed nearer the time. The visit is free but the tea, which is rather special, costs £5.

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Lesley Williams, Parish Safeguarding Officer, has contacted by e-mail or letter all those who must be registered and trained but anyone else who recognises that Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility is welcome to study the course. It can be done on line at home – instructions are supplied – but also, following up the three sessions already held, we are offering two further times to undertake it together in groups at St James Centre.

Tuesday 15 May 7.30-9.30

Saturday 2 June 10.00-12.00

We are also arranging a C1 delivered course here, later in June/July.

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

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COWLEY PARISH MISSION AND SOCIAL PLANNER 2018 – MAY AND JUNE

MAY	JUNE
SAT 12th 12:00-3:00pm <i>Plant Sale</i> (CC)	SAT 16th 6:00 pm <i>Beetle drive with BYO pudding, cake, drinks</i> (F)
SUN 13th – SAT 19th <i>Christian Aid Week Templars Square stall</i> times/activity tbc	SUN 17th 12:45 pm <i>Sunday lunch</i> (CC)
SUN 13th 8:45 am <i>Big Brekkie</i> (CC)	FRI 29th 7:00 pm <i>Christian Aid Quiz Aid</i> (CC)
MON 14th 7:30 pm <i>Parish Social & Mission meeting</i> (88 Temple Road)	SAT 30th <i>Ordination of Gemma Beasley (curate)</i> (Cathedral)
WED 16th 10:00-12:00 <i>CAW coffee morning</i> (88 Temple Road)	
TUES 22nd 7 pm for 7.30 pm <i>Life & teaching at St James School</i> (CC)	
SUN 20th 12:45 pm <i>Sunday lunch</i> (CC)	
TUES 29th 10:00-11:30am <i>Messy Church</i> (CC)	

Prayer Space

Hail Father, source of the Son,
 Son, the Father's image;
 Father the ground where the Son stands,
 Son, the Father's seal;
 Father the power of the Son,
 Son, the Father's beauty;
 All-pure spirit, bond between
 the Father and the Son.
 Send O Christ, the Spirit,
 Send the Father to my soul;
 Steep my dry heart in this dew,
 the best of all your gifts.
 Synesius of Cyrene

Lord Jesus, thank You that you are
 always with me and that when I
 look up I see You. Everything else
 becomes small, compared to this joy.
 Corrie Ten Boom

A prayer taken from the Mothers' Union collection of prayers and poems: "Dear Lord" (very suitable for Christian Aid Week)

A Simple Life

A simple life is all I ask
 that God will grant this day.
 Just enough to meet my need
 and some to give away.
 Just enough and some to share
 with those whose bowl is empty.
 Compared to many in this world
 I know that I have plenty.
 I'm grateful for the things I have
 I have no need for more
 I pray my heart will always be
 an ever open door,
 to welcome friends and strangers
 I meet along the way.
 And as I do, I'm sure that I
 will meet with Christ each day.
 For I am certain beyond doubt
 That I am rich indeed
 For Jesus gives me joy and peace
 And everything I need.

By Margaret Shoemark,
 Member of Stafford St Paul's Mothers' Union

So Geoff has become the new Area Dean what does that mean?



First a bit about Parishes, Deaneries and Archdeaconry's. We may be comfortable with the idea of a parish? We, in the Cowley Team Ministry, are a parish. Our patch covers a set area and we know where the edges are. We have a boundary that runs down the middle of Rose Hill, runs along boundary brook, goes on to include some parts of the Marks Farm Estate, includes the BMW factory, and works its way along part of the ring road. There is not one bit of England that does to fall into one parish or another. If you live in England, you live in a parish.

Deaneries are groups of parishes that work together, We are part of Cowley Deanery and linked with the parishes on the east side of Oxford. Geoff is the Area Dean for this area. The Two Deaneries of Oxford and Cowley make up the Archdeaconry of Oxford. The Venerable Martin Gorrick is the Archdeacon for this area. We have an area Bishop who is Bishop Steven Croft. He is also the Bishop for the whole of the Oxford Diocese.

So what does Geoff do as an Area Dean?

First he works with the parishes, Churchwardens and Clergy to ensure that things are going well in the Cowley Deanery. When all is going smoothly this is quite easy. Secondly, during a vacancy, when a parish does not have a Rector, he takes on some of the Rector's responsibilities and is usually involved in the process of appointing the new Rector.

Thirdly, he works with the Bishop, Archdeacon and parishes to develop a long-term plan for the health and vitality of the kingdom of God in the area. This is the bit that is perhaps most challenging! Do please pray for Geoff as he fulfils this role. He will be sworn in and licensed in the Cathedral at the visitation service at 7:30 on Wednesday May 23rd.



UNA'S CORNER

I REMEMBER:

We had to carry our gas masks with us always during the war. In the First World War the Germans released mustard gas over our troops in their trenches. Many soldiers died as the gas rotted their lungs and made breathing very difficult. A lot of men died after the war as a result of gassing, some having lived for some years unable to work or move very much. The Government were afraid gas bombs could be dropped on us in WW2 and so we were issued with gas masks in cases with a strap to go over the shoulder. Children up to five years old had what we called Mickey Mouse gas masks, they were pink I remember. Graduation at five to a grown up gas mask was quite exciting - I remember feeling very grown up. All the gas masks were hideous and we had to practise wearing them from time to time in school. They were rubber and fitted over the face and the front of the head with a large snout at the front which contained the filter. We hated having to put them on as it was not easy. A fortnight after my young brother was born in 1944 a large box was delivered to our house and when my parents opened it there was a large rubber and canvas box-like shape with an opening down the front and a pump. The idea was, the instructions stated, when there was a gas alert the baby was placed bodily in the container, the front sealed and someone had to pump by hand to give the baby filtered air. If the pump stopped the baby suffocated. The instructions were very definite that the adult in charge had to put on his or her gas mask before dealing with the baby. I remember my mother breaking

down in tears at the sight of this monstrous contraption and she declared she could never put her baby in that thing. My father said she would have to but he said it would be hard to put his own mask on before dealing the baby as his instinct was to save the baby at all costs. The gas bombs were never used thank goodness.

The baby thing was never collected after the war and I remembered that my father put it in the loft. When we came to sell the house my brothers and I looked at this thing we had found and my elder brother could not remember what it was, but I did. It was pretty grotty by then, the rubber and canvas had deteriorated. My young brother was horrified at the thought that he was the one to go into the thing. We gave it to the war museum which at that time was situated at the Slade junction with Hollow Way. I think it may be in Woodstock now. I remember there was a card attached to the gas box in the museum explaining its use. It had been cleaned and greased and looked quite respectable. The card said the baby gas mask had been kindly donated by the Smith family. Well, that could have been anyone but it was us.

I remember lots of little things that happened. All reference to Oxford was covered over or removed in case of invasion, the idea being that the invading force would not know where they were. Railway stations no longer had name boards, sign posts were removed. Over the main entrance to the bus garage in Cowley Road, about opposite Shelley Road it stated City of Oxford ... something

like motor bus company. A concrete strip was placed over this notice, a very neat oblong of concrete which obliterated the words. On the corner of Hollow Way and Oxford Road Billy Morris (Lord Nuffield) had his office. On the wall facing Hollow Way was a line of writing which said it was Morris Motors Cowley Oxford. A block was neatly put over that also. The concrete was never removed and for all I know it may be still there if the building remains today.

I remember that one day there was a long series of loud bangs which sounded like gun fire coming from the railway direction. I remember it was reported that local people had thought the enemy was marching along the railway to London firing their guns along the way but in fact there was a Corona bottling plant on the Botley Road side of the

railway and it was on fire and bottles of fizzy drink were exploding in the heat. Corona was a popular fruit flavoured fizzy drink, it used to be brought round the streets so that people could buy it, some people had a regular order. We did not have it very often, just occasionally as a treat.

I remember my mother saving used tea leaves, drying them off and using them again. The tea ration was not very generous. The second lot of tea was so weak it could hardly crawl out of the teapot. Incidentally I remember we always had a tea cosy over the teapot to keep the tea warm. Are they still used? I think a lot of people now use tea bags in a mug rather than use a teapot and a cosy.

Which reminds me, it is time for a cup of tea now.



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CHRISTIAN AID WEEK 13-19 May

<https://www.christianaid.org.uk/christian-aid-week/>



TOGETHER WE'RE STRONGER THAN THE STORMS

All year round, we pray for our worldwide brothers & sisters in Christ; in Christian Aid Week we take action to demonstrate our solidarity with them.

CAW 2018 focuses on a family in Haiti, hit by the earthquake of 2010 and then by hurricane Matthew in 2017 – particularly on the need to rebuild homes and the community

There is also a special focus on prayer this year as CAW falls within 'Thy Kingdom Come', the ecumenical global prayer movement throughout the eleven days between Ascension Day & Pentecost.

Archbishop Justin Welby writes: *'this great wave of prayer is for the empowering of the Holy Spirit to enable our effective evangelism and witness.'*

Kingdom builders like you from all walks of life and Christian traditions come together during Christian Aid Week. However you raise money, you're stepping out in God's mission for the world's poorest people. Together, we raise funds to help our poorest brothers and sisters around the globe to thrive abundantly because we believe in life before death. This work brings the Kingdom closer.'

Booklets are available containing the 11 day devotional for CAW 2018 and Thy Kingdom Come, starting on Thursday 10 May, Ascension Day

The Kingdom prayer

Holy God, in your kingdom

the strong need the weak;

the rich are transformed by the poor;

the fortunate are welcomed by the homeless.

Your kingdom is built by those who expect their God to come

Amen

Our Parish will declare our solidarity by publically collecting money

- ∅ at our Big Brekkie on Sunday 13 May, 8:45-9:45 am at St James Centre – the usual Sunday breakfast crumpets, croissants and toast plus bacon butties, scrambled egg, fruit - and good company
- ∅ on the charity stall at Templars Square with a tombola and cakes plus balloons and a challenge activity for children. We ask you please to volunteer for a 2 hour slot – but just 1 hour would be fine if 2 is too long for you. We will aim to be there for four hours on Sunday 13 May; two hours each weekday afternoon and all day Saturday 19 May. Please sign up with a friend!

Small new/good as new item donations for the tombola and cakes are invited

- ∅ at a coffee morning on Wednesday 16 May, 10:00-12:00 at 88 Temple Road – with thanks to Lyn and David Lord

Further ahead: Christian Aid Quiz Aid on Friday 29 June - *write it in your diary now!*



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GOD'S KINGDOM IS STRONGER THAN STORMS

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For coffee & cake at 88 Temple Rd, Cowley, OX4 2EZ
Wednesday 16 May 10.00—1.00 with thanks to Lyn & David Lord



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13-19 MAY

GOD'S KINGDOM IS STRONGER THAN STORMS

Join our team of volunteer collectors!
Will you give a few hours of your time this Christian Aid Week?

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Lesley Williams about our stall at Templars Square
Daily Sunday 13—Saturday 19 May 07982 439828

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We believe in life before death



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Want to change the world over breakfast? Then come and tuck in at our Big Brekkie! We'll be serving a delicious morning meal, while raising money to fight poverty and injustice worldwide.

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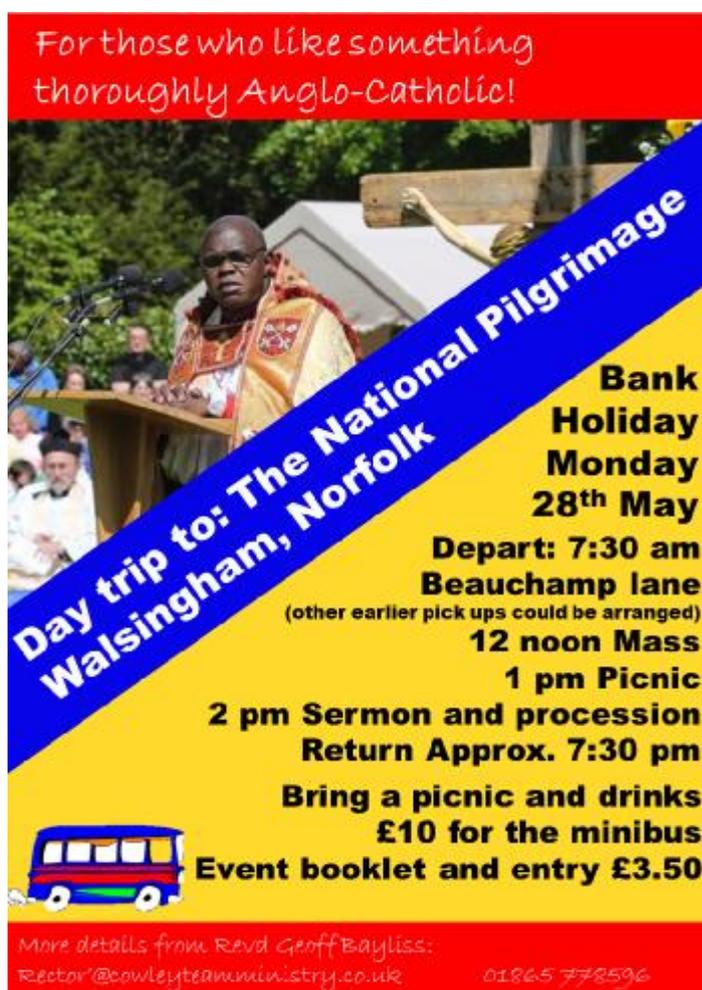
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For those who like something thoroughly Anglo-Catholic!

Day trip to: The National Pilgrimage Walsingham, Norfolk

Bank Holiday Monday 28th May

Depart: 7:30 am
Beauchamp lane
(other earlier pick ups could be arranged)
12 noon Mass
1 pm Picnic
2 pm Sermon and procession
Return Approx. 7:30 pm

Bring a picnic and drinks
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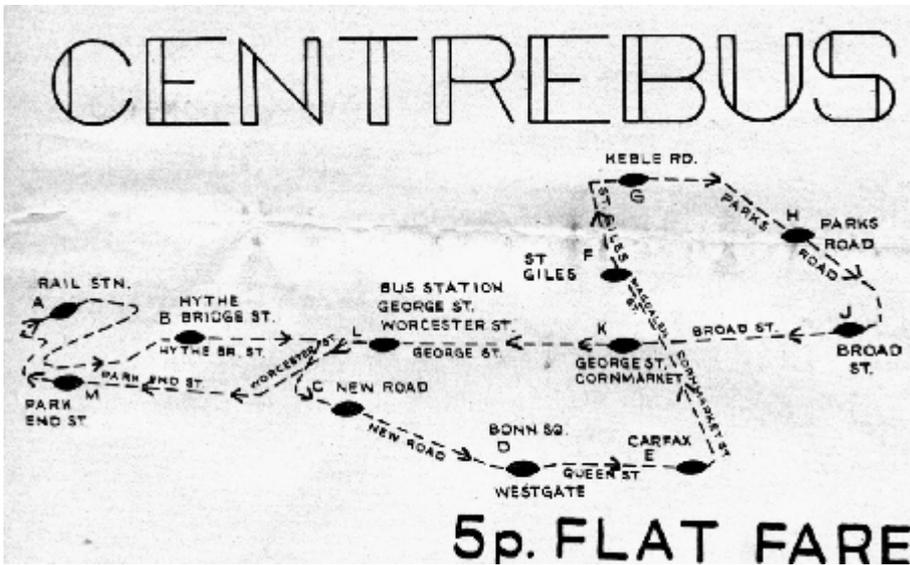
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OXFORD CENTREBUS SERVICE (starting May 5th 1975)

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will provide financial support. The service will be called "CENTREBUS", and will have distinctive orange and black bus stops, information panels and on-bus Information. With a flat fare of only 5p for any distance, we expect it to prove popular and to increase mobility to, from and within the central area.

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Mothers' Union

Monthly Meeting on 3rd Monday of month
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St James Church Centre

Women's Institute

Monthly Meeting on 3rd Wednesday of month
from 2 – 4.30 pm, St James Church Centre
16 May 2018

St James Church Centre

Gardening

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

Parish Walk

May dates to be arranged

Film Club

Friday, 11 May 2018 – “Mrs Henderson
Presents”. St James Church Centre,
commencing at 6.30 pm with coffee and cake

Plant Sale

Saturday, 12 May 2018 12.00 – 3.00 pm
St James Church Centre

Christian Aid Week

Sunday, 13 – Saturday, 19 May

Christian Aid Week – Big Brekkie

Sunday, 13 May 2018, at 8.45 pm

St James Church Centre

St Francis Church Committee

Sunday, 13 May 2018, at 12 noon

St Francis Church

Mission and Social Planning Meeting

Monday, 14 May 2018 at 7.30 pm

88 Temple Road

Christian Aid Week - Coffee Morning

Wednesday, 16 May 2018 10.00 – 12 noon
88 Temple Road

St James Church Committee

Wednesday, 16 May 2018, at 7.30 pm

The Rectory

Sunday Lunch

Sunday, 20 May 2018, at 12.45 pm

St James Church Centre

Life and Teaching at St James School

Tuesday, 22 May 2018 at 7.30 pm

St James Church Centre

Local History Group

Wednesday, 23 May 2018, at 10 am

The History Centre, Temple Road

Messy Church

Tuesday, 29 May 2018 10.00 – 11.30 am

St James Church Centre

PCC Meeting

Sunday, 10 June 2018, at 12.45 pm

St James Church

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

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

REPORT FROM THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

The Annual Congregational Meetings for both churches and the Annual Parish Meeting and Annual Parochial Church Meeting met during April.

At the Annual Congregational Meetings the Church Committees were appointed, and the members are:

St Francis:	St James:
Chloe Clark	Pat Chambers
Shirley Costar	Joan Coleman
Gwen Denny	Sally Hemsworth
Nick Dewey	Christine Lee
Faith Hunter	Jill Ling
Lyn Lord	Margaret Martin
Norah Shallow	David Stanley
John Shreeve	Margaret Weller
Marlene Shreeve	Lesley Williams
Maureen Stone	
Andrew Swallow	

At the Annual Parish Meeting two Church Wardens were appointed:

Nicolas Dewey
Christine Woodman

At the Annual Parochial Church Meeting the following were elected:

Parochial Church Council: Andrew Swallow
(12 members required - 4 vacancies to fill)

The other PCC members are:

Joan Coleman	Sheila Collett
Gwen Denny	Sally Hemsworth
Norah Shallow	David Stanley
Margaret Weller	Lesley Williams

Deanery Synod: Ed Ling
(three members - one vacancy to fill)

The other Deanery Synod Members are:

Nicolas Dewey
Christine Woodman

In addition, the following appointments were made:

Sidespersons:

St Francis:	St James:
Sheila Collett	Rosanne Butler
Shirley Costar	Pat Chambers
Jane Coutanche	Joan Coleman
Gwen Denny	Valerie Goodall
Esme Forbes	Alan Howell
Faith Hunter	Christine Lee
Lyn Lord	Christine Knevett
Elwira Lubos	Margaret Martin
Norah Shallow	John Simmons
Maureen Stone	June Smith
Andrew Swallow	Carmelyne Strzelecki
Elsie Tshabalala	Margaret Weller
Elaine Ulett	Lesley Williams

Independent Examiner: Maureen Thomas

The following meetings have been arranged:

St Francis Church Committee: Sunday, 13 May 2018, at 12 noon
at St Francis Church

St James Church Committee: Wednesday, 16 May 2018, at 7.30
pm at The Rectory

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

Sally Hemsworth
PCC Secretary

GARDENING PARTY

**HELP REQUIRED – COME AND BOOST THE NUMBERS
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CHURCH AND ST JAMES CHURCH CENTRE.**

**LAST SATURDAY OF EACH MONTH (EXCEPT DECEM-
BER) – 9.30 AM ONWARDS AT ST. JAMES CHURCH CEN-
TRE.**



Come and have fun, fresh air and exercise as we prepare the St. James Church Centre garden for another beautiful spring and summer showing. If possible bring your own tools but some will be available. Both heavy and light work available plus coffee and cake.

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	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 James

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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