

The Anglican Asian Living Church, Oxford



Jesus spoke to the people, 'I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life.' John 8:12

'You are warmly invited to our joyous Christmas & New Year events'

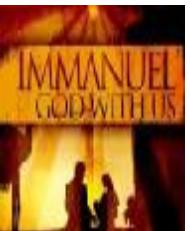
Sunday 4th December 1.45 pm Asian Holy Communion Service at St. James Church, 2nd Sunday of Advent with preacher Rev Andrew Teal (Chaplain of Pembroke College) and refreshments at Church Centre

Wednesday 7th December start Carol Singing to houses 7pm - 9pm and all Wednesdays, Thursdays, Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays (after the services)

Sunday 11th December 1.45 pm Asian Service at St. James Church,

3rd Sunday of Advent with preacher Rev Skye Denno (Team Vicar Cowley Parish Team Ministry) with refreshments at Church Centre

Sunday 18th December 1.45 pm Asian Service at St. James Church,



WISE MEN VERSUS KINGS

The Gospel writer Matthew refers to Wise Men coming from the East to the Holy Land in his writing in the First Century AD. They were probably Astrologers or Astronomers. No mention of names, status, or place of origin. However, by the Fifth Century AD they had been upgraded to Kingly state, given names and nationalities. An unlikely change.

We see these Kings on our Christmas Cards striding across the desert in full regalia, something no King in his right mind would ever consider. Apart from the imminent danger of being attacked and robbed by brigands, the dirt and dust of desert conditions would not be good for Royal robes. Yet they still seem to have a fascination for our festive card designers.

The star that they followed was almost certainly a comet, whereas the stars of the angels revealed to the shepherds were much smaller and less bright as the NT Greek reveals.

As a result of their meeting with Herod the Holy family were forced to become refugees, and Joseph did a fine job of guiding his wife and child to the safety of Egypt in haste.

We often forget this when telling the Christian story.

John Shreeve

JOKES FROM THE COWLEY CHRONICLE DECEMBER 1989

They always say that the old ones are the best!

Christmas Crackers

How many chimneys does Santa go down?	Stacks
Who gets the sack on Christmas Eve?	Santa
Who delivers cats' Christmas Presents?	Santa Paws
What ball doesn't bounce?	A snowball
What exams did Father Christmas take?	Ho, ho, ho levels
What do Polar Bears eat for a snack?	Ice burgers!
Who claps at Christmastime?	Santapplause!
Why do Elephants have trunks?	They'd look silly with suitcases
What is over 330 foot high and wobbles?	The trifle tower
What happens if you watch Mickey Mouse too much?	You get Disney spells
What's the favourite food of sea monsters?	Fish and ships
What do you call a fast duck?	A quick quack
How do rabbits travel?	By hareplane
Who did Santa Claus marry?	Mary Christmas
Why is a turkey never hungry at Christmas?	Because he always gets stuffed
Why is holly used for Christmas decorations?	So we can have a Berry Christmas!
What do Gorillas sing at Christmas?	"Jungle bells, Jungle bells ..."

CHRONICLE

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Film Club at the Centre

For the first time since the club began, in November we chose a black and white film. It certainly went back a good many years but "Roman Holiday" is such a classic that it was much enjoyed.

We have another Hollywood classic scheduled for our Christmas film, namely "Seven Brides for Seven Brothers! This delightful musical was the request of one of our film club members and although most of us have seen it before I am sure the fine songs and exceptionally talented dancing will put us in a very seasonal mood. Well that's the idea anyway. Pretty little Jane Powell and fine, upstanding Howard Keel are the stars.

In January we have chosen a fairly new release "The Lady in the Van". This film stars "our own" Maggie Smith in total contrast from her part in

the TV series "Downton Abbey". The story, written by Alan Bennett tells of the true events that happened when a strange elderly lady imposed upon him by parking her ancient campervan home in his drive. The relationship which developed between the main characters is very amusing and I am sure members will enjoy their first club evening of 2017.

Film Club will be adding a Christmas tree to the dozens in the church festival. Going on the assumption that the "Greatest Gift" is love, our tree will be decorated with golden hearts hung with pink ribbons. The picture of a famous actor will feature on each heart. See how many you can name (the answers are printed on the back).

Rosanne Butler

COWLEY FESTIVAL OF CHRISTMAS TREES 2016 - December 10-18

'Let's light up Christmas' with the theme: The Greatest Gift

Fundraising for SeeSaw & ROSY

At the time of writing, there are just two weeks to go....

Ø We're still accepting contributions to the two creativitrees:

(1) Knit one, purl one tree: please knit or crochet 4 inch/10 cm squares in any shade of green that you haveand wait to see how they become a tree – *but thanks to Ed Ling for the frame*
Deadline: Ideally 30 November but we will add more during the festival

(2) Poetre : please write or bring a copy of a short poem, preferably on the theme of gifts – which could be interpreted as parcels, birthdays, talents & skills, wishes – these will be hung upon a tree.

Deadline: ideally 30 November but we will add more during the festival

Ø Our target is 60 trees: it is not too late for any local group or business, family or individual to decorate/ make a tree/mobile/picture. The trees can be any size from 12 inch/30 cm table top to 4 ft/120 cm.

Ø And we are also still seeking further financial sponsorship, which last year raised £800 towards the £2,352 we received for SeeSaw and ROSY. Ask Lesley Williams for a letter and leaflet to hand to any companies/organisations with which you have a connection/ influence.

Then we need LOTS of help please to

- Ø continue delivering the bundled cards to every home in the Parish
- Ø put up posters in windows, on fences and lampposts
- Ø put up the direction arrows and banners
- Ø display a car sticker
- Ø be a steward in the church during set up and opening times (*see the timetable*)
- Ø serve refreshments during opening times, at the concerts and services
- Ø bake star or Christmas tree shaped biscuits – any flavour – to serve during the festival along with mince pies

Please see/contact Lesley Williams or Christine Woodman 01865 778 078 to add your name to a support list or rota

Ø and then of course PLEASE COME and bring friends and family, to enjoy the trees, the welcome and the live music - school choirs, handbell ringers, the St James church choir, Brian Tidy on the organ, Rising Voices community choir and
Music Box, the ticketed concert on Saturday 10 December, 7.00 with the Oxfordshire Jazz Collective and the Oxfordshire County Youth Choir, both from our national award winning County Music Service

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COWLEY FESTIVAL OF CHRISTMAS TREES 2016

Oxfordshire Jazz Collective
with
Oxfordshire County Youth Choir

music box

Saturday 10 December at 7:00pm
St James Church
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Cowley festival of Christmas trees 2016 presents:

A Joyful Sound
a promenade concert with

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The Community Choir with folk roots

Wednesday 14 December 7.00pm-8.00pm
St James Church
Beauchamp Lane, Cowley, OX4 3LF

£2.00 festival entry – family friendly & FREE for under 14s
you are welcome to wander & see the tree display during the performance!

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The greatest gift: 'LET'S LIGHT UP CHRISTMAS'
Cowley festival of Christmas trees 2016

CHRISTINGLE SERVICE

Sunday
11 December
4:30 pm
St James Church
Beauchamp Lane
OX4 3LF

come and join in!

everybody welcome





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'Let's light up Christmas'
COWLEY FESTIVAL OF CHRISTMAS TREES 2016
"the greatest gift"

Just sing
Pop-up choir



Saturday 17 December: 2.30-3.30
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Beauchamp Lane, Cowley

led by Emily Marshall - joined by the Singin' Women group
come & sing together or just listen
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EXTRACTS FROM THE COWLEY NEIGHBOURHOOD NEWSLETTER, THAMES VALLEY POLICE

The Neighbourhood Officers are: Andy Hellas; Gareth Morley; Chrisy Jupp; Anna Houlston; Jan Billingham; Katie Martin; James Gordon

There is also a new PCSO, Emma Kidd, who says: *"I have been with the Cowley Neighbourhood team since October and so far have enjoyed getting to know my new role as a PCSO, meeting a great team and getting to know the area. My previous work has been supporting vulnerable children and families and working alongside social care to keep them out of the care system. My new team have been great and have made me feel at home very quickly, thank you very much everyone for all your support. I look forward to getting to know you and the job a lot better soon."*

The report contains the following:

Priorities

We have had some problems identified to us by the community which we are working to try and resolve. These are:

1. Drug use in Florence Park toilets

We have been told of some Class A drugs use in the toilets at Florence Park. We are currently working to identify and prosecute those responsible.

2. Robberies at Templars Square

We are aware people have been victim to Robbery in and around Templars Square Shopping Centre. We are working with the Shopping Centre to identify and prosecute those responsible.

3. Shoplifting at Christmas

There is traditionally a rise in shoplifting at Christmas. We will be putting on extra patrols at Templars Square Shopping Centre and Templars Retail Park around the weekends to disrupt this.

Police Events:

We have the following events planned:

10 December 2016: Winter Burglary Crime Prevention Event:

This is an event being held at Templars Shopping Centre where we will be highlighting the increased risks of burglary at this time of year

11 December 2016: Vehicle Crime Event:

This is an event being held at Templars Retail Park where we will be highlighting the dangers of leaving valuable property in your car

7 January 2017: Winter Burglary Crime Prevention Event:

This is an event being held at Templars Shopping Centre where we will be highlighting the increased risks of burglary at this time of year

4 February 2017: Bike Registration Event

We will be holding an event outside Halfords where we will be registering bikes onto the national database immobilise.com

Multi-agency Warrant

On 16 November 2016 the Cowley Neighbourhood Team working together with colleagues from Oxford City Council, Immigration, and the Department of Works and Pensions executed a warrant at an address on Glanville Road in Oxford. This was in relation to the use of fraudulent documents to obtain a National Insurance number and driving licence. Enquiries are ongoing.

Child Car Safety Event

On 15 November 2016 the Cowley Neighbourhood Team together with colleagues from Roads Policing took part in an operation to deal with the problem of parents not using a child seat for their children whilst driving. Despite being pre-warned about the legislation on the day of the event seven parents were issued warnings or tickets for the lack of seat belts and/or child seats.

Crime Prevention

Thames Valley Police is today (21/11) launching a week long campaign giving advice to help people be [#SafeAtHome](#).

Following on from the broadcast earlier this year of the ground-breaking documentary on domestic abuse Behind Closed Doors, which followed TVP's work with victims of domestic abuse over a year, the issue remains a top priority for the Force.

The [#SafeAtHome](#) campaign flags the help there is for victims, their families and friends and the action to take if you believe someone you know is a victim of domestic abuse (DA).

Details are also given of Arrests, Charges, Cautions, etc. In the last 30 days 42 people have been arrested in the Neighbourhood for various offences.

**Get in
the picture
Cowley**

Advertising Church Christmas events
in the weeks before Christmas.
We will be in the Cowley Centre on
Dec 10th.
10 till 4 pm
A team will be needed from the
Churches in the area. I hope some of
you may be able to help!

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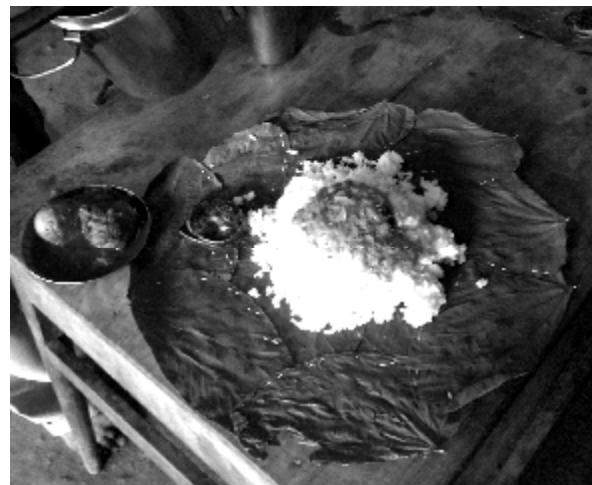
"Do you think you could help us buy Christmas lunch and a new set of clothes for each of the evangelists and pastors that work with us, about 50 of them", wrote a colleague in Odisha, India, recently. "Many of these church leaders in the rural area cannot afford new clothes and without some help they will not be able to celebrate Christmas with a little meat" explained Pranab. I did some rapid calculations in my head ... meals for about 300 people, guessing each pastor would have a family of six, and 50 sets of new clothes. My mental arithmetic was closing in on the £10,000 mark when I continued to read on to where he said, "£23 for each pastor". That must be for the meal I thought and read on to find out how much the tailoring was going to cost. Then I realised that that was it. Christmas lunch for six and a new set of clothes for the pastor, all in, at £23. Then I began to worry about the cost of my Christmas!

Pranab leads a small mission agency in Odisha which is one of the areas of India where Christians come under a lot of pressure. Just a few years ago several churches were burnt and pastors were beaten and even killed. People are poor and life is hard in the villages but, with support from people like Pranab, the local people are determined to go on following in the ways of Jesus. Pranab's mission is called New Life for India and they joined the Faith2Share network that I serve a few years ago. Over those years

Pranab has become a trusted and valued friend who is never phased by life's many challenges – always a smile on his broad face.

So what did we do? The only thing we could do, we stepped out in faith and sent Pranab US\$1,000 so that he could get those Christmas meals and the clothes bought before Christmas Day. As you do your own Christmas shopping if you want to add £23 for a church leader in India, so he and his family can celebrate the birth of Jesus and look a little smarter next year, you can easily do this on the Faith2Share website at www.faith2share.net/donate or you can slip me an envelope in church. I know I am going to enjoy my Christmas lunch just a little better if I know some families in India are also eating chicken rather than just rice.

Mark Oxbrow



Long ago, in the mists of time, there lived a species of bird called the rarey. They were seabirds and built their nests high up on the cliffs where they raised their chicks. Once the chicks had fledged and were ready to leave their nests they faced a long drop down into the waves below. The mother bird would fly off first and wait below the cliff for the young rarey to make his first flight. She would call to him while the male bird would stay behind to give encouragement. Now one little chick, about to leave the nest looked down from the steep cliff and panicked. "No, Dad" he gasped, "I cannot do it". "Come on, son" said his Dad, "If you don't jump on your own I shall have to give you a push". "Oh, no, Dad" cried the chick, "it's a long, long way to tip a rarey".

Snowdrops

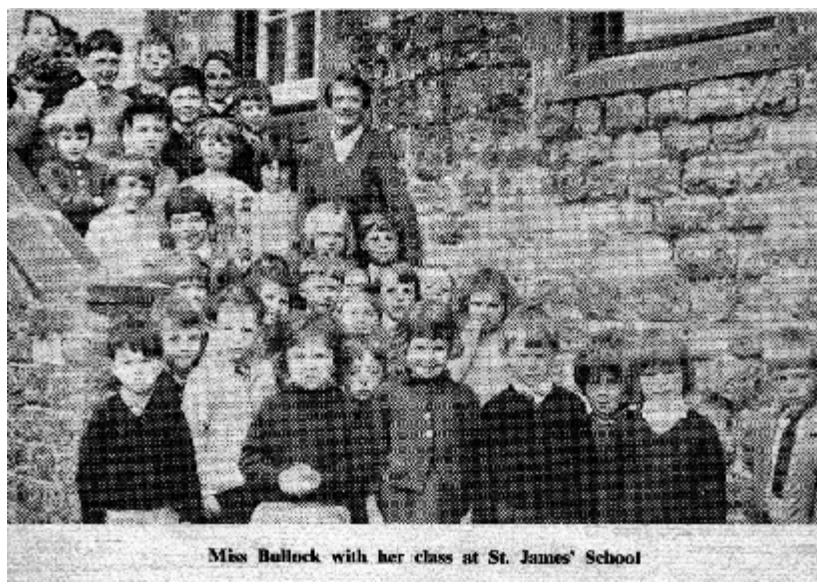
Not all "once upon a time" stories are fairy-stories. The one I am about to write is true as many of our parishioners will bear witness.

Once upon a time, about sixty or seventy years ago, a teacher named Miss Bullock taught the infant class at Cowley St James School. Each day she would escort her young five and six year olds up the hill of Beauchamp Lane to the huts which were situated where the smart flats now stand, to eat their mid-day school meal. Next to the huts, where the big house was built, was the Victorian vicarage with its extensive garden.

On a fine day each February, after lunch Miss Bullock would gather her little ones together to walk them through the vicarage garden to see the carpet of snowdrops there. They would walk on through the small gate which opened into the churchyard where there were more and more snowdrops. It was, then, back to the classroom where the children were taught this little poem:

"Where are the snowdrops?" said the sun
"Dead" said the frost, "Buried and lost, ev'ry one".
"A foolish answer", said the sun, "they did not die,
Asleep they lie, ev'ry one.
And I will wake them, I the sun,
Into the light all clad in white, ev'ry one".

And, of course that it just what had happened.



Miss Bullock with her class at St. James' School

Now it is our turn to see those lovely snowdrops, "all clad in white" in our beautiful ancient churchyard. Our annual snowdrop weekends will take place on Saturdays, 4th and 11 February 2017, and Sunday afternoons 5th and 12th February 2017. The church will be open for visitors and the usual refreshments will be on offer. Volunteers to welcome visitors will be needed and notices will be posted after Christmas.

Rosanne Butler

MOTHERS' UNION NEWS

Our branch meeting had a distinctly Christmassy flavour in November, due mainly to our two talented speaker/demonstrators. Known well to us all, Christine Woodman and Margaret Weller gave an inspirational demonstration on flowers for Christmas which was unusual in that no flowers were used! Margaret arranged a lovely evergreen wreath embellished with tall silver candles and fir cones. Chris showed us how to build a beautiful wreath which could be hung on a door or used for Advent. By the way these two clever ladies make Christmas wreaths to order in aid of church funds. Do take advantage of their skills.

The members decided on plans for our annual Christmas party on December 19th. This will be a bring-and-share tea which will follow our usual carols and readings. This year we are delighted that three new members are going to be enrolled by Geoff and a lapsed member is also officially joining us, which is great news.

A decision was also made to send £20 to the Mothers' Union Christmas Appeal for Children Abroad and several members are planning to knit small blankets for the special baby unit at the John Radcliffe Hospital.

Our January meeting on Monday, 16th, will be our Annual General meeting and also a bring-and-buy sale for branch funds. We are inviting a representative from the Diocesan Committee to this meeting to explain our challenges and plans for the future.

We are very pleased to learn that we are a flourishing branch in contrast to many branches in our deanery, which are closing due, it would seem, to lack of members willing to serve on committees or take on a responsibility.

Members are reminded that our monthly corporate communion service is held on the first Monday of each month at noon in The Ranklin Room. It is a beautiful format of the Communion Service which was compiled for us by Skye, one of our members. And while we have Skye in mind I am sure that we would like to congratulate her on her new appointment as Vicar of Old Marston and Elsfield. She will be missed, though, won't she?

Knowing that neither of Skye's new parishes have branches of Mothers' Union we hope that she might pass on to her parishioners an invitation to join our Cowley branch. We would be delighted to change our name and our Banner to "Cowley and Marston" thus spreading the ethos of Mothers' Union into a wider area.

Rosanne Butler

Men's (mild) Curry Night!



Monday 9th January
7:30 pm in the
Rectory

Please sign up or let
Geoff Bayliss know if you
would like to come along.

Do bring along what you fancy to drink –there will be tea and coffee
(There will be a plate for donations to cover costs)

Come and join Messy Church
for fun activities to think about

Christmas

**crafts baking story
toys songs**

All ages are welcome
at St James' Church Centre,
Beauchamp Lane, Cowley, OX4 3LF

Saturday 17th December
10.30am – 12 noon

*The songs and story will be in the church
amongst all the festival Christmas trees*

For more details contact:
Mary Bayliss 01865 778 596 m.bayliss41@btinternet.com
or call the Cowley Parish Office 01865 747 680

Christmas Eve 4 pm

A pop up Nativity

**Come dressed as
your favourite
Character!**

**St James' Church
Beauchamp Lane**

An airliner was passing through a violent thunder storm. A very nervous lady found herself sitting next to a clergyman. She turned to him for comfort. "Can't you do something?" she begged in distress. "Sorry, madame, "the clergyman said gently, "I'm afraid not. You see I'm only in sales, not in management".

Christmas Carol singing at Singletree

**Thursday 15th December
10:30 in the lounge**

**Led by St James Choir
Come along and support if you can**

DOORSTEPS CONFERENCE

Saturday 5 November, held at the CMS offices, Cowley

Report by Lesley Williams

Doorsteps is a local network of church ministers, children's and youth workers and charity leaders from across the county, coordinated through the international charity Viva, based in Marston Street, just off the Cowley Road, which is committed to "inspiring lasting change in children's lives through the power of collective action because we have a vision to see children safe, well and fulfilling their God-given potential".

The belief behind the establishment of the network is that "When you inspire a church to reach out to the children on its doorstep, you can call on a body of people with a mandate to love, pray, give and serve sacrificially".

As well as Viva, planning partners for this conference were: Balsam Family Project (Didcot), the Diocese of Oxford (who also helped to fund the event), the Cutteslowe family project (through St Andrew's, Summertown), Cowley Church Community and the charity Home for Good.

The focus was the major cuts faced by county council-run children's and families services in Oxfordshire, with the closure of many open access Children's Centres, including Florence Park and the Slade & Headington Centres in our Parish. More than 100 people attended the conference to explore how to work together more effectively to meet the needs of vulnerable people in their communities.

Through keynote talks, workshops, testimonies and small group discussions, the aim of the day was to inspire people with fresh ideas and encourage greater collaboration.

Supt Joe Kidman, Police Commander for Oxford, an active Christian with an Oxford theology degree, opened the conference by highlighting how churches can impact the whole community and work alongside authorities. He reminded us: "*The police and the Church have common ground in keeping young people safe and helping them thrive*" and challenged us with the question: "*What can we as churches plant to affect generations to come?*"

Maria Godfrey, Early Intervention Service Manager for Oxfordshire County Council explained that they need to make £6 million of savings by 2018, whilst at the same time seeing 3,000 children in the county requiring statutory social care, a number which is rising. Whilst the Council are required to meet these children's needs, other areas of work are seeing cutbacks, including children's centres, and its solution is to find a new way of delivering these local services by working more closely with community groups. Maria said, "*We have listened to people and know that social isolation and cohesion are real concerns with cuts coming in. We recognise that we can address some issues but not all of them, and that's where we feel the Church can help. We know that faith groups already*

take a leadership role in local communities. We encourage you to build on this."

Delegates at the conference had the opportunity to attend three out of nine workshops on a variety of related themes, hosted by different charities and churches. I went to those presented by (1) Fusion Y&C UK on using research to strengthen our local mission; (2) the Cutteslowe & Balsam family projects on building purposeful relationships in our communities and (3) Thrive, on their youth mentoring work in Barton and Blackbird Leys.

We then met with our own locality based church representatives (Cowley & East Oxford) and, following the conference, Doorsteps is facilitating a gathering of these churches to progress the agenda. Those attending included Cowley Church Community, Word Fountain - Hollow

Way, St Aldate's, St Clement's, Emmanuel and Greyfriars churches.

We will meet on Tuesday 17 January at 7:30 pm, venue to be decided. *If anyone is interested in joining the conversation, please let me know.*

Katy Thompson, the Doorsteps coordinator, says: *"I really hope we will see the fruit of this day in the months to come as groups work together in their local community to turn these ideas into practical action, such as family befriending or child mentoring or working with, for example, health visitors in church settings. The possibilities are endless."*

Is this a mission we should and can accept in Cowley?

see www.viva.org/home.ospx

Women's Institute

The Royal National Lifeboat Institution – Its History and the Service Today was the subject of a most interesting and inspiring illustrated talk given at the November meeting of Cowley Women's Institute. We also held a cake sale.

We next meet on Wednesday, 14 December, for fun, games and of course, Christmas cake, at our Christmas party.

Our 2017 meetings begin on Wednesday, 18 January, when we shall have an illustrated talk about the life and music of the composer Eric Coates: and on 15 February we shall be armchair travelling to Guernsey and some other Channel Islands.

Our meetings are held in the Church Centre, starting at 2 pm, and visitors are always welcome.

Ann Withers

President, Cowley WI



Now what? Shall we do it again? What could we do differently? The answer was yes. Perhaps a Saturday morning and/or Tuesday morning of half term? More messy play? More toddler toys out for the younger children? Activities for older children/adults? These were the questions/challenges following the July's Messy Church.

So on Tuesday 25th October, the Tuesday of the half-term break, we had another Messy Church. This time it was with Seashells-our Toddler group. Hopefully we listened to some of the challenges- perhaps a summer one would allow more mess though!!!

Again, joyfully, helpers appeared through the doors willing to take on any tasks. Then families arrived with toddlers and school-aged children. We had creations made with bread dough, Thank you leaf wreaths, Praying for the world on a world map, the parable of the sower craft, sticky craft with pot pourri and sowing cress seeds. Wonderful snacks and drinks were on offer. Again, the quietest people were those concentrating on their creations.

After about an hour we moved into a short service of songs and we listened to the story of the parable of the sower, in which everyone could participate.

I would like to thank everyone who came: those who led an activity; prepared snacks and drinks; led the worship; cleared up afterwards (this was a race against time as the lunch club needed the hall) and those who came and participated. I hope that you had a blessed time.

Now what about another Messy Church. So Messy Church Christmas is going to be on Saturday 17th December at 10.30am in the St James Centre. This time, we will be moving into the church to listen to the story and sing amongst the Christmas trees, which are there for the Christmas Tree Festival. I am looking forward to this part even if it will be a challenge to achieve.

Mary Bayliss



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ST NICHOLAS, OLD MARSTON



In the year 1122 the Chapel of Marston was granted to St Frideswide's Priory by King Henry I. By the late 12th century the central part of the church was built, together with the Chancel.

During the 15th century the tower was added and the roof raised, then in 1883 the Gallery was removed from the west end when major refurbishment took place.

In the Porch there can be seen a plaque to the memory of Howard Florey, the scientist who helped bring the wonder drug of the 20th century, 'Penicillin,' to the fore.

Beyond the Memorial Garden, a new 'Garden of Remembrance' has been created, and this was opened in June 2016.

Les Hemsworth

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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
2 nd 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 (John Shreeve)	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
Joel Denno	Thursday at 7.45pm at The Vicarage, Don Bosco Close

The Parish Office in St James Church Centre is open:

Tuesday, 2—5pm
Wednesday, 10—1pm
Friday, 9—2pm

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