



Sunday 5 May 2019

the third Sunday of Easter

Christ is risen! He is risen indeed!

Cowley parish link

WELCOME to our services at St James and St Francis churches in the Parish of Cowley this morning
especially to the family and friends of Shirin Khoshbi at St Francis

please take this leaflet home and reread/share/pray with it!

If you need access to a toilet, please ask one of the welcomers to guide you
 We have a hearing loop ; please switch your hearing-aid to the "T" setting
 Gluten free wafers are available – let a welcomer know if you need one

What's on this week

Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness for theirs is the kingdom of heaven

TODAY

alleluia!

8:00 am	Holy Communion	ST JAMES
	<i>Celebrant : Geoff Bayliss Preacher : Richard Chand Liturgist : Gemma Beesley</i>	
10:00 am	Family Eucharist with Children's Church	ST JAMES
	<i>Celebrant & preacher : Richard Chand Liturgist : David Benskin</i>	
10:30 am	All age Eucharist with the baptism of Shirin Khoshbi	ST FRANCIS
	<i>Celebrant & preacher : Geoff Bayliss Liturgist : Gemma Beesley followed by a bring and share lunch</i>	
1:45 pm	Anglican Asian Living Church worship	ST JAMES
	<i>followed by a time of food and fellowship</i>	St James Centre

Monday 6

10:00 am	Little Stars baby & pre-school group	St Francis
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Tuesday 7

10:00 am	Seashells	St James Centre
12:00 pm	Holy Communion	Ranklin Room
12:30 pm	Lunch club	St James Centre
7:30 pm	Pastoral network meeting	St James Centre

Wednesday 8

10:00 am	Re:refresh Alpha Plus group	St James Centre
10:15 am	Holy Communion	Singletree
10:30 am	Holy Communion	Isis House

Thursday 9

12:00 pm	Choir practice - open to all	St James Centre
7:30 pm	Praying with the bells - LHoP	St James

Friday 10

6:30 pm	Film @ the Centre Morning Glory	St James Centre
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Saturday 11

10:00 am	Christian Aid coffee morning	St Francis
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Sunday 12

Easter 4

8:00 am	Holy Communion	ST JAMES
	<i>Celebrant : Geoff Bayliss Preacher and liturgist : Gemma Beesley</i>	
8:45 am	Big Brekkie for Christian Aid	St James Centre
10:00 am	Family Eucharist with Children's Church	ST JAMES
	<i>Celebrant, preacher & liturgist : Geoff Bayliss</i>	
10:30 am	Family Eucharist with Sunday Club	ST FRANCIS
	<i>Celebrant : Mark Oxbrow Preacher & Liturgist : Gemma Beesley</i>	
1:45 pm	Anglican Asian Living Church worship	ST JAMES
	<i>followed by a time of food and fellowship</i>	St James Centre

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DATES – EVENTS – MEETINGS

Sun 12 – Sat 18 May		Christian Aid Week	
Sat 11 May	10:00 am	Coffee morning	St Francis
Sun 12 May	8:45 am	Big Brekkie	St James Centre
Various all week		Templars Square stall	Templars Square
Sat 18 May	8:00 am	set up for.....	
	10:00 am	Plant sale	St James Centre
Mon 20 May	2:15 pm	Parish Mother's Union	St James Centre

What's on and information

RIP CYNTHIA DALES Cynthia died in the early hours of Friday 26 April. Her funeral will be at the Oxford Crematorium, 10:30 am on Monday 20 May, We send our love and prayerful support to her family.

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK 2019 Sunday 12 – Saturday 18 May

The theme this year is 'all mums should live' with a focus on the safety of mothers during pregnancy and childbirth, especially in Sierra Leone where the Ebola virus took such a toll during 2013-16

There are now lists to sign up to help to man/person the stall in Templars Square 2:00 – 4:00 on Sunday afternoon, 12 May and each weekday afternoon; 10:00-4:00 Saturday 18 May : of course, this unfortunately clashes with the plant sale so we hope we can stretch our person power.

Please try to give us an hour or two during the week – there will be a tombola, ongoing competitions – flowerpot marbles and bagatelle, balloons and buckets

contact Lesley Williams ✉ link@cowleyteamministry.co.uk ☎ 07982 439 828 779 562



COFFEE MORNING Saturday 11 May 10:00-12:00 @ St Francis

it's rumoured there might be bacon butties as well as cake

all Parish bakers : please get to your mixing bowls to stock this and the Plant Sale

BIG BREKKIE Sunday 12 May 8:45 – 9:45 @ St James Centre

bacon butties – scrambled egg – smoked salmon – toast – crumpets – croissants – fresh fruit

www.christianaid.org.uk/Christian-Aid-Week

PLANT SALE Saturday 18 May, 10:00-1:00 *note that the doors will NOT open or sales be made until 10:00!* Joan Coleman hopes you will be ready with contributions of plants, cuttings, seeds etc home made cakes, preserves

and please sign up to help setting up the hall from 8:00 am – serving on the stalls and in the kitchen - clearing up at the end

note that we have a good stock of bric a brac and don't need more, thank you – if you have suitable items, please help stock a charity shop

ST JAMES SUNDAY WORSHIP ROTA from 2 June to 21 July

The usual request that all those involved in the smooth running of our Sunday mornings at St James with readings, prayers, chalice, sidesduty and serving coffee should please let Alan Howell or Margaret Martin know of any non-availability during the period 2 June to 21 July by next Sunday 12 May

Alan ☎ 773 244 ✉ rotas@cowleyteamministry.co.uk or Margaret ☎ 718 532

RE:FRESH Wednesdays, 10:00-11:00 am, St James Centre

Alpha Plus – a life worth living - a study of Philippians A pause from every day busyness – all welcome including babies and young children – there are toys for them – refreshments – a relaxed and friendly space You are welcome to join for any session and please pass the message to anyone else who you think might like to join us. contact Mary Bayliss m.bayliss41@btinternet.com

PLANNED GIVING GREEN ENVELOPES The new year's green envelopes started on Sunday, 7 April. There are still a few boxes to be collected and we also have some unallocated packs, so if you wish to start using the scheme to plan your giving, please talk to one of the welcomers

or contact the **Treasurer, Joan Coleman** ☎ **770 865** and leave a message or ✉ ojcoleman@btinternet.com.

COACH DAY TRIPS Our enthusiastic Parish **Travel Secretary Pat Chambers** thinks we would enjoy some of the day trips offered by **McCallum Holidays Ltd.**, run by Gordon McCallum, our Parish holiday coach driver, and his wife, Nicole There's a list of the varied advertised programme through May – June – July with prices on display at St James Centre and at St Francis . We can either

- (1) **join other people booking on any of those &/or**
- (2) **if we can guarantee to fill a coach, arrange our own day(s)**

We will start by **inviting you to sign up to say which of the 7 places you would particularly like to visit** and Pat will take it from there – families and friends will of course be welcome

Pat Chambers ☎ **01235 799 717** ✉ pat.silverpolo@gmail.com

VACANCY : TEMPORARY PARISH CLEANER Our excellent cleaner Nico will be away from **11 June – 29 July**. We would like to employ (*at the Oxford living wage rate £10.02 an hour*) a temporary replacement

Nico works **4h a week at St Francis and around 8h but variable at St James Centre** but these can of course be divided between two people. Obviously the work is quite heavy, involving cleaning the floors and the toilets in both places

If you know of anyone who may be interested, please refer them to Chris Woodman ☎ **778 078**

✉ christinewoodman70@yahoo.com

Please note that references and checks will be required.

DIOCESE OF OXFORD CONFERENCE

We pray for Oxford Diocesan conference next week. Around 120 people will gather at High Leigh : Bishop's Council and Bishop's Staff with representatives from the deaneries to plan the next stage of our common vision process. They will be exploring together how to encourage local renewal in mission as we all seek to be a more Christ-like Church for the sake of God's world. The title of the conference is "Into deep water", taken from the keynote passage, Luke 5 1-11 – *Jesus calls his first fishermen disciples*

**God of love, the sea is so great and our boat is so small.
Inspire your church as we put out into deep water;
help us to be contemplative, compassionate and courageous in your mission.
Guide us by your Spirit to discover where you are working;
help us to join in the building of your kingdom
and anoint us afresh to make disciples of all ages in your name
for the sake of your Son Jesus Christ who calls us and sends us
with you and the Holy Spirit, one God now and for ever. AMEN**

Today we complete our Lenten/Easter focus on the Beatitudes

THE GOSPEL OF MATTHEW *chapter 5, verses 1-10*

Now when Jesus saw the crowds, he went up on a mountainside and sat down. His disciples came to him, ²and he began to teach them. He said:

- ³ **Blessed are the poor in spirit,** *for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.*
- ⁴ **Blessed are those who mourn,** *for they will be comforted.*
- ⁵ **Blessed are the meek,** *for they will inherit the earth.*
- ⁶ **Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,** *for they will be filled.*
- ⁷ **Blessed are the merciful** *for they will be shown mercy.*
- ⁸ **Blessed are the pure in heart,** *for they will see God.*
- ⁹ **Blessed are the peacemakers** *for they will be called children of god.*
- ¹⁰ **Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness,** *for theirs is the kingdom of heaven*

