



Sunday 17 February 2019

the third Sunday before Lent

Cowley parish link

WELCOME to our services at St James and St Francis churches in the Parish of Cowley this morning

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

TODAY	8:00 am	Holy Communion <i>Celebrant & preacher : Mark Oxbrow Liturgist : David Benskin</i>	ST JAMES
	10:00 am	Family Eucharist with Children's Church <i>Celebrant & preacher : Mark Oxbrow Liturgist : Gemma Beesley</i>	ST JAMES
	10:30 am	All Age Eucharist <i>Celebrant : Geoff Bayliss Preacher and liturgist : David Benskin</i>	ST FRANCIS
	1:45 pm	Anglican Asian Living Church <i>followed by a time of food and fellowship</i>	ST JAMES St James Centre
	12:30 pm	Sunday roast lunch	St James Centre

Half term week

Monday 18	NO	Little Stars <i>baby & pre-school group</i>	St Francis
	2:15 pm	Parish Mothers' Union WWDP preparation	St James Centre
Tuesday 19	10:00 am	Messy Church	St James Centre
	12:00 pm	Holy Communion	Ranklin Room
	12:30 pm	Lunch club	St James Centre
Wednesday 20	NO	The Bible Course	St James Centre
Thursday 21	12:00 pm	Choir practice - <i>open to all</i>	St James Centre
	7:30 pm	Praying with the bells - LHoP	St James
Friday 22	7:00 pm	Puddings and quiz - <i>Mothers Union</i>	St James Centre
Saturday 23	9:30am	St James gardening party	St James Centre
Sunday 24 <i>2 Sundays before Lent</i>	8:00 am	Holy Communion <i>Celebrant : Geoff Bayliss Preacher and liturgist : Gemma Beesley</i>	ST JAMES
	10:00 am	Family Eucharist with Children's Church <i>Celebrant : Geoff Bayliss Preacher & liturgist : David Benskin</i>	ST JAMES
	10:30 am	Family Eucharist with Sunday Club <i>Celebrant : Richard Chand Preacher and liturgist : Gemma Beesley</i>	ST FRANCIS
	12:15 pm	PCC meeting	St Francis
	1:45 pm	Anglican Asian Living Church <i>followed by a time of food and fellowship</i>	ST JAMES St James Centre

DATES – EVENTS – MEETINGS

Mon 25 Feb	<i>tbd</i>	Parish walking group	<i>tbd</i>
Fri 1 Mar	<i>tbc</i>	Women's World Day of Prayer	<i>Rose Hill Methodist Church</i>
Sun 3 Mar	12:00 pm	Super soup pre-Lenten lunch	<i>for Christian Aid St Francis</i>
Tue 5 Mar	4:30 pm	Flipping heck! <i>pancakes for students</i>	<i>St Francis</i>
Wed 6 Mar	7:00 pm	Ash Wednesday supper	<i>St James</i>
	7:30 pm	Holy Communion with ashing	<i>St James</i>
Fri 8 Mar	6:30pm	Film@the Centre <i>The big country</i>	<i>St James Centre</i>
Sun 17 Mar	12:00 pm	Super soup Lenten lunch	<i>for Christian Aid St James Centre</i>

What's on and information

RIP REV CANON TONY WILLIAMSON 1933-2019

Received from Ruth Williamson on Thursday : We are writing with the sad news that our father, Canon Tony Williamson, died on Tuesday 12 February. He was 85 years old. He died peacefully at home in Watlington without pain, with two of his children and the local rector, Daniel Thompson present. He had been with many members of his family just days earlier. This is the passing that he wanted so, while we are deeply saddened by his death, we are grateful that it happened in this way.

As many of you know, Tony was ordained but never served as a parish vicar, choosing instead to be a 'worker priest' who saw working alongside, and helping ordinary people as the way of expressing his Christian calling. This was the basis of his life as a factory worker for 30 years (in the Pressed Steel, later Rover, car factory in Cowley), a trade union leader and a Labour councillor on both the Oxford City and Oxfordshire County Councils. He later became the Oxford Diocesan Director of Education and, on moving to Watlington (from The Grates, Cowley), a parish councillor for a further 30 years.

Tony survived beyond both Barbara, his first wife of 56 years, and then Jill, to whom he was married for nearly two years. He was a great dad to the four of us and grandad to Lucas, Rebecca, Nicholas, Thomas, Benjamin, Anna, Lucy and Helen. *Ruth, Paul, Hugh & Ian.*

Tony's thanksgiving funeral service will be held on Friday 1 March at 12 noon at Watlington parish church (St. Leonard's OX49 5LX). All are welcome to join us in a celebration of his life followed by the interment of his ashes and lunch. Do join us, please dress as you choose, cheerful colors welcome.

There is an appreciation of Tony's life on the Diocesan website, with a great fork lift photo
<https://www.oxford.anglican.org/the-revd-canon-anthony-williamson-1933-2019/>

PATHWAYS there are still copies available of the new FREE Oxford diocesan quarterly magazine, replacing The Door newspaper – it's very different and definitely A Good Read. Please take one and share it.

The February Parish **CHRONICLE** is published too

The deadline for submissions to the March edition : Monday 18 February

VALENTINE'S FAMILY BARN DANCE Saturday 16 February at St Francis Church with caller Keith Hawkins and the band 'Connect'. As expected, it was GREAT FUN and very good exercise! Thank you for all who shared the experience

MESSY CHURCH – TRUSTING IN GOD *based on Psalm 23*

Tuesday 19 February (half term) 10:00-11:30

St James Centre for all ages – crafts – songs – story – toys – refreshments

Details from *Mary Bayliss* ☎ 778 596 ✉ m.bayliss41@btinternet.com

And of course helpers will be needed to welcome on the door, supervise the activities, serve snacks – please let Mary know if you are available

PUDDINGS AND QUIZ

 Friday 22 February, 7:00 St James Centre with Cowley Mothers' Union

What a well balanced evening, designed to challenge the brain and please the appetite!

Come and be tested by Quizmaster Rosanne Butler and enjoy a delicious range of homemade puddings

£4 per person towards Mothers Union charities. Arrive with a ready made team or join one when you arrive

THE PARISH OF COWLEY is committed to safeguarding all who worship, meet and gather in our buildings. It is everyone's responsibility

REAL EASTER EGG although we are not yet into Lent (Ash Wednesday s 6 March), it is time to prepare an order for **Real Easter eggs** – the **ONLY** one on the market that is made from Fairtrade chocolate, is palm oil free, uses no plastic packaging, includes a 24 page story of Easter with activities booklet *and* contributes some of the profits to charity

As usual there is the **standard milk chocolate egg (£3.99)**; **dark chocolate egg + 3 chocolate squares (£5.50)** and **special edition + hand woven bookmark, chocolate bar (£9.99)** – see the posters. There is also a **sharing box containing 30 small eggs and 30 Easter story booklet (£30)** if you have a group of people with whom you wish to share the New Life message.

You should be able to buy the standard egg at larger branches of **Tesco, Morrison's, Waitrose and Asda** and at **Oxford's fairtrade shops in Headington and Cornmarket**. But order lists are in both churches and **St James Centre** – deadline (so we get free delivery) is **Sunday 17 March**

PARISH HOLIDAY 2019 16-20 September to Torquay, on the beautiful English Riviera
URGENT : the hotel is **STILL** kindly holding the rooms for a while longer but we need 30 people to be signed up. **CONTACT PAT CHAMBERS** very quickly remember you can bring family, friends and neighbours with you!

No money is needed yet but there will be a deposit to pay as soon as sufficient interest is established
contact Pat Chambers ☎ 07929 879 104 or 01235 799 717. ✉ pat.silverpolo@gmail.com

PARISH ELECTORAL ROLL if you subscribe to Chronicle and have read the February edition, you will already know that 2019 is a year for the full renewal of the electoral roll. The official notice of that will be published next Sunday 24 February and the forms will be available then. You will have until **Sunday 17 March** to return the completed form.

CAP MONEY COURSE Thursdays 12, 19, 26 March, 7.45 pm The Venue@Cowley Oxford. OX4 3RQ

On behalf of **Christians Against Poverty**, the **Oxford Churches Debt Centre** is offering this opportunity to benefit from a tried and trusted course. **CAP Money** is a free, three-week course that teaches people budgeting skills and a simple cash-based money management system. It is designed to help people get in control of their finances, so they can save, spend wisely and prevent debt.

contact Tim Guest 07962 989 002

www.capmoneycourse.org

LEFT FROM THE NATIVITY FESTIVAL at St Francis church on 15 December : a beautiful knitted nativity set. We have it now in the Parish office at St James Centre. Please claim it!

FAIRTRADE FORTNIGHT 25 February – 10 March

The focus this year is **chocolate and cocoa farmers around the world**. And it's a celebration of **25 years of the Fairtrade mark!**

The Latin name for the cocoa tree is *Theobroma Cacao* which means **'Food of the Gods'**.

The Meaningful Chocolate Company (producer of the Real Easter Egg and Real Advent calendar) sources most of its beans from cooperatives in the Ivory Coast but also from cooperatives in the Dominican Republic, Peru, Panama and Ecuador. Depending on what they are making, the chocolate is blended in Belgium, Switzerland or in the UK. It is then moulded and packed in the UK.

The **Fairtrade sugar** used in the process comes from cooperatives in Paraguay and Belize

Quiz – answers

- how many beans are there in a cocoa pod? **around 40**
- how many bars of chocolate can you make from a pod of cocoa beans?
about eight bars of milk chocolate or four bars of dark chocolate.
- how many harvests are there a year? **each cocoa tree will produce two harvests per year of about 50 pods**
- what other crops are grown with cocoa? **most cocoa trees are cultivated on small farms in amongst other rain forest crops such as maize and bananas**



