

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS 26 November 2017 Sunday next before Advent, Christ the King
 Ezekiel 34 : 11-16, 20-24 Ephesians 1 : 15-end Matthew 25 : 31-46

PARISH DATES – EVENTS – MEETINGS

at St Francis unless otherwise stated

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| Mon 27 Nov | 1:30 pm | Parish walking group | <i>no 16 bus stop</i> |
| Fri 1 Dec | 7:00 pm | Parish Christmas Supper <i>cooked by the Rector</i> | <i>St James Centre</i> |
| | | <i>please book your place and make your menu choices</i> | |
| Fri 8 Dec | 6:30 pm | Film @ the Centre <i>The Sound of Music</i> | <i>St James Centre</i> |
| Wed 13 Dec | 7:30 pm | Bible book club <i>the book of Romans</i> | <i>The Rectory</i> |
| Sat 16 Dec | pm | Churches together Carol singing | <i>Templars Square</i> |

PARISH MOTHERS UNION Monday 20 November, 2:15 pm will be a busy afternoon – celebrating the 70th wedding anniversary of Her Majesty the Queen and HRH Prince Philip; **planning** the MU Christmas party and Christmas tree festival tree – and **hearing from Brian Lowe** about the Oxford of John Henry Newman. **All are welcome** – you don't have to be a mum or even female!

COWLEY FESTIVAL OF CHRISTMAS TREES 9 – 16 December *please also see Link Extra*
CARD COUNTING & DOOR TO DOOR DELIVERY Christmas tree festival and Parish Christmas services cards will counted & bundled in the **Parish office** this week on **Wednesday 22 & Thursday 23 from 9:30**, ready for delivery to our schools and as many of the homes in the Parish that we can manage. That whole task can't of course be done without LOTS of generous help!
 If you'd prefer to do some bundling (!) at home, just ask for a supply! and then please be ready to take bundles to deliver over the next weeks from **next Sunday 26 November**

CHRISTMAS GIFT & CRAFT FAIR Saturday 25 November, 10.00-2.00, St James Centre with setting up on Friday afternoon/evening and early Saturday. Please talk to **Chris Woodman ☎778 078** or **Margaret Weller ☎775 015** if you can help at all before, during or afterward s.
 While this is a St James event, we'd love to have St Francis congregation join us!

PARISH WALKING GROUP the group is growing 10 walkers enjoyed a central Oxford riverside walk last week. The next is on **Monday 27 November**, meeting at 1:30 pm at the number 16 bus stop outside the former Nelson pub, to travel to Grandpont
 If you'd like to be on the e-list/phone list for future information, contact **Sally Hemsworth office@cowleyteamministry.co.uk**

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD GIFT BOXES 30+ filled boxes were delivered to Shoe Zone in Templars Square, the local collection centre, this week, along with cash donations for their transportation **THANK YOU** to all donors

REAL ADVENT CALENDAR the only one on the market that tells the Christmas story *and* makes a contribution to charity *and* uses fairtrade chocolate *and* it's only **£3.99** - the Parish order included a few extras which will be available at the **gift & craft fair** *see the posters & flyers*

CREATION THEATRE : A CHRISTMAS CAROL Saturday 6 January, 2:00 pm at the North Wall theatre, Summertown Only 6 tickets have been requested which does not constitute a group but Lesley has reserved the 11 required to earn one free ticket so hopes some of you just didn't get round to signing up.... please **contact Lesley quickly before she pays for them.....**

NEIGHBOURHOOD KITCHEN Friday 24 November, 6:00-8:00 pm - the folk from the amazing Camerados café with the ArkT Centre at John Bunyan Church invites us to 'an evening of sharing food and fun' The suggested donation for a 3 course supper : **£3.50 adults, £1.50 children**
 The hall's new floor is precious so flat shoes are requested if you may dance! **www.camerados.org**

MOONRAKERS BENEFIT CONCERT Saturday 2 December, 7:30 pm in aid of The Archway Foundation at Harris Manchester College, Mansfield Road, OX1 3TD. Moonrakers is a highly acclaimed Oxford based group of 4 musicians, some from the classical and some from the folk tradition They will be joined by Russian singer Tatiana Soloviova for a short set of Russian folk songs.
tickets : £10 on the door or by reservation ☎769 206

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 Deadline for information is Wednesday 5:00pm but generally flexible



Sunday 19 November 2017
 the second Sunday before Advent

Welcome to our service at St Francis this morning!

please take this leaflet home and reread/share it



a toilet is available in the side corridor
 a hearing loop for those with hearing aids is fitted in the church
 gluten free wafers are available for communion – let the welcomers know if you need one

WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

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| TODAY | 10:30 am | ALL AGE EUCHARIST <i>Celebrant and preacher : Geoff Bayliss</i> | |
| | 12:15 pm | St Francis Church committee | <i>St Francis</i> |
| | 12:45 pm | Sunday lunch <i>roast lamb</i> | <i>St James Centre</i> |
| | 1:45 pm | Anglican Asian Living Church <i>followed by a time of fellowship & food</i> | <i>St James St James Centre</i> |
| Monday 20 | 10:00 am | Little Stars | <i>St Francis</i> |
| | 2:15 pm | Parish Mothers' Union <i>celebration – talk</i> | <i>St James Centre</i> |
| | 7:30 pm | Alpha course - session 5 | <i>The Rectory</i> |
| Tuesday 21 | 10:00 am | Seashells | <i>St James Centre</i> |
| | 12:00 pm | Holy Communion | <i>Ranklin Room</i> |
| | 12:30 pm | Lunch club | <i>St James Centre</i> |
| Wednesday 22 | 9:30 am] | Counting & bundling Christmas information | |
| Thursday 23 | 9:30 am] | cards | <i>Parish office</i> |
| | 2:00 pm | Prayer space | <i>St Francis</i> |
| | 7:30 pm | Praying with the bells, local house of prayer | <i>St James</i> |
| Friday 24 | pm | Setting up the craft & gift fair | <i>St James Centre</i> |
| | 7:00 pm | Hillsong singing group | <i>The Rectory</i> |
| Saturday 25 | 10:00 am | Christmas gift & craft fair | <i>St James Centre</i> |
| Sunday 26 | 10:30 am | FAMILY EUCHARIST <i>with Sunday Club</i> <i>Christ the King</i> <i>1 before Advent</i> <i>Celebrant : Mark Oxbrow</i> <i>Preacher : Tony Beetham</i> | |
| | 12:45 pm | PCC meeting | <i>St James Centre</i> |
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**LINK EXTRA : November – December
2017**

COWLEY FESTIVAL OF CHRISTMAS TREES

Saturday 9 – Saturday 16 December

but active preparation starts NOW!

The core CTF organising group requests ‘all hands on deck’ for this major Parish community mission to light up Christmas for those who live and work and shop in Cowley

Please consider how much of your precious time you can give us to share out the commitment to help the festival run smoothly

(1) w/b 19 November : counting and bundling the information cards + those giving the Parish Christmas services

(2) w/b 26 November, 3 December : delivering the cards door to door

(3) w/b 3 December putting up the on street arrow boards and banners *contact Lesley Williams*

(4) 6, 7, 8 December supporting the setting up in church *contact Chris & John Booty*

(5) 9-16 December welcoming/stewarding during all the festival opening times *contact Chris Woodman & Margaret Weller*

AND ALSO contributing seasonal goodies for our festival visitors - sweet and savoury star and Christmas tree shaped biscuits – mini-mincepies etc *MANY THANKS*