



Sunday 18 February 2018

the first Sunday of 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 it!

If you need access to a toilet, please ask a welcome to guide you
 We have a hearing loop ; please switch your hearing-aid to the "T" setting

Gluten free wafers are available for communion – let a welcomer know if you need one

			What's on this week			
TODAY	8:00 am	Holy Communion		<i>St James</i>		
		<i>Celebrant : Geoff Bayliss</i>	<i>Preacher : David Benskin</i>			
	10:00 am	Family Eucharist <i>with Children's Church</i>		<i>St James</i>		
		<i>Celebrant : Richard Chand</i>	<i>Preacher: Alison Lockhart</i>			
		<i>Liturgist : David Benskin</i>				
	10:30 am	All Age service with the Eucharist		<i>St Francis</i>		
		<i>Celebrant and preacher : Geoff Bayliss</i>				
	12:15 pm	Sunday casserole lunch		<i>St James Centre</i>		
	1:30 pm	Anglican Asian Living Church baptism		<i>St James</i>		
	2:00 pm	Worship continues		<i>St James Centre</i>		
		<i>followed by a time of fellowship and food</i>		<i>St James Centre</i>		
	2:00 pm	Snowdrop Day <i>with teas</i>		<i>St James</i>		
Monday 19	10:00 am	Little Stars		<i>St Francis</i>		
	1:45 pm	Parish walking group <i>to Iffley & Sandford</i>		<i>St James Centre</i>		
Tuesday 20	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>		
Thursday 22	12:00 pm	Choir practice		<i>St James Centre</i>		
	2:00 pm	Prayer space		<i>St Francis</i>		
	7:30 pm	Praying with the bells		<i>St James</i>		
Friday 23	7:00 pm	Puddings and quiz night <i>Mothers' Union</i>		<i>St James Centre</i>		
	7:00 pm	Hillsong singing group		<i>The Rectory</i>		
Sunday 25 Lent 2	8:00 am	Holy Communion		<i>St James</i>		
		<i>Celebrant & preacher : Geoff Bayliss</i>				
	10:00 am	Confirmation with the Eucharist		<i>St James</i>		
		<i>Celebrant & preacher : Steven Croft, Bishop of Oxford</i>	<i>followed by a bring and share lunch</i>			
	10:30 am	<i>no service at St Francis</i>				
	1:45 pm	Anglican Asian Living Church		<i>St James</i>		
		<i>followed by a time of fellowship & food</i>		<i>St James Centre</i>		

PARISH DATES – EVENTS – MEETINGS

Mon 26 Feb – Sun 11 Mar Fairtrade Fortnight – *Come on in*

Fri 2 Mar	3:00 pm	Marion Evans committal	Oxford Crematorium
	4:00 pm	Thanksgiving service	St James
	3:30 pm	Women's World Day of Prayer service <i>All God's creation is very good - prepared by the women of Suriname</i>	St Mary & St Nicholas, Littlemore
Sat 3 Mar	10:00 am	Charity Café organized by young people in aid of OWNS (Oxford Churches Winter Night Shelter)	St James Centre
	10:00 am	Parish family bike ride	St James Centre
Fri 9 Mar	6:30 pm	Film@the Centre <i>Silence</i>	St James Centre

What's On!

The last of the 2018 SNOWDROP DAYS You have just this afternoon left **2:00-4:00 pm** to make an official visit to tour the churchyard snowdrop and aconite display and then enjoy tea and cake in the church.

THANKS to all **stewards and cake providers** and to the **Anglican Asian Living Church** for moving their worship to the St James Centre for us.

BENSKIN FAMILY HAPPY ANNOUNCEMENT David, Alice and a very excited Amelia are very pleased to announce that they will be having a new little baby girl in the family in mid-June.

Please do pray for them all.

ST JAMES CHURCH SUNDAY WORSHIP ROTA The next rota will run from **Sunday 11 March to 29 April**. As usual, all those involved in the smooth running of our Sunday mornings are asked to let **Alan** ☎ **773 244** ✉ rotas@cowleyteamministry.co.uk or **Margaret** ☎ **718 532** know by **next Sunday 25 February** of any non-availability during that period, which of course includes Easter

PARISH WALKING GROUP **Monday 19 February** meet at **St James Centre** at **1:45 pm** to walk to Iffley and along the towpath to Sandford Lock and finish with tea
contact Sally Hemsworth office@cowleyteamministry.co.uk ☎ **774 776**

Some copies of THE DOOR & CHRONICLE for February are still here to collect. The **deadline for articles for the March Chronicle** is tomorrow, **Monday 19 February**. The March edition of the Door will be published next week

PUDDINGS AND QUIZ NIGHT next **Friday 23 February, 7:00 pm start**, by invitation of the **Cowley Mothers' Union**. You start your supper at home; come and tax your brain for a while, with Rosanne as quizmaster/mistress, and are then rewarded by a delicious range of homecooked puddings. Come with a ready arranged team or we will organise them on the evening. Tea, coffee & soft drinks provided. If you need something stronger to get through a quiz, please bring your own.



No charge – donations welcome
contact : Rosanne ☎ **453 257**

CONFIRMATION SERVICE next **Sunday 25 February, 10:00 am** at **St James**, with **no service at St Francis**. We are so pleased to welcome **Rt Rev Steven Croft, Bishop of Oxford** to Cowley. **Bring and share lunch** to follow – please if possible allow time to deliver your contribution to the St James Centre before the service

RIP MARION EVANS Marion died peacefully in the Albany care home in Headington on Monday evening, 5 February, aged 84. Her funeral will be on **Friday 2 March, 3:00 pm at Oxford Crematorium 4:00 pm** followed by a **thanksgiving service at St James at 4:00 pm**, and then, of course a Cowley **tea party**.

We are sorry that this clashes with the **Women's World Day of Prayer service, 3:30 pm at St Mary & St Nicholas church, Littlemore**.

Friends of Marion's may visit the Chapel of Rest at Cooperative funeralcare, Hendred Street on **Friday 23 February, from 12:00 pm** **contact : Lesley ☎ 779 562**

FRESH AIR, FUN AND FITNESS Now spring is on the horizon, we are restarting the **Parish family bike rides** : the first of 2018 will be **Saturday 3 March**. As last year, we will gather at **10:00 am at St James Centre, Beauchamp Lane** and ride to **Shotover.....** and back, usually returning by midday or soon afterwards. If we are feeling really keen/fit, we can ride further to Wheatley windmill.

Any questions? call John Booty ☎ 770 836 with answerphone

REAL EASTER EGGS *please see the enclosed flyer* - the only Easter egg on the market that tells the story of Easter. There will as usual be a Parish order - **please sign the noticeboard order form by Sunday 4 March - or contact Lesley**

GODSPELL AT THE OXFORD PLAYHOUSE **Saturday 4 April, 2:00 pm** Do you remember when we staged a production of this in the old Parish Hall? It's the Link Editor's favourite faith musical The songs include : Prepare ye the way of the Lord, Day by day, On the willows, All good gifts, Turn back, O man. This production is by **MYCO** - the Musical Youth Company of Oxford - the most amazingly talented Oxfordshire youth group, a scion of Oxford Operatic.

A Parish group booking has been made – all tickets at a special reduced church rate of **£15**.

sign up by 4 March - lists in both churches - or contact Lesley

SEPTEMBER SEASIDE HOLIDAY **Pat Chambers & Sally Hemsworth** urgently need more holiday makers if this venture is to be viable. Please **talk to one of them quickly** if you might want to join the group hoping to head for **Bournemouth, 10-14 September**

Pat ☎ 01235 799 717 **Sally ☎ 774 776**

BIBLES IN CHURCH AND LINK This is the first edition of the **reformatted Link**, now that St James Church has the benefit of pew bibles. The readings are no longer printed here but they *are* available on a separate sheet for **everyone at St Francis church** and a few copies at the back of **St James church** for those who want to take them home to re-read. The Link also gives you the references for the readings and the page number on which they are found in the pew bible - and next week's readings too.

It'll take a week or two to establish the format, font size etc. but there is more space for events, announcements etc.

PARISH ELECTORAL ROLL It's that time of year when we review the roll, which is effectively our membership list and designates the electorate at the **APCM – the Annual Parochial Church Meeting**, to be held on **Sunday 29 April, 12:15 pm, St Francis church**

If you are new to Cowley Parish during the past year or you have been here a while but just not committed to registering as a signed up 'member' – with no fee – now is the time to complete an electoral roll form, ready for the annual roll update next month

Forms are available in both churches – please return one when completed to church or direct to **Lesley Williams – by hand or to 9 Wykeham Crescent, OXFORD OX4 3SD**

COLLECTS FOR TODAY

Heavenly Father, your Son battled with the powers of darkness, and grew closer to you in the desert:

help us to use these days to grow in wisdom and prayer, that we may witness to your saving love in Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ fasted forty days in the wilderness, and was tempted as we are, yet without sin:

give us grace to discipline ourselves in obedience to your Spirit; and, as you know our weakness, so may we know your power to save; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. AMEN

Post Communion prayer

Lord God, you have renewed us with the living bread from heaven; by it you nourish our faith, increase our hope, and strengthen our love: teach us always to hunger for him who is the true and living bread, and enable us to live by every word that proceeds from out of your mouth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN

TODAY'S READINGS

Genesis 9. 8-17 p10

1 Peter 3. 8-end p1219

Mark 1.9-15 p 1002

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

Genesis 17.1-7,15-16

Romans 4.13-end

Mark 8.31-end

LENT 2018 *are you giving something up.....or taking on something new?*

Will you attend one of our weekly Parish Lenten groups?

Monday	1:30 pm	The Rectory	Wednesday 7:30 pm	13 Annesley Road
	7:00 pm	The Rectory	Thursday 10:00 am	Ranklin Room
Tuesday	2:00pm	Ranklin Room	Thursday 2:00 pm	St Francis
				(fortnightly)

They are following different courses – see www.cowleyteamministry.co.uk/ or talk to Geoff for advice

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