

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

Mon 27 Nov 1:30 pm Parish walking group *no 16 bus stop*
 Fri 1 Dec 7:00 pm Parish Christmas Supper *cooked by the Rector St James Centre*
please book your place and make your menu choices
 Fri 8 Dec 6:30 pm Film @ the Centre *The Sound of Music St James Centre*
 Wed 13 Dec 7:30 pm Bible book club *the book of Romans The Rectory*

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!

PRAYER MINISTRY in St James Church The prayer ministry that used to take place on Sunday morning in St Luke's chapel is being reinstated. If you are interested in being involved but missed last week's meeting about it, please contact **Alison Lockhart** ☎07503 667 046

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 can't be done without LOTS of help! If you'd prefer to bundle at home (!), just ask for a supply! and then please be ready to take bundles to deliver 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.

PARISH WALKING GROUP the group is growing! 10 of us enjoyed a central Oxford riverside walk last week. The next is **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 information, contact **Sally Hemsworth** office@cowleyteamministry.co.uk

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

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 order has arrived** with quite a few extras - **they will be available at the gift & craft fair** **contact Lesley Williams**

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 so Lesley has reserved the 11 required to get one free and hopes some of you just didn't get round to signing up... **contact Lesley quickly before she confirms and pays for them**

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

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'** www.camerados.org

The hall's new floor is precious – please wear flat shoes if you may try dancing!
 The suggested donation for a 3 course supper : **£3.50 adults, £1.50 children**

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 Deadline for information Wednesday 5:00pm but generally flexible

Sunday 19 November 2017
the second Sunday before Advent

Welcome to our services at **St James** this morning!
please take this leaflet home and reread/share it!



A toilet is available in the adjacent St James Centre

We have a **hearing loop**; please switch your hearing-aid to the "T" setting

Gluten free wafers are available for communion – let the welcomers know if you need one

What's on this week

TODAY	8:00 am	Holy Communion <i>Celebrant & preacher : Geoff Bayliss</i>	
	10:00 am	Family Eucharist <i>with Children's Church</i> <i>Celebrant & preacher : Mark Oxbrow</i> <i>Liturgist : David Benskin</i>	
	12:45 pm	Sunday lunch <i>roast lamb</i>	
	1:45 pm	Anglican Asian Living Church <i>followed by a time of fellowship and food</i>	St James St James Centre
Monday 20	2:15 pm	Parish Mothers' Union <i>celebration and talk</i>	St James Centre
	7:00 pm	Alpha course – fifth session	The Rectory
Tuesday 21	10:00 am	Seashells	St James Centre
	12:00 pm	Holy Communion	Ranklin Room
	12:30 pm	Lunch club	St James Centre
Wednesday 22	9:30 am]	Counting & bundling Christmas information	
Thursday 23	9:30 am]	cards	Parish office
	12:00 pm	Choir practice	St James Centre
	2:00 pm	Prayer space	St Francis
	7:30 pm	Praying with the bells, local house of prayer	St James
Friday 24	pm	Setting up the craft & gift fair	St James Centre
	7:00 pm	Hillsong singing group	The Rectory
Saturday 25	10:00 am	Christmas craft & gift fair	St James Centre
Sunday 26	8:00 am	Holy Communion	
<i>Christ the King</i>	10:00 am	Family Eucharist <i>with Children's Church</i> <i>Celebrant & preacher : Geoff Bayliss</i> <i>Liturgist : Susan Davies-Fletcher</i>	
<i>1 before Advent</i>	12:30 pm	PCC meeting St James Centre	
	1:45 pm	Anglican Asian Living Church <i>followed by a time of fellowship & food</i>	St James St James Centre

Parish Office : St James Church Centre ☎747 680
 Parish mobile telephone ☎07501 908 378 *for out of hours calls*
both phones are monitored regularly by volunteers

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LINK EXTRA : November – December 2017

HELP, PLEASE

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*