



the third Sunday before Advent

Remembrance Sunday Sunday 12 November 2023

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GREETINGS with this communication from St James and St Francis churches in the Parish of Cowley, Oxford, as we commemorate the sacrifice of all who have fought for peace

Dear Friends *peace be with you*

The Parish of Cowley welcomes you to worship, whether in person at St James or at St Francis or at home watching live or later recorded or if you are just reading this Link – please pray with us

St James services are streamed live; St Francis service is recorded & uploaded
<http://www.cowleyteamministry.co.uk/Facebook-Live>

TODAY'S SERVICES 12.11.23

			<i>preacher</i>
St James	8:00	Holy Communion	<i>Geoff Bayliss</i>
St Francis	9:30	Family Eucharist	<i>Geoff Bayliss</i>
St James	10:50	Family Eucharist <i>with the Remembrance commemoration</i>	<i>Geoff Bayliss</i>
St James	1:30	AALC	<i>Geoff Bayliss</i>



There are usually led activities for children in St Luke's chapel at St James church during the 11:00 service sermon and there's also a parent supervised creche area with toys and books for little and not so little ones; please don't worry about noise – we love to have you here with us!

Toys and other distractions are available at St Francis – please ask for them if they are not out. You are welcome to wander about

We now use the common cup for the Eucharistic wine and are no longer offering 'simultaneous administration' Please note that dipping the wafer into the wine is not allowed, but be assured that, if you wish to receive only the bread and not the wine, this is recognised as taking full communion.

NEXT SUNDAY'S SERVICES *the second Sunday before Advent*

19.11.23

preacher

St James	8:00	Holy Communion	<i>Geoff Bayliss</i>
St Francis	9:30	Family Eucharist	<i>Geoff Bayliss</i>
St James	11:00	Family Eucharist	<i>Geoff Bayliss/Michael Oberouhwo</i>
St James	1:30	AALC	<i>Geoff Bayliss</i>



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WHAT'S ON AND INFORMATION

NEWS, MEETINGS, EVENTS AND SPECIAL SERVICES

RIP we acknowledge the recent passing of two much loved sisters in Christ : **Beverley Hughes** and **Una Dean**. Our love and prayers remain with their families and friends. We celebrated Bev's life last Tuesday **The memorial service for Una will be at St James Church on Monday 11 December at 1:00**, following a private cremation. All are welcome to come to honour a life well lived

GIFT AND CRAFT SALE Saturday 11 November 12:00-3:00 **St James Centre**
The result will be announced at today's services and in Link next week – but obviously there's a huge **THANK YOU** to all who were involved in any way – especially **the core team led by Chris Woodman**

COWLEY FESTIVAL OF CHRISTMAS TREES If you were in Church last week, you have a list of all the ways you can get involved in our biggest outreach event of the year. We can't do it without YOU! There are of course spare copies of the full list available, but in the short term....

Today you can

- ❖ pick up a copy of the Christmas tree gifts of love **knitting pattern** and start knitting!
- ❖ sign up to **deliver invitation cards** in local roads – or your road – from next Sunday
- ❖ sign up to **host a travelling tree of love** for 24/48h between 3rd and 17th December
- ❖ contact Lesley Williams if you wish to **enter or sponsor a tree** in the festival



if you read Link on line and are not at church today to pick up a pattern or sign lists, contact Lesley 01865 779 562 07982 439 828 ctf@cowleyteamministry.co.uk

CHRISTMAS WREATHS You will soon be able to order wreaths and table decorations with fresh greenery – another fundraiser for the Parish **Watch this space.**

PRAYER SPACES IN OUR SCHOOLS

St Christopher's School in Grace Church

St Francis School in St Francis Church

CCSJ School in St James Church

volunteering opportunity

Monday 13 November

Thursday 23 November

Wednesday 13, Thursday 14 December

Possible commitment is to set up early morning; at 40 minute sessions all day, with a break at lunch time; take down at the end of the day – but you are invited to help for **what ever time you can offer** Each session involves leading a small group of children through a short, scripted, thoughtful activity – three times over as the groups rotate. You are welcome to come to observe to see if it would suit you. There are lists to sign in church or use the google form. <https://forms.gle/ABm57r1YMESgN65T9>
contact Geoff or Liam

PARISH WALKING GROUP all are welcome to join our fortnightly very gentle, social walk, often involving refreshment, before or afterwards. The next walk will be on **Monday 20 November**, meeting at **Magdalen College porters' lodge at 1:45** to walk around the deer park – but possibly enjoying lunch before that, at **12.30, at the café in the college**

Please let **Sally know** whether to expect you sally.hemsworth@outlook.com 01865 774 776

PARISH CHRISTMAS DINNER Friday 1 December 7:00

St James Centre

all are welcome but only 80 covers are available! Please sign up NOW and choose from the menu – either on a paper list in church or on a google form

<https://forms.gle/kzdosHaULLaiFm5dA>

POP UP ADVENT STALL + GET IN THE PICTURE + CAFÉ

St Francis Church

Saturday 2 December 10:30-12:30 crafts and gifts – coffee and cake – nativity photo booth

contact for information or with offers to help **Lyn Lord 01865 453 184 lord443@hotmail.com**
or **Shirley Costar 01865 361 276 daisy1955@hotmail.co.uk**

OUR REGULAR WEEKDAY ACTIVITIES

LITTLE STARS - Mondays at *St Francis* **SEASHELLS** - Tuesdays at *St James Centre*, both 10:00-11:30 for babies, pre-schoolers and their parents/carers
contact Mary Bayliss 01865 778 596 m.bayliss41@btinternet.com

PARISH SINGING GROUP Tuesdays at 12.00 in *St James Church* relaxed, fun singing for all - no auditions! sing for pleasure and for health! with worship songs to support the music in our church services at *St James and St Francis*
contact Liam Cartwright cowleycurate@gmail.com 07815 143 418

LUNCH CLUB Tuesdays 12:30 *St James Centre* - still by invitation on a rota with around 10 guests each week
contact Chris Woodman if you wish to be added to the list 01865 778 078 07923 964 025

RE:FRESH Wednesdays 9:30 following the 8 week Discipleship Explored course - with toys and games for little ones - tea and cake *St James Centre*
contact Mary Bayliss 01865 778 596 m.bayliss41@btinternet.com

POWER HOUSE Thursdays 7:15-8:15 pm *now in the Ranklin Room, to save heating costs* the new name for 'Local House of Prayer' praying for Cowley and Oxford
contact Geoff Bayliss

HOME AND STUDY GROUPS

DISCIPLESHIP EXPLORED What's the best love you've ever known? Eight Tuesday evenings at 7:30 from Tuesday 3 October *St James Church*
also on Wednesday mornings at Re:fresh – see above

HOME GROUP hosted by Mark Oxbrow *13 Annesley Road*
alternate Wednesday evenings 7:30 next on Wednesday 22 November - a study of Paul's letter to the Ephesians
contact Mark 07985 631 816 markoxbrow@aol.com

HOME GROUP hosted by Rosanne Butler *18 St Omer Road*
alternate Thursday mornings, 10:00-11:30 next on Thursday 30 November - continuing the study of women in the Bible
contact Rosanne 01865 453 257

REAL ADVENT CALENDARS the UK's only Fairtrade chocolate Advent calendar which comes with a free 24 page Christmas story-activity book and supports charitable causes.
The 2023 Real Advent calendar is a fun way for parents, grandparents and godparents, aunts, uncles and friends to share the Christmas story. **Still only £4.50 and available NOW from Lesley Williams**

PARISH TREASURER happy but tricky news! We are delighted to learn of the pregnancy of **Emily Sommerlade**, who took on the book keeping, on line bank reconciliation and reporting aspects of the Parish accounts following Joan Coleman's departure last year, with the Treasurer's role now carried by six different people! Emily will take a 6 month maternity break from **February 2024** so we obviously hope to find another volunteer to cover that period, with time before that for training (if needed) and handover. ***If that might be you or you know of someone who might take it on, please talk to Geoff or Sally Hemsworth who will put you in touch with Emily to discuss the details and the available support*** **THANK YOU!**

CHRONICLE for November was published last week. You can still subscribe for your own printed copy and will be able to access it from <https://www.cowleyteamministry.co.uk/The-Parish/The-Cowley-Chronicle> but October and November are not there yet

CLEANER/CARER AVAILABLE Carole Young was Una Dean's cleaner with some caring responsibilities for several years, for two days a week, and earlier also for Marian Webster. She obviously now has available time which she would like to fill. If you would like to use her services, *contact Chris Woodman for information 01865 778 078 christinewoodman70@yahoo.com*

The Parish of Cowley is committed to the safety and wellbeing of all who visit our churches and the St James Centre and participate in our activities.

The Parish Safeguarding Officer is Lesley Williams but safeguarding is everyone's responsibility ✉ safeguarding@cowleyteamministry.co.uk

The Parish of Cowley lives by the Kingdom principles; we are now registered as a Fairtrade Place of Worship, using fairly traded products for all catering and cleaning, whenever they are readily available. Please do not donate non-fairtrade items. We learn about the issues of fairtrade and its impact. We pay the Oxford Living Wage to our cleaners



DAILY PARISH WORSHIP ON LINE: except during the holiday period, there is a **daily act of worship** – you can join live or catch up any time later on our **Facebook page (Parish of Cowley)** and via our **YouTube Channel**

for a prayer : prayer@cowleyteamministry.co.uk

you can also phone us on: 01865 778 596 07759 393 023

I have come that they may have life and have it to the full



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READINGS	12.11.23	third Sunday before Advent	Remembrance Sunday
Amos 5 18-24		1 Thessalonians 3 13-18	Matthew 25 1-13
	19.11.23	second Sunday before Advent	
Zephaniah 1 7, 12-18		1 Thessalonians 5 1-11	Matthew 25 14-30

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