



A provisional set for services for Easter. If guidance changes these may change so keep your eyes open for updates! There will be a distanced live congregation in the Churches when services take place.

Sunday 28 th March	Palm Sunday	8 am St James 10 am outdoor service at St James
Thursday 1 st April	Maundy Thursday	7:30 streamed communion service from St James
Friday 2 nd April	Good Friday	12 noon Streamed from St James.
Saturday 3 rd April	Easter Eve	8 pm service of light and resetting of the altar streamed from St James Churchyard and Church.
Sunday 4 th April	Easter Day	8 am Streamed service in St James 10 am Streamed service from St Francis

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March 2021

From the Editors

Sally Hemsworth and Nicki Stevens

Despite lockdown it is amazing how fast life passes. Information on Mothering Sunday and Easter Services are included in The Chronicle – but keep an eye on The Link which includes up-to-date information.



We think Nonny Muss' idea of a Sunflower Competition is great – and we hope you will join in and enjoy watching the sunflowers grow from the seeds provided with this Chronicle.

Perhaps you are keeping busy knitting – Rosanne Butler reports that the Mothers' Union members are swelling the supplies of the Special Care Baby Unit. Are you adding to this? Some of us are knitting yellow chicks – but getting lemon wool is providing mind-stretching so there may be some strange looking chicks around at Eastertime!

We hope you enjoy the recipe from the calendar produced by SeeSaw, one of the charities we supported at the Christmas Tree Festival. If you bought one of their calendars you will have this recipe already but perhaps you have others you would like to share?

We are so lucky that the Chronicle is delivered to most people – so when you read this you will have the sunflower seeds in front of you with Joan Coleman's instructions – ready to plant on Easter Sunday.

We do hope you enjoy this edition of the Chronicle – we would love to hear from you.

Sally and Nicki

Mothering Sunday
Outdoor celebration worship
for all ages

Sunday 14th March
10 am
St James churchyard

Weather permitting, we will move indoors if it's wet.
Find out more www.cowleyteamministry.co.uk

A word from the Rectory

It hardly seems possible that I am writing the vicar's letter that will be around in Holy Week. Yes, there will be a new edition of the Chronicle coming out on Easter Day. But this letter will be around for the build up! So, look out for the list of Easter Services listed elsewhere in this edition!

'Christianity is a statement which, if false, is of no importance and, if true, of infinite importance. The one thing it cannot be is moderately important.'

C.S. Lewis in a discussion with JR Tolkien

Death and resurrection this year are beginning to have a whole new meaning. We are looking forward to a resurrection of all that is best in our communities but acknowledged that the journey we have been on has been so costly. We have sadly lost much valued brothers and sisters in the Christian family. This has been both to Covid but also for other reasons. The message of Easter reminds us that death is not the eventual victor. Life and resurrection will have the upper hand!

The defeat of death is central to the Christian message and if true is

transformational. Over this season of Lent we have been focusing on the apostles Creed! Each section, transforms life. In these coming weeks we will celebrate the middle section:

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only
Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy
Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of
the Father,
and he will come to judge the living
and the dead.**

This we believe!

How might belief in Jesus make a difference? The hope we find in the resurrection transforms every day we live. Resurrection is just one form of the restoration that Jesus brings. Such restoration will bring back to us the very best that we had before the day of lock down. May God give us his eyes to recognise what is good and work as the restoring hands of God. May he give us his timing to re-engage in the world he and we love.

May God bless you one and all.

Revd Geoff Bayliss Rector

RECIPES

Michelle's simple butterfly cupcakes

Extract from the SeeSaw Calendar for 2021
Grief support for children and young people in Oxfordshire



Pre heat the oven to 180C/160C Fan/Gas 4

Tip a 100g self-raising flour into a large bowl

Add 100g caster sugar

Drop in 100g room temperature butter

Crack in 2 large eggs

1 level tsp of baking powder

- Mix well for a few minutes or until the mixture is nice and smooth
- Divide between 12 cupcake cases in your bun or cupcake tin
- Bake for 15-20 mins until well risen or golden brown
- Place the tray on a wire rack to cool for a few minutes
- Lift the paper cases out carefully and continue to cool.
- Carefully cut a small circle in the middle of each cupcake top, remove the piece and keep
- Fill each cavity with a large spoon of strawberry jam
- To make the icing beat together 50g soft butter and 100g icing sugar, mix well until blended.
- Spoon or pipe a dollop over the top of the jam and swirl with the back of the spoon.
- The piece you removed and kept, slice in half and carefully place on top to resemble butterfly wings, dust with icing sugar.

Serve with hot tea.

One won't be enough!



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SIGNIFICANT DATES IN MARCH

1 March	St David's Day
14 March	Mothering Sunday
17 March	St Patrick's Day
20 March	Spring Equinox
28 March	British Summer Time (Clocks go forward, one hour less sleep)

Seen in a pewsheet:

Jumble sale: The ladies of our church have cast off clothing of every kind. They may be seen in the basement on Friday afternoon.

JUST IN CASE SOMEONE HAS A BIRTHDAY THIS MONTH AND IS FEELING OLD

- The key to successful ageing is to pay as little attention to it as possible.
- It's important to have a twinkle in your wrinkle.
- Don't let growing older let you down, it's too hard to get back up.
- Wisdom doesn't necessarily come with age.
- Sometimes age just shows up by itself.
- Don't worry about temptation, as you grow older it starts avoiding you.
- Age is a question of mind over matter. If you don't mind, it doesn't matter.
- GROWING OLD is mandatory. Growing up is optional.
- They say that age is all in your mind. The trick is keeping it from creeping down into your body.
- The brain forgets much, but the lower back remembers everything.
- You can live to be a hundred if you give up all the things that make you want to live to be a hundred.
- You know you're getting old when a doctor, not a policeman, tells you to slow down.
- Everything slows down with age, except the time it takes for ice cream to reach your hips.
- Wrinkles only indicate where the smiles have been.



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CHILDREN'S CORNER

I don't know whether you are like me but although I usually read the instructions on the bottle/tin/ or package, I am always keen to open the new purchase and sometimes have been known to take it apart even before I have used it just to see how it works. That is not always a good thing even if you do have instructions. Often I have to ask for help and sometimes get told off for trying to 'understand' how it works even though there is no need for me to know. Just get on with the job and use the tool or 'thing' you have bought. But I just like to know WHY and HOW it works, don't you ?

Other times I have been amazed what a difference can be made by having a little help to understand what is happening. We may think we know how everything works but you cannot understand everything at once and I am still learning. If you go on holiday or visit friends and relatives in another part of the country, they may do things differently, eat different food and vegetables and certainly have different cakes and bread. I found that a REAL Eccles cake in the North of England is almost the size of a tea plate and I was shown how they slice the round disc into three strips and coat one of the sides with butter !
Yummy.

In the countryside the hills are higher in the North and the rivers seem to flow faster with waterfalls into the valleys below. And of course if you go to the seaside or go to any of the small fishing villages you will see different scenes, and some have odd customs at different times of the year. But be careful. What appears to be an odd custom may well be an important task. Not everything is what it seems.

I remember that on one occasion when we were on holiday we had time for one last adventure before we had to start to return home at lunchtime so we agreed that the family should walk to our favourite bay returning by the cliff path to our hotel. On the way, we noticed a man seated in front of a bush moving his hands as though he was playing a harp. Always the inquisitive (nosy Parker) Peter said 'What are you doing Mr ?'. We apologised for the intrusion but the man was quite happy to tell us that he was 'picking sloes', a berry like a small grape, and he was going to make some sloe gin after adding sugar and waiting a couple of months for everything to work. Unfortunately it was not a fruit drink for children but he assured us that Mummy and Daddy would probably like it! We do.

We found that we did have a 'spare' plastic bag, picked some sloes and brought them home to do whatever was necessary to make the potion. It was lovely! Not only did we learn something but what appeared to be an 'odd' happening with no purpose, was indeed a new experience. Since then I have tried to find my special bush with sloes, but always remembered the kind reply from someone who looked as though he was doing something odd. We might think that we all look odd these days with our masks, but they have a purpose. We will all be doing things differently in the future and give thanks that we are able to do so with the help and guidance of so many helpers.

Go safe until next time.

Uncle Ben

A GOOD READ

On a Sunday morning a few weeks ago Gemma was talking about a book she had read which sounded very intriguing. I asked her about the book and she lent it to me and I want to pass on to you what an amazing read it was. It's called 'Phoebe' and the author is Paula Gooder, a brilliant New Testament scholar. Phoebe is a lovely young woman living around 50 AD whom Paul entrusts with a Letter. Phoebe is to leave Corinth and take Paul's Letter to Rome. What she endures during her journey ranges from poverty and sadness to cruelty and finally joy. It tests the imagination of the reader and gives great insight into what life and surroundings could have been like at that time. There are no references during the story, Part One. These can be found in Part Two. The author has written in this way to enable the storyline to flow. It is a very different read from anything I have ever read and I can thoroughly recommend it, especially if you are curious about the origins of Christianity and want to learn more."

Chris Woodman

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Or just want to talk?

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- phoning 03450 700 707 – that's a special department set up by the police *OR*
- Silver Lines, open 24 hrs for assistance on 08004 708 090 - this is a charity set up by Esther Rantzen, primarily to assist those elderly people in need of assistance and who live alone and are in fear of being abused.

From the Archives

NOVEMBER 1960

COWLEY CENTRE

It is not only in the Cowley Chronicle that you see signs of the new Cowley Centre.

On the site at the moment it seems to be a matter of destruction, and this is bound to be sad, especially for those who have had to leave their homes, in some cases the houses they were born in, or lived in since childhood.

For those who still live in the neighbourhood it is not pleasant. The expanse of mud, the dirt, and the noise pervade everywhere and the inhabitants of the local sewers, the rats, have also been driven from their homes to roam the district.

The need for the development of an adequate centre in Cowley is undeniable, adequate to serve the enormous population in this part of Oxford.

Pubs and churches were built before the war, so were the library and swimming baths, but in other ways the building provision was scanty compared with the amount of factory and housing development.

We pay for this every time we try to go shopping in Oxford.

Local shopkeepers are wondering, quite naturally, what will be the effect of the new shopping centre? It is good to know that our City Councillors are available at stated times, so that doubts, questions and grievances can be dealt with.

I hope that you all will read the booklet 'The Changing Face of Oxford', which you can obtain free from Temple Cowley Library. It not only tells us where the rates money goes: it helps us to take an informed interest in the administration and life of our city.

I am convinced that there will be a much greater sense of community, and of belonging, when the shopping and civic centres are completed in Cowley.

The planning and building is important, but a real community has to be created by the people who live in it. Builders can erect houses, but it is the people who live in them who have to turn them into homes.

It is up to each one of us to work to ensure that Cowley is a good place to live in. It will not be done by shutting front doors against all around, or "keeping myself to myself".

Yours Sincerely
John R .Betton

Researched by Les Hemsworth

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John said 'There is so much walking information on the web but it is difficult to find. Walking in Oxfordshire (part of the Walking in England suite of websites (www.walkinginengland.co.uk) – one for each county in England) has brought it together in one place so whether you are walking from home, or away on holiday, you will be able to find a walk suitable for you'.

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John Harris

www.walkinginengland.co.uk

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BIBLE SOCIETY 'MORE THAN A BOOK' REGISTRATION



We are now anticipating Easter and looking for cards and gifts. If you order anything on line or by phone from the Bible Society, please use the unique Parish reference number 12044 or select the 'Parish of Cowley' from the drop down menu when placing the order and we will benefit from the 'More than a book' cash back scheme. It's that easy! We have earned a little from our 'Open the Book' resources orders and also from Christmas' 'It begins in Bethlehem' story books but a top up from some personal Easter shopping would be useful.

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Shaun Guard
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Prayer Space

On the bloodstained ground
Where the shadow falls
Of a cross and a crown of thorns
I kneel down, I kneel down.
I lift up my eyes to a tear stained face.
Who is this dying in my place?
I kneel down, I kneel down.

I come just as I am,
This is my only plea,
One hope in which I trust,
This blood was shed for me.

As you wash the stains of my guilty heart
'Til I'm clean in every path
I kneel down, I kneel down.
Wash away my shame, my pain, my pride,
Every sin that I once denied.
I kneel down, I kneel down.

This is where I'll always come,
This is where I'll always run
To worship you.
This is where I'll always come,
This is where I'll always run
To worship you, Jesus.

Graham Kendrick

With what can we compare the Kingdom
of God, or what parable will we use for it?
It is like a mustard seed, which, when
sown upon the ground, is the smallest of
all the seeds on earth; yet when it is sown
it grows up and becomes the greatest of
all shrubs, and puts forth large branches,
so that the birds of the air can make nests
in its shade.

Mark 4.30-32

A prayer of Thanksgiving

We thank you for all your unsearchable
riches which pour forth from you as light
from the sun, in boundless profusion
and generosity, whether received, ig-
nored or rejected.

And now we offer to you, in so far as we
are able, as an emptiness to be filled
with your Divine Fullness, ourselves, our
souls and bodies; all that we are, all that
we have, and all that we do.

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BEING A FILM EXTRA – HARRY POTTER AND A CURTESY

The first time I met Daniel Radcliffe was when he was a young boy of 10 in the title role of David Copperfield. I, myself, was cast as a “tipsy gin swigging tinker. My part was to sit at the side of the road in front of a bonfire with my companion as the stagecoach to London rumbled by. We shot this scene many times then the Director said, let’s do just one more with just the bonfire. Of course, you can guess which film shot they actually included in the film.

Later years I was fortunate to “appear” in many Harry Potter films although, as with my previous experience, I can only be seen once. Other scenes were either deleted or blurred. I can now spill the beans that the Dragon in the arena fight scene was actually a balloon on top of a runner bean cane which was a tad difficult to react to with horror. The dragon was added later. It was there that I sat in front of Hagrid and had quite a shock when I turned round and found he had gone out for a break, but his automated giant head was left on his seat along with Madame Maxine’s head played by Frances de la Tour! And the water tower scene from where Harry Potter dives in the lake to save his friends was actually shot in a hanger at the end of the runway in the old Leavesden airport/converted film studios. The lake was added later. I do have to say though, on one filming day (where to follow the usual trend the Director decided she didn’t want any ladies in the shot) Daniel came and sat next to me and shared a packet of soft mints and I must say he was the most polite, unaffected by fame, pleasant young man I have ever encountered in the film world.

Staying with Harry Potter, cat lovers look away. I always remember leaving the studio in my car passing a young lady holding a very limp cat in her arms. Concerned, I wound the window down and asked if she needed a lift to the vets but she very politely refused and swung it round and round by its tail, not to revive it but “it’s a jelly cat” she explained. Yes, Mrs. Norris, the caretaker’s pet cat had a double for all the dangerous parts. Much the same the film babies are mostly jelly babies as well. Really lifelike moulds. On Nicholas Nickleby I had to deliver a jelly baby but the close-ups were of a real baby called Elvis (although his Mum did say he had a middle name of George if he wanted to change it later on).

I have to admit though, throughout my long career of not being seen I did have a close-up in the Downtown Abbey Film, but am sure fate was looking the other way that day as during the TV series itself, I am invisible. In the film I am a dignitary in the front row curtsying to the King who was inspecting the troops on horseback. The horseback display was wonderful with me seated in a front row seat with an unrestricted view. Previous to that we were drilled in the correct way of curtsying by an actual member of the present Royal Household. Bit miffed though when he asked if I would be able to rise after curtsying just because I have grey hair and wrinkles, but I do have to say I was glad of the beautifully carved posh walking stick that was part of my costume as my knees locked when singing God Save the King. BUT, I do have a lovely, lovely close up! But don’t blink.

Sue Hallett

A WARTIME CHILDHOOD

We had only settled into our little cottage for a few days and daddy had gone off on his bicycle to the De Havilland's factory in Witney when mummy came up with a new idea. "I think we'd better arrange for you to go to school", she said. School? That came as a surprise as I had no idea what school might mean. The back garden of our home in Surrey looked out over a large secondary school playing field where I had seen very 'grown up' children playing football and hockey. Beyond that was a big school building, the one we had to attend to have our gas masks fitted. "Would school be like that?" I wondered.

Anyway, that afternoon mummy and I walked into the village along the main street, over a tiny bridge across a tiny stream and in through the wrought iron gate of the village school. I was a couple of months away from my fifth birthday. Having knocked on the door of this tiny building, mummy opened the door and hand-in-hand we walked in. That was a defining moment in my life as I thought I had walked into one step away from heaven.

A well-groomed, slightly plump, smiling lady stepped forward and asked if she could help us. While mummy was explaining who we were and why we had come, I had a chance to look around. I loved it! There were little wooden tables and chairs with children about my age sitting there. It was a chilly spring day, so there was a cosy fire in the hearth with a big metal fireguard around it. On the walls there were lovely coloured pictures and at small child height, the walls were covered in big blackboards with pictures drawn in chalk, obviously by children like me.

Having given the headmistress our details the friendly lady smiled down at me saying "Well Rosanne, I think we can find a place for you. When would you like to start?" "Now", I declared, causing her and mummy to laugh out loud. "Well, it's getting near the end of the afternoon, will tomorrow morning do? She said. "Oh, yes please" was my reply. And so it was.

Northmoor village school was a typical example of hundreds of village schools up and down the country. It comprised one large room with two fireplaces and a floor-to-ceiling glass screen which ran on runner across a wooden floor and divided the junior class from the infants (or babies as we were known). The windows were high in the walls, I suppose so there would be no distraction from outside during lessons. A small cloakroom was situated opposite the only front door and that was called the lobby. Because there was no access to fresh water of any kind, at the end of the wall furnished with a double row of coat pegs was a scrubbed pine table with a bowl and a pitcher of cold water. Toilet facilities were very basic! The boys were separated from the girls by a brick wall over which the little rascals used to

'aim'. The girls' toilet was very cosy. There was a little shed right round the back of the building with a double-seated bucket loo. One seat was higher (for the big girls) and next to it was a little low seat for the infants. Often we would sit side-by-side in very friendly fashion!

Lessons were wonderful for me but at first playtime was a problem. You see, coming from the outskirts of London I had a Londonish twang to my speech. I was different and I was an evacuee. The village children gave me the cold-shoulder. They all had their little friendship groups and I didn't fit. I would stand by the wall longing to join in their games and this went on for several weeks. I didn't mention it at home but it did make me unhappy. Then one lovely day one of the bigger girls came over and said "Would you like to play with us?" That did it. From then on I was one of the village children at last.

Rosanne Butler

Shared Knitting and Crochet (Headington)

Even though we can't meet because of Covid restrictions, we are still knitting and crocheting for good causes. We send woolly goods to reputable charities which support refugees in Syria and Greece, as well as people in need in the UK. We also knit for the JR, The Porch, Oxford Baby Bank and the Shoebox Appeal for Oxfordshire Domestic Abuse Services. Each charity gives us a list of what is currently needed (and also what they cannot use). We supply yarn at a discount to members and have patterns and needles.

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SAFEGUARDING IN COWLEY PARISH

As a Parish, we are committed to the Christian care, nurture of, and respectful pastoral ministry with, all children and all adults but particularly those who are vulnerable in any way.

So we ensure that our policies and practice on the selection and training of all those staff and volunteers with any responsibility within the Church are in line with safer recruitment principles, including the use of Disclosure and Barring Service criminal records checks where applicable.

We intend that St James and St Francis churches will be safe, caring communities which provide a loving environment where there is a culture of 'informed vigilance' as to the dangers of abuse, including domestic violence and bullying.

We will challenge any abuse of power, especially by anyone in a position of trust in our churches

We follow statute, guidance and recognised good practice in all our safeguarding procedures and check that all users of our premises agree to do so too.

Our 'Promoting a safer church' action plan has helped to clarify our procedures and systems. There is the danger that we *think everyone knows what they should do if concerned about any situation* but we haven't fully checked on that; it's of course not possible during this hiatus but expect a survey once we re-establish routines .

It is now 3 years since we introduced the Diocesan training programme for all those Parish volunteer roles requiring it - and that training must now be renewed. We hope many of you will be able to follow the course individually at home online but, when C-19 regulations allow later in the year, we will again be offering group training at St James Centre.

I'm glad to say that the 'Basic awareness' course (formerly called C0) has been revised and is much more accessible. It is required for all volunteers with person facing roles in our churches but is also open for anyone who thinks they should understand more about what we mean by 'safeguarding' in the church context.

Those involved in any of our children's work must take the 'Foundation' (formerly C1) – also taken individually online - and those in leadership roles, the 'Leadership', formerly C2, which is booked on the Diocesan website and taught in two sessions, still online, by the Diocesan staff.

Please expect a notification from me by email or letter, over the next month, and let me know whether you will be 'studying' at home or awaiting the chance to meet together.

Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility – *please be sure to report anything you observe that worries you about someone's wellbeing whilst at church or online.*

It is just as important during this strange time when life is so different; the situation throws up its own safeguarding and welfare issues. Please remain aware.

Lesley Williams 01865 779 562 07982 439 828 safeguarding@cowleyteamministry.co.uk

NEWS FROM A CHURCH WARDEN

You can tell we are all looking forward to the end of lockdown and the vaccines being an effective means of controlling the virus, due to the way that the intercessions in our Church videos have been changing. There is a real sense of hope that soon we will be back to achieving normal life.

Our churches have demonstrated themselves to be resilient and strong with our full ministry team doing their best to create an environment whereby faith can flourish. The recent promotion of the "Come and See" campaign has also given those of us in the church hope that the Anglican community will grow after the virus is long into history.

I personally have really enjoyed connecting with Church through facebook, youtube and online in general. It has been a fantastic way to keep the mind on the message and to keep Sunday special.

The online valentines event tomorrow will probably workout brilliantly too and it is lovely that we can still find ways of celebrating St Valentine's day even though we are all spending so much time at home.

Having snow in the winter isn't everyone's cup of tea I know, but it did make the time of year more pretty and the cold did, to a degree, make me feel quite glad that I didn't have to go anywhere and travel in the cold. either. But as the Spring comes I am sure that we will all find time to potter about a bit in the garden and also enjoy some time out and about, although in a socially distanced way.

For me, this third lockdown has given me more motivation to do exercise at home and I have discovered a selection of youtube videos that have been good for basic strength training. If I was still seeing my physiotherapist, I am sure she would be proud of me. And my online social life has been good with friends connecting on Zoom meetings and via various social platforms.

So, everyone, sit tight and keep on doing positive things. We will be out of this lock down soon and then life will develop colour and excitement again.

Nick Dewey



Gardening

As I write, the rain is lashing down. At least the weather is mild and not below freezing as it was for quite a while in February. I have had some hours in the garden doing some tidying.

But Spring is on the way! Some daffodils are starting to bloom and the snowdrops are showing how they can give us joy. Those in St James' Churchyard are doing their stuff well and the small clumps that we have transplanted in empty areas will spread and get bigger in time. I hope that the grass cutters will let the leaves bulk up the bulbs before they get chopped off!

As for my seasonal preparations, the chilli seeds are up in my small electric propagator and as time marches on, more seeds will be sown and brought on. Aubergines and sweet peppers need a long season too and should be sown early but I have never had much luck with them. Shallot sets are in the green house now, planted in modules, so that they get some strong roots and leaves before getting put out on the allotment to get a march on the year. I will do the same for onion sets too but a couple of weeks later.

Our seed potatoes are in trays, eyes up, by the window in the loft, to begin sprouting or chitting before being planted in a few weeks' time. My other half has yet to dig over the ground that they are planned to occupy and is unlikely to start that job until the ground dries up somewhat.

We have good well-drained soil. The underlying Oxford clay is deep down. The site

has been cultivated for over 180 years since the land was given to the "labouring poor of Cowley" as recompense for the land grab of the Enclosure Act. In the 25 years and more since we took on the plot, we have seen part of it flooded just once when the Boundary Brook was blocked with debris though there was some water lying on plots nearer the brook this winter.

Seeds were purchased way back in the autumn and I must go through them to decide in which order to sow using the limited space in the propagator. As we go into March seeds will be sown but not too soon. The chillies need an early start as they take quite a while to get going. I also have to balance the need to get seeds germinating and the need for frost-free space for seedlings to grow on. My greenhouse is unheated and so some woven fleece is at hand to cover up in case frost is forecast. As more seedlings are potted on I use a wide shelf in the shed and on top of the washing machine and dryer in our lean-to cum conservatory/utility.

Talking of pots, I am always in need of small ones, 3-4 inches, to pot on individual plants and the trays of 6 in which commercial bedding plants are sold. If you are having a spring clear-out, please think of me. I am very well catered for with larger pots. I am, of course, getting going for the Plant Sale which WILL happen on 22nd May this year.

Joan Coleman

LOW TRAFFIC NEIGHBOURHOODS (LTNS) aiming to reduce traffic, improve air quality and road safety, encourage walking and cycling.

By the time you read this, our travel by car around the neighbourhoods of Church Cowley, Temple Cowley and Florence Park will be very different. For our minor roads to be safer and the air cleaner, the County Council is trialling the three local LTNs on which they consulted last year; work on the necessary restrictions is being carried out during the first weeks of March. 'Modal filters' will prevent through traffic on key local residential roads. Everyone will still be able to access their home and business by car but we may have to drive a longer way round to reach it and will have to plan our routes carefully.

The emergency and refuse services are confident they also will still be able reach houses needing them.

There will be a 6-month trial, during which traffic will be carefully monitored and changes made if the results prove disastrous. You are encouraged to participate in a continuing consultation during those 6 months. There will then be another consultation and a further 12 months before the decision is made whether the system should be permanent.

[The Cowley Low Traffic Neighbourhoods continuing consultation page is now live.](#)

The consultation page for the Cowley LTNs is now open until 3rd September, so residents can have their say on the future of the schemes. A decision will be made after 6 months on the next steps Oxfordshire County Council news story: <https://news.oxfordshire.gov.uk/ltm-cowley-area/> Cowley LTN consultation page: https://consultations.oxfordshire.gov.uk/consult.ti/Cowley_ExperimentalLowTraffic/consultationHome Video explaining the Cowley LTN plans: <https://youtu.be/0IAadC114HE>



[Low traffic neighbourhoods mean changes for the Cowley area](#)

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Living under military rule

In just a few week's we will be reading again the story of a man who was accused by military leaders of leading an opposition movement. That man was arrested by one branch of the military, the temple guards, and handed over to the supreme military commander, Pontius Pilate, who passed a sentence of death by crucifixion, carried out the following day by his soldiers. This army was a dominating, highly resourced, influence on the lives of ordinary people in Palestine.

Last week, in Myanmar (formerly known as Burma) another large highly resourced army arrested democratically elected leaders and took

total control of 55 million people, bringing to an end less than ten years of democracy. The best known political leader in Myanmar is of course Aung San Suu Kyi who spent many years under arrest by the military leaders, won the Nobel Peace Prize and is now once again in prison as far as we know.

Within months of Aung San Suu Kyi's release from house arrest in 2011, at Faith2Share, I began to receive messages from Christian leaders in Myanmar seeking training and assistance. The following year, in October 2012 I made my first visit to the country and met church leaders who have now become good friends. I have returned there three times since to lead training for Christian leaders in this predominantly Buddhist country. As you might expect I have received many messages from these leaders in recent days seeking our prayers. Let me introduce you to a few of them and ask you to pray for them.

Martin was born in North East India but came to Myanmar many years ago as an Indian missionary. He now leads the main Lutheran Church in the capital, Yangon, as well as running a large children's home and school. His wife supports their work by selling beautiful traditional Indian cloth (that some of you may have seen in my house). Hung Ling is from a Christian family in one of the minority ethnic groups in Myanmar and has led, for some years, a Bible College in Yangon. When I say 'college' please don't think of Oxford University – this is a college where students share desks, where computers are rare and where everyone works together to cook and clean. But even in crumbling buildings I was amazed to see the quality of their teaching and training of pastors, ministers and missionaries. Cheng was once one of



Hung Ling's students but now runs his own mission agency sending evangelists and establishing churches in the south west of the country. He and his wife have also 'adopted' several children whose parents could not afford to feed them and brought them to Yangon so they can be educated. Cheng supports his work by teaching English to business people. In contrast David, supports himself by breeding pigs, but his main ministry is training and sending out Christian leaders, women and men, to small communities where they start churches whilst working to support themselves (like St. Paul who made tents). David once turned up late for a training I was facilitating – his excuse was that 14 piglets had been born during the night!

As leaders of minority Christian communities, and from minority ethnic groups, who all oppose this military takeover, Martin, Hung Ling, Cheng and David are all in danger right now – PLEASE do take time to pray for their safety, their families and the future of their ministry under mili-

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COWLEY MOTHERS' UNION NEWS

A bag of beautiful little angels has found its way to St. Omer Road. Some of them belong to me but quite a lot don't! They spent Christmas on our pretty little Christmas tree in St. James' Church for the Christmas Tree Festival. Now, if you have lost one (or any) of your treasured angels, I'd be so pleased to return them. Do call by or give me a ring to reclaim them. My number is 453257.

I hope members won't mind but I have sent £15 on their behalf to support the Mothers' Union 'Mothering Sunday' appeal. This appeal is to support a woman in Uganda to attend a savings group workshop to help grow her family income.

I am still inundated in beautiful knitting for the John Radcliffe baby unit. They still can't collect it due to the virus. However, rest assured it is all quite safe with me.

This year's subs are now due. Many of you have decided to pay by direct debit but I do need others by the end of this month. The amount due is £35.

Do have a go at the M.U. quiz which is in this month's Chronicle.

With love and 'stay safe' wishes,

Rosanne

ST VALENTINE'S TEA AND GAMES AT HOME ON ZOOM

Saturday 13 February

It wasn't quite the same as gathering to celebrate St Valentine in St Francis Church but it was still a very successful event as 12 households, including the Benskins in Watlington, received a party pack ahead of the day, got out their best china and logged into Zoom for a fun hour of tea and games at home.

There was a best dressed teddy/cuddly toy competition for which we all voted; bingo; a one round love themed quiz and two crazy fun challenges, both involving chocolate: to slide an After 8 mint down your nose and catch it with your tongue - and to roll a Malteser down a retracting metal tape measure to catch it in your mouth! You could try them both yourselves..... laughter is of course guaranteed.

We hope there will be an Easter follow up.

We are so sorry those without internet access cannot be included..... but the time will come later in the year when we can all get together.

Thank you for your generosity!

As I write, Joan, our treasurer, is working on the 2020 accounts. The amazing news is that, even in these very difficult times, our finances just about balanced. The overall income for the year was below normal, but with care and as a result of your generosity, we managed to : make our full Parish Share contribution to the Diocese (£48,460 which largely covers the costs of clergy); pay for needed repairs, all maintenance, heating, cleaning, lighting, insurance etc. With such a disrupted year, that is amazing. We even managed to keep up our annual commitments to other charities. You are an amazing bunch; thank you!

As we head further into 2021, uncertainties remain. Reduced activities and locked down halls mean that January has been a challenging month : our expenditure has exceeded income by several hundred pounds. Our hope and prayer is that, as we approach the summer and the impact of the national vaccination scheme kicks in, we will, once again, be able to open our doors, welcoming in the crowds and earning income.

As always, our day to day running costs are funded by God's generous people. So, I write thanking people for their generosity and everyone who has moved to making their donations electronically. But also, encouraging those who periodically give extra and asking if they might be able to give again? Details of how you might do that are listed below.

We have a generous God and I really wish again to thank his generous people - you lot - for steering us safely this far! May God be with you!

Revd Geoff

Ways you can donate!

- cash or cheque in the Church on Sunday or dropped off at the Office or Rectory
- electronic donations via bank transfer (account name: Cowley (Oxford) PCC sort code: 30-12-51 account number: 01000840)
- use the giving button the front page of our web site (www.cowleyteamministry.co.uk)
- or join the direct debit Parish Giving Scheme – reference 270627190 Joan (01865 770 865) or I can give you more details. Or you can sign up via the scheme's telephone service (0333 002 1271)

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Deadline for the next edition: Monday 22 March 2021

If possible, please send entries by email to Sally at chronicle@cowleyteamministry.co.uk.

Paper contributions should be left at Parish Office for the attention of Sally.

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Additional Gardening Tips

Many of you will be getting seeds and shrubs ready for sowing or transplanting as soon as the soil allows. I identify the plants, in my mind, but when they die down forget where or what they are. Stick some identity on them when you are certain what and where they are. I leave Joan to give us the more practical gardening guidance of what else we should be doing this month.

My usual method is to use strips of old yoghurt pots made of plastic, for seeds, cut lengthways and labelled using a waterproof pen. Where you have a bush, rose tree or shrub you can use plastic milk bottles cut round the main body of the bottle, again about as thick as your finger, so that you have a circular strip.

Identify your shrub and the 'ring' from the milk bottle, and it will most likely stay wrapped round the plant. If you want to be really creative and make certain that the 'label' doesn't get lost you can cut a slot in one end of the 'clip ring' and then fashion an arrow-head on the other end. By sliding one through the other a permanent label will be made. Get cracking and make a few in advance of your purchases and needs.

Nonny Muss

GROW SOME SUNFLOWERS COMPETITION



Following Nonny Muss' additional gardening tips the idea came of a competition – growing sunflowers. Talking with Joan, our gardening expert, we are off.

Attached to this month's Chronicle is a small envelope with some sunflower seeds and instructions for sowing. The ideal would be for

everyone to sow their seeds in pots on Easter Sunday (the day of a new life) and we will judge on 31 August.

We will judge from honest reports and verify the tallest by a visit.

Several pictures of sunflowers are shown in The Chronicle (the version on the church website will show them in colour!). How will yours turn out???

Nonny Muss has promised a prize for the tallest sunflower – what a bonus!

Sally Hemsworth



Yes they are over ten feet tall



CAMINO DE SANTIAGO - for Traidcraft Exchange

<https://traidcraftexchange.org/what-we-do>

I have explained in earlier Chronicles about my signing up to walk the final 115km of the full 772 km Camino, from Sarria to Santiago de Compostela in north west Spain, over 5 days. It was originally planned for later this month but is now to be the first week of October.

However, we are in training already and Traidcraft Exchange has set up a fundraising virtual walk for the group, and anyone else accepting the challenge, 100km during April – the walking/running will be real, logged on the Strava app; it's just not in northern Spain but wherever we are in the UK!

We are raising money for Traidcraft Exchange which brings people together to fight injustice in trade and help protect the world's poorest communities against climate change.

It's their mission to use the power of trade to create lasting solutions to poverty. They are the partner charity of Traidcraft, the Fairtrade company. Your contribution will make an impact, whether you donate £5 or £500. Every little helps.

There are various ways of donating:

1. through my Facebook giving page <https://www.facebook.com/donate/252363499818620/10218647109636043> Facebook pays all the processing fees for you, so 100% of your donation goes directly to the charity.
2. if you don't use/like Facebook, you can still give online at <https://traidcraftexchange.org.uk/100km-in-april>
3. if you don't do online giving at all, I'll have a standard paper sponsor form but if you are not coming to church yet, let me know by phone what you wish to donate and you can eventually give me cash or a cheque!

The exciting news is that ALL GIVING BETWEEN 8 MARCH and 7 JUNE 2021 will be matched by the Government through UK Aid – and of course you can Gift Aid the donation

4. AND if you would like to accept the 100 km in April challenge yourself, sign up on line <https://www.facebook.com/TraidcraftExchange> and join me walking, here in Oxford - either actually with me or on your own routes, in your own time. whichever of those you do, any sponsorship you earn or donation you make will count towards the £1,300 I'm committed to raise by October. It's FREE to take part and you also get a free 100km in April tee-shirt!

However you are able to support me, thank you!

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FAIRTRADE FORTNIGHT 2021

22 February – 7 March

Choose the world you want



<https://www.fairtrade.org.uk/get-involved/current-campaigns/fairtrade-fortnight/>
<https://schools.fairtrade.org.uk>

The Chronicle will be published right at the end of this year's Fairtrade Fortnight but our commitment to Fairtrade should of course be year-round, especially with the easy to source products like coffee, tea, sugar, bananas, whilst also taking time to search for oil, flowers, etc.

The COVID-19 pandemic has shown us more than ever how interconnected we are globally. This interconnection is at the very heart of the Fairtrade message and is where our role begins. We can all be part of the Fairtrade movement and have the power to drive long-term change, not only with our shopping choices but with our support in spreading the message to others.

CLIMATE, COVID-19, FAIRTRADE AND US

Our help is needed to put farmers' voices at the heart of tackling the climate crisis and share the reality of their struggles. Our global trading system is balanced in favour of the powerful few. Trapped in this system, farmers already struggle to meet their immediate needs. More than ever, they need a fair price for their crops and their hard work.

Fairtrade works to raise the voices of farmers and workers and prioritise what they need to respond to the health and environmental crises unfolding in already vulnerable communities.

This Fortnight, we have been asked to 'Choose the World You Want' and use our voice to tell others about the challenge that farmers face from climate change.

Some Fairtrade facts:

- the Co-op supermarket is one of the biggest supporters of Fairtrade Fortnight and its stores are well stocked with Fairtrade products and special offers
- 93% of the UK public recognise the Fairtrade logo
- 1 in 4 cups of coffee made in the UK is Fairtrade
- The first ever Fairtrade banana was sold in the UK in the year 2000
- choosing Fairtrade helps to tackle the climate crisis
- there are over 6,000 products certified by Fairtrade, which include ice cream, flowers, beauty products and even gold!.



This poem has been included in Chronicle before – it's just so meaningful and thought provoking that it is being repeated

Just a moment

It starts with a change
so outwardly insignificant
that no one would notice
except the person
behind you in the aisle.

Just a moment
when instead of seeing
rows of labels
on a supermarket shelf,
you imagine the people
behind them -
tilling the earth,
sowing the seed,
gathering the crops.

And you pause,
wondering,
what their names are,
where they live,
what difference it will make
if your hand picks up
this box instead of that,
wondering: how do I
love these neighbours?

*The secret of a good
sermon is to have a good
beginning and a good
ending; and to have the two
as close together as
possible.*

George Burns

Can I help change
this child's long journey for water;
her mother's lack of healthcare;
the prospect her father faces
of another year unable
to feed his family well?

Just a moment.
And the person behind you,
her impatient baby
squirring in the trolley,
may never realise
that in that brief hesitation,
a life hung in the balance.



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Census 2021

You will have received information about this year's Census to be held on 21 March. The census is a survey that happens every 10 years and gives us a picture of all the people and households in England and Wales.

Your answers to the census questions will help organisations make decisions on planning and funding public services in your area, including transport, education and healthcare.

When to complete your census:

Every household should complete the census on Sunday 21 March 2021 or as soon as possible after that. If you've responded before 21 March and things have changed, you can let us know by calling us free on 0800 141 2021.

The census should take about 10 minutes for the household questions and 10 minutes per person.

As with so many things these days, the survey is completed online. We can help you do that if no one else is available – ask Geoff or Gemma OR you can request a paper copy of the forms although maddeningly you also do that online! But again, we can do it for you.



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Including everyone in Census 2021

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By taking part and encouraging others to do the same, you'll help make sure you and your community get the services you need. Nearer the time, you'll receive more information. There'll be plenty of help to take part for people who need it.

Find out more at www.census.gov.uk

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MOTHERS' UNION MOTHERING SUNDAY QUIZ

1. What food is most associated with Mothering Sunday:
a) Sunday Roast b) Eggs c) Simnel Cake
 2. In Ancient Greece, which goddess was celebrated on Mothering Sunday?
a) Goddess Artemis b) Goddess Hestia c) Goddess Rhea
 3. 'Mother's ruin' is a common British name for which alcoholic drink?
a) Gin b) Vodka c) Brandy
 4. In which Indian city, did Mother Theresa found her missionary?
a) Mumbai b) Varanasi c) Calcutta
 5. How many cards are sent for Mothering Sunday in the UK?
a) 10 million b) 45 million c) 30 million
 6. In which year did Marie Curie become the first woman to be awarded the Nobel Prize?
a) 1925 b) 1903 c) 1910
 7. Mother of Pearl is a common name for?
a) Nacre b) Jewel c) Stone
 8. Who was the mother of Queen Elizabeth 1?
a) Anne Boleyn b) Mary Queen of Scots c) Mary II
 9. Which popular Mothering Sunday flower do Christians believe were made from the tears of Mary when she wept for Jesus on the cross?
a) Carnations b) Daffodils c) Sunflowers
 10. When did women get the parliamentary vote in the UK?
a) 1918 b) 1917 c) 1916
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MISSION GIVING

The PCC has, in spite of the pandemic, set aside the annual 5% of our planned giving income for Mission Giving: For 2020, this is £2,100.

We like to share it between several different causes. If you wish to nominate a Christian-based charity we could support, please get in touch with Joan Coleman with some details about it.

A Zoom meeting, open to all, will be held at 6pm on Thursday March 18th to make the final decisions. Please email Joan on ojcoleman@btinternet.com for the link or phone her on 07935 963 634 with your suggestions.

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK 10-16 MAY 2021

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It seems as though much of the week will have to be 'virtual' again – more of that later – but Christian Aid has produced specially designed 'delivery only' envelopes which allow us to stamp, print, label or write on the envelopes to tell supporters where to drop their donation. The drop off points could be our churches, homes or local shops.

With 'deliver only', there's no need to knock or collect and we could cover more homes in Cowley. We'd really like to give that a try – our daily exercise for Christian Aid. There will be a chance to sign up in April.

CHRISTIAN AID is celebrating its 75 years and has launched '75 Years of Hope – put your faith into action through daily reflections and challenges' running from now until Christian Aid Week. Lesley Williams can provide you with a copy.

It has also published 75 Years – Prayers of Rage and Hope

Bringing together voices from different contexts and cultures around the world, Rage and Hope is a collection of prayers of lament for the injustices of the world, and prayers of hope for the world we want to see. With a foreword from Walter Brueggemann, one of the world's leading theologians, it also features contributions from writer Rhidian Brook, Professor Robert Beckford, John Bell, Bishop Rachel Treweek and Bishop Paul Butler.

Join the online book launch at 6.00pm on Wednesday 10 March – register at <https://spckpublishing.co.uk/blog/rage-and-hope-webinar-10th-march-2021.html> and, maybe, buy the book...

And, if all goes well and 21 June really is the release from C-19 restrictions date, then an end of June 'Quiz Aid' evening may be one of our first Parish back to reality events! Please put Friday 25 June in your diary NOW!



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Quiz Answers

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| 1. Simnel Cake | 6. 1903 |
| 2. Goddess Rhea | 7. Nacre |
| 3. Gin | 8. Anne Boleyn |
| 4. Calcutta | 9. Carnations |
| 5. 30 million | 10. 1918 |

NOTABLE PEOPLE

MARCH 1955

BEAUCHAMP LANE

Congratulations to Father Beauchamp on having Church Street, Cowley, re-named after him! It is a fitting and well-deserved honour to one who in the last 26 years has done so much for the Church and social life of Cowley. When the re-naming was first mooted, I was asked if I had any suggestion to make, and I am glad the Highways Committee approved of it. I was rather hoping it might have been a surprise to Father Beauchamp, but I found that I had to have his approval before it could go to the City Council. By the way, in view of what was said at the City Council on February 7th, I should mention that the name is pronounced not in French fashion, but in the same way as a famous brand of pills!

MAY 1959

PARISH OF COWLEY
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Dear Friend

PRESENTATION TO THE REV. A G. WHYE
AND THE REV. M. R. BEAUCHAMP

As you may have heard, the Reverend A. G. Whye has been appointed Vicar of South Hinksey with New Hinksey, Oxford and will be leaving Cowley at the end of August. He leaves the parish after thirty eventful years as curate and, since 1938, as Vicar. Fr Beauchamp will be going with him, having been Vicar of Cowley from 1928-1938 and curate since 1938. We ask you to think of the time when they came here.

In 1928 the Rev. George Moore died. The parish of Cowley then had a population of 4,000 and in many ways was still a village, with farms and market gardens: the old village stocks had only recently been removed from the lane that is now the Oxford Road, but the motor-car industry was rapidly expanding.

Bishop Strong realized how important it was that the Church in Cowley should provide adequately for the needs of a population that was bound to expand very rapidly, and he asked Fr Beauchamp to come from Olney. A few months later Fr Whye, who had been his curate there, came to Cowley to assist him.

During the next ten years the population doubled and doubled again. St Francis' Hall-Church was built, one of the first dual-purpose buildings in the country. St James' Hall was built, and likewise used for a dual-purpose, until the building of St Luke's Church. The gathering of a team of clergy to serve the growing parish was equally important, though perhaps less obvious to those who have come to Cowley more recently.

In 1938 Fr Whye became Vicar, and Fr Beauchamp his curate. The new Vicar was soon faced with all the problems of the war years, and for much of the time there was not sufficient clergy to help. Since the war there has been a further increase in population, and in the past 2 ½ years Fr. Whye has also had the great responsibility of heading the new Rural Deanery of Cowley.

Thirty years is the greater part of a man's active life. We feel that parishioners of every generation will wish to be associated with a presentation which will not only be a tribute to all that Fr. Whye and Fr Beauchamp have done for this parish, but also a practical expression of our desire to stand behind them as they enter upon their new life at South Hinksey. Accordingly, we would welcome any contribution.

We ask you to make sure that the presentation really shows that Cowley does appreciate all that Fr Whye and Fr. Beauchamp have done for this parish. Details of the presentation, which will be made at a social in St James' Hall on an evening in the early Autumn, will be given later.

S H McGill)
L W Jones) Churchwardens

Donations may be sent or given to:

S H McGill, Esq., JF, 63 Southfield Road, Oxford

(Cheques, etc should be made payable to Vicar's presentation Fund. Receipts sent on request)

JUNE 1959

THE DEPARTURE OF THE VICAR AND FATHER BEAUCHAMP

It is known that very many people resident in the Parish and elsewhere are most anxious to join in the presentation of a gift. Arrangements are being made to that end and particular attention is drawn to a special letter which has been printed and special envelopes which are available. We, the Churchwardens, are acting as joint treasurers of this fund and donations can either be sent direct to one of us (our addresses are on the back of this magazine) or handed to any of the District Treasurers. Further details about the presentation will be made known later.

L. W. J. and S. H. McG.

JUNE 1966

MAURICE HENRY BEAUCHAMP, Priest - 1886-1966

Cycling through Cowley I am reminded of the epitaph to Sir Christopher Wren in St. Paul's Cathedral "Si Monumentum requiris, circumspice" - "If you seek a monument, look around you."

The buildings in Cowley for which he was responsible are the best memorial to Maurice Henry Beauchamp - the Parish Church of St. James', which he restored and beautified, and where it was his wish that his ashes should be buried; St. Francis', now to his joy a permanent church, though originally as a dual-purpose hall it not only fulfilled a double function, but also emphasised the relation between worship and social life; St. Christopher's School; Cowley Church Hall; and finally St. Luke's Church, which one might call the climax of his work.

He was always proud to have a Cowley road named after him! But he was always more than a material builder - he sought to build up the Christian way of life in the Church people of an ever-growing parish.

The Parish Eucharist was his great joy, bringing together the families of the Church at the Lord's Table, Sunday-by-Sunday, and it was a special joy to him as more and more young people, especially at the Parish Church, came to that service.

I worked closely with him throughout that time, and knew what toll the parish took of his strength, but it was a joy to us both when Bishop Kirk suggested that change - over which made it possible for us to continue to live and work in the parish he loved so well, and yet for him no longer to be burdened with the full responsibility of an incumbent.

For me his death is a great loss, but he died as he wished, swiftly and without pain, and in the full bodily and mental vigour which had been so characteristic of him.

I am deeply grateful to those many people in Cowley who have expressed their sympathy either verbally or in writing, and so are his sister and his niece.

ALEC G. WHYE

AUGUST 1966

FATHER BEAUCHAMP'S ASHES

The Parochial Church Council meeting in St. James' Hut on July 12th readily agreed to a request from Father Whye that Father Beauchamp's ashes be interred in St. James' Church. For this a Faculty must now be obtained from the diocesan authorities.

CHURCHES OPENING FOR WORSHIP from 6 December

Holy Communion in one kind only

8.00am St James Holy Communion

10.00am Sunday Worship—*recorded—access from website*

10.00am St Francis Holy Communion

PRIVATE PRAYER IN ST JAMES CHURCH

Wednesday 2.00—4.00 St James

**ALL OTHER ACTIVITIES
SUSPENDED UNTIL FURTHER
NOTICE—FACEBOOK DAILY
PRAYER TAKES PLACE
MONDAY—SATURDAY 12
NOON,**

**LOCAL PROGRAMME NOT OPERATING AT MOMENT—
LOOK OUT FOR ANNOUNCEMENTS**

SUNDAY SERVICES

ST JAMES CHURCH, BEAUCHAMP LANE

8.00am Holy Communion
10.00am Sung Eucharist
1.45pm Anglican Asian Living Church
Sunday Lunch – the date varies so watch for notices

ST FRANCIS CHURCH, HOLLOW WAY

MID-WEEK SERVICES & MEETINGS

Morning Prayer	8.00am	Tue, Thu, Sat at St James; Mon at St Francis
Monday	10.00-11.30am	Little Stars Playgroup— St Francis
	2.30pm	Parish Mothers' Union— St James (3rd Monday)
Tuesday	10.00am	Seashells Toddler Group— St James
	12.00pm	Eucharist—Ranklin Room, St James Church Centre
	12.30pm	Tuesday Lunch Club— St James
Thursday	7.30pm	Local House of Prayer, St James

HOME GROUPS

Leader	Time/Venue
Friends of St Francis (Katherine Reed)	2nd & 4th Tuesday afternoons at 2.30pm St Francis Church
Geoff Bayliss	Alternate Wednesdays at 10am St James Church Centre, Ranklin Room
Mark Oxbrow	Alternate Wednesday evenings at 7.30pm Mark's home, 13 Annesley Road (just behind the Rose Hill Coop). Enquiries to Mark at 01865 461953
Rosanne Butler	Alternate Thursday mornings at 10.00am St James Church Centre, Ranklin Room

The Parish Office in St James Church Centre is staffed by volunteers and is not covered continually. Please leave a message and someone will get back to you.

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