

Cowley Team Ministry
Lent Course 2017



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One Day
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Starts
Wed 8th 6 pm Wednesdays in Lent
St Francis Church, Hollow Way

Soup, Study and Worship



More details from Revd Geoff Bayliss 01865 778596
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EASTER FUN DAY

Saturday 8th April

At St Francis Church, Hollow Way



10.00am – 2pm

Lots of Easter craft activities,

Egg Hunt! *story telling, face painting,*

St Francis Cafe, Easter Raffle,

Hotdogs & Hot cross Buns, & lots more!

£1:50 per child includes crafts and snack, 50p per adult -
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Chronicle

March 2017

From the Editors

Sally Hemsworth, May Morgan, Nicki Stevens

Once again we have a variety of articles for our March Chronicle – many thanks to all who have contributed. We would love more articles – all ideas welcome.

It is a busy time during March with both Churches holding their Annual Congregational Meetings – please do support these and nominate people you would like to represent the individual churches on the Church Committees. Nomination forms are available in the two churches. The dates for these meetings are:

St Francis Church Annual Congregational Meeting: Sunday, 12 March 2017, 12 noon at St Francis Church

St James Church Annual Congregational Meeting: Thursday, 16 March 2017, 7.30 pm in St James Church

Of great importance also is the need to revise the Electoral Roll. The revision closes on Saturday 15 April, so this is a very short period to make any amendments.

This is followed by the Annual meetings – one to elect the church wardens and one the Annual Parochial Church Meeting when PCC and Deanery Synod members are appointed. These two meetings are to be held on Sunday, 30 April 2017, commencing at 12 noon. Please do nominate people you would like to be on the PCC or Deanery Synod - nomination forms are available in the two churches.

Lesley Williams has an idea for a trip in May to Nuffield Place, the former home of Lord Nuffield now run by the National Trust, with the opportunity to see the bluebells in the Chiltern – 6th or 13th May have been offered as possibilities. If you are interested, please look for the “sign-up” form she has put up in the churches.

The monthly cycle rides are continuing, but if walking is more your thing perhaps walking groups would be the answer. A lovely walk from St Francis would be to Shotover – again to see the bluebells but during other seasons as well. “Sign-up” forms asking for those interested and Leaders will be put up in the Churches.

Two other interesting ideas which have been put to the editorial team is:

- ∅ A theatre trip to London
- ∅ A five-day coach holiday

Again, “sign-up” forms will be available in the churches. So please indicate if you are interested in these.

A word from the Rectory

A bishop once said "God knows the way ahead. He is just asking us to draw the map as we work our way forward".

Does life ever feel like that? I think it tells part of our story in the coming months. With

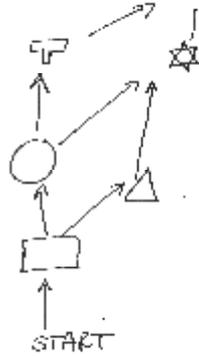
Skye moving on, we are not quite sure what the landscape will be like in the years to come, but we are certain that God will show us the way, and that he will journey with us.

We are the people of God and, therefore, we are the Church. God promises that He will give his Church all that it needs. Some of the gifts we need will come from outside but most will come from us, his body.

As Easter arrives my focus will be turned equally to the needs of St Francis and St James. On Sundays, you can expect to see me alternating between the 10 am service at St James and the 10:30 service at St Francis. It is the role you called me to when I was appointed, to care for the whole parish.

This will have some consequences. We will be even more reliant on good communication and teamwork. We are already thankful for our wonderful team of gifted volunteers. God tells us that each and every one has been given, by God, a gift to build and strengthen the Church. I wonder what gift God has given you?

At some point we are all SEARCHERS, looking for the keys to living a good life. The Christian becomes a follower of Jesus, a DISCIPLE. As we follow Jesus we understand more clearly what a good world will look like. We try to live life the Jesus way. We discover that living life the Jesus



way leads us into serving God and people. In this sense, we become SERVANTS. Wanting the very best for others ends up with us helping them to discover Jesus as a friend and saviour. Because we want the very best for them we end up telling them about Jesus, Church and the Christian life. That is the task of the APOSTLE.

I do not know which of these 4 roles describes you best? Are you a SEARCHER, DISCIPLE, SERVANT, APOSTLE? Or are you a mixture of all of them? Within the Christian family at St Francis and St James we would expect there to be people of each type. To be a healthy church we need: new Christians searching, people simply following, people serving and people teaching others. In a healthy church we are all on a journey growing in faith. As we grow our role changes. Searchers become disciples, Disciples become Servants, Servants become Apostles.

Do you feel a call to do something different? Perhaps you feel a call to find out more about what it means to follow Jesus? To serve Jesus and others. To tell others about the Christian faith. We are going to need more people of every type. And yes, we will need more people to help lead our services, to act as welcomers, readers. Perhaps to lead liturgy, our prayers, or our Children's groups? To make tea, coffee, cake or lunch. Perhaps to preach or consider Ordination?

This Lent ask God where you are on this journey of faith. May he reveal himself to you and may he travel with you.



Benson Cottage

PARISH ELECTORAL ROLL 2017

Now that it is March, the official notices about the Annual Meetings and the revision of the Parish Electoral Roll will be on display as is required. This message is for any new *and* established participants of our congregations who are not yet and would like to be registered as a committed member of the Parish – at no cost and with the benefits of being able to vote at the Annual Meetings and to stand for Church and Parish roles.

Please take and complete an electoral roll form and return it to church or direct to Lesley Williams, Electoral Roll Officer – details are on the letter with the form.

The revision closes on Saturday 15 April, following which the draft revised roll will be displayed, at which time we ask new entries and everyone already on the roll to check the personal details we hold, especially mobile phone numbers and e-addresses, which have a tendency to change – and are sometimes wrongly entered.

ADVICE NEEDED

I was interested in Rosanne's queries on the meaning of Brexit. Can anyone tell me what "affordable" means? What criteria are used to decide as to who can afford what? I think that the word is quite meaningless.

Una Dean



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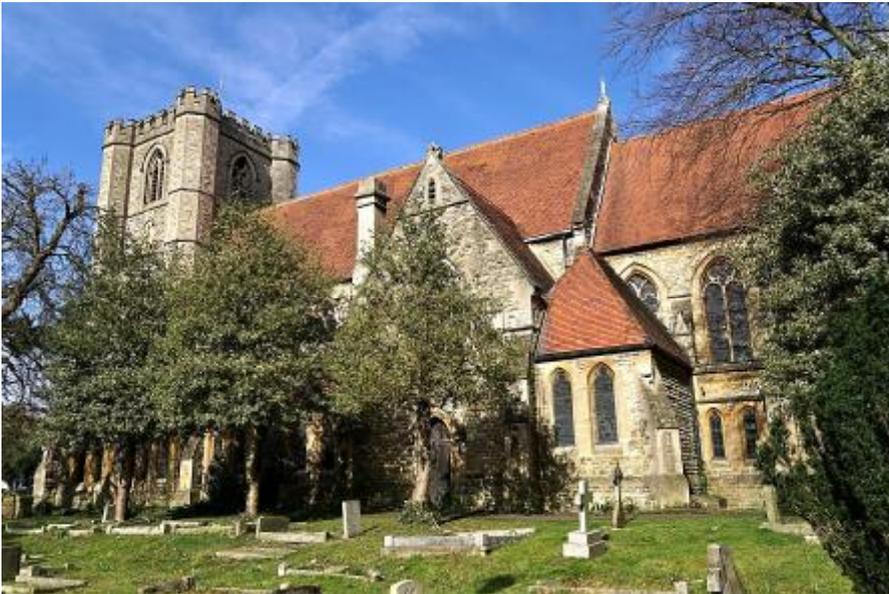
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CHURCHES WITHIN OUR DEANERY

St Mary & St John, Cowley Road, East Oxford



August 1868 saw the creation by Father Meux Benson of a new parish in East Oxford. The church of St Mary & St John was started with the laying of the foundation stone in October 1875. This church was designed by Alfred Mardon Mowbray and was built in instalments, as the money took time to trickle in. Dedication took place on 6th November 1883, although the Tower and South Porch were not added until 1893.

Whilst Vicar of the parish, Father Benson also founded a new Religious Order which became known as 'The Cowley Fathers', and some of the members of this Order are buried in the churchyard of this church.

From the beginning, Father Benson wanted a church building which would reflect the work of God in nature and so whilst the church was being built, he made the decision to leave some of the capitals on the pillars and the corbels along the aisles plain, until there was enough money to do the carving justice. Father Walsham How, who was the Vicar in 1928, came to a decision to abandon the aisle carvings and the corbels were also left plain. One of these corbels, by the West Door, can be seen today to still have the scratchings and markings on it, perhaps in the vain hope of ever being completed.

There are many stained glass windows, one of which was designed by Lawrence Lee. It is dedicated to St Frideswide and is in memory of the Headmaster of the Cowley Fathers St John's Classical School. The Chancel has numerous carvings of angels playing musical instruments and will take some time for the visitor to see them all.

This is a very interesting church and, if you are fortunate enough to visit, make sure you have enough time to absorb all the delights of the stained glass, carvings or just the peacefulness of this lovely building.

A TRUE EXPERIENCE

Last week during the afternoon my telephone system went off. I do not have a mobile anymore because I found it hard to use and nowadays they are so complicated. I have an alarm pendant but that is on the telephone line so I was completely cut off and had anything happened I had no way of summoning help. When my evening carer came she went into action with her mobile.

On my telephones I have 'phone books which means I press a couple of buttons and the person I want is called and my son and daughter are on speed dial. Because of this I have forgotten most of the telephone numbers - I do not even remember my daughter's with any confidence and I do not know my son's since he moved. I did not know who my telephone server was as Simon set it up for me and my bills all go to Rachel.

Both my children have Power of Attorney. I am still in charge but they deal with things for me.

Fortunately I have important numbers on a sheet on the fridge door. My carer was able to ring Rachel and she looked up on her computer my server and my account number and Mary was able to arrange for my 'phones to be restored as an emergency

They were all back on track by mid-morning the next day and my pendant alarm was working, but overnight I had no access to anyone. The list on the fridge has the children's home numbers and mobile numbers and also my doctor's details. I also carry a card with these numbers in my handbag.

I wonder if there is anyone who might think this a

good idea in case of emergency, especially anyone with an alarm.

I also have in my fridge an official document explaining that I do not wish to be resuscitated, and in the same container a list of my medication.

I have only pressed my pendant once in an emergency when I fell and my face was bleeding and I did not know how bad it was. The pendant people sent someone here and sent an ambulance. The first thing the ambulance crew did was to go to the fridge and look inside as well for any information.

While on the subject of illness, it is a good idea to arrange Power of Attorney as one never knows. My husband and I did a joint one and kept it on hold and I was glad to invoke it when he became terminally ill as it meant that I could access his finances being paid. He was under pension age, otherwise I would have had trouble. After he died I did the Power of Attorney with both the children and again kept it on hold until I could no longer cope. Now both the children can access my bank account and can write cheques for me and they have credit cards on my account so that they can buy things I cannot deal with myself, such as a new freezer. Rachel deals with bills, they all go to her, and she pays my carers and deals with financial matters.

I thought after my telephone experience I would air these things so that others can think about arranging the same sort of emergency care.

Una Dean



This half term break, Seashells were joined by the older children to spend time making crafts on the theme of Love and listening to the parable of the Prodigal Son. There were many hearts made, including heart sun-catchers, Danish hearts, woven hearts, heart prayer chains and floating hearts. Words to do with Love were beautifully written on card. Pig faces were the food craft (!?!). "Why?" I hear you ask. What have pigs to do with Love? Nothing, except they are in the parable of the Prodigal Son and they were fun to make. A big thank you goes to all the craft leaders who were exceedingly patient considering the number of children wanting to do the crafts, to the welcomers and to those who served the refreshments. The question now is when is the next one? We are hoping to have a Messy Church Easter on Good Friday 10am-11.30am. If you have not been please do consider coming. There is always something to do to help and enjoy.

Prayers from the Ark

By Carmen Bernos de Gasztold

Translated from the French and with a
Foreword and Epilogue by Rumer Godden

THE PRAYER OF THE RAVEN

I believe,
Lord,
I believe!

It is faith that saves us, You have said it!

I believe the world was made for me,
because as it dies

I thrive on it.

My undertaker's black
is in keeping with my cynical old heart.

Raven land is between You
And that life down there, for whose end I
wait to gratify myself.

"Aha! I cry. *"Avant moi le delugé!*

What a feast!

I shall never go back to the Ark!

To the Ark ...

Oh! Let it die in me ...
this horrible nostalgia.

Claire Ewers

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BEING A FILM EXTRA – A Change of Habit

As a local girl, I attended Cowley St. John Girls School, along the Cowley Road. The Headmistress was known to us as a “part-time” nun and our extensive religious education was taught by the Cowley Fathers Order, so with this background I’ve always been wary of accepting roles that may seem disrespectful to their calling. Bearing this in mind

Instead of the usual text message “are you free on such and such a date” knowing that hundreds of others would be sent the same text, an actual phone call is always a welcome surprise. It means you’re guaranteed the job. The conversation went like this –

“Hi Sue, are you free on date?”

“Definitely yes” I replied

Then a pause, here it comes!

“How are you with nudity”

“Definitely no” I replied

“Male nudity” she answered

“Definitely yes” I replied.

“Good, you’re booked!”

I was told to report to a building in London, very near the infamous Windmill Theatre, so was having a few misgivings about accepting the job. When I arrived, I was taken to the costume area with another lady and hanging on the rail were two nun’s habits. We were told that the production was a TV series called “The Hustle” where two particular con-men were acting out a bet on “if taken to Central London in their Birthday suits, who would get back to the office first with the most money”. Our role was to re-act as one of the actors ran past us, naked except for a flesh coloured modesty covering.

We were taken just round the corner from the National Gallery. Action! Off we went re-acting with suitable horror. The Director didn’t like that so we tried sideways glances, no wrong again, looking away, no wrong again. By this time, early in the morning though it was, word had got round and to the embarrassment of the actor a small crowd complete with cameras had formed and was getting bigger by the moment. Action, shouted the Director and we totally ignored the actor. “Brilliant” was the comment.

The next time, I was required to be a nun was on Paddington Bear 2, filming in St. Paul’s Cathedral. About 50 of us took part in a midnight procession up the steps of this beautiful building holding a candle. It was a very moving scene. Little will future audiences realise that it was absolutely freezing. The candles were quivering in our cold hands and we could hardly climb the frosty steps as our knees were locked with the cold.

Then came the call, go in and get warm. I found a lovely radiator just inside the crypt holding area and clung to it possessively. After a while I realised it had gone quiet and popped my head round the corner to discover everyone else had gone! A security man told me that we had been “wrapped” and the others had gone back to the Hotel over the road to change.

So if you were passing St. Paul’s around midnight last month and saw a shadowy figure crossing the street, I can assure you it was not a paranormal experience but a lost film extra looking for her flock!

Sue Hallett

COWLEY WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

At their February meeting on a dull, dark and wet winter's day, members of Cowley Women's Institute went armchair travelling to Guernsey, Sark, Herm and Lihou in the Channel Islands. The lovely sunshine and beautiful blue sea illustrated in the slides were very much enjoyed and in complete contrast to the prevailing weather conditions outside.

We also held a cake sale and considered nominations for Committee in preparation for our Annual meeting in March.

Ann Withers

President, Cowley WI-

MOTHER'S UNION NEWS

Preparation for the forthcoming Women's World Day of Prayer was the main thrust of the February branch meeting.

Beautiful hand-knitted items are still coming in to support our Children's Hospital at the John Radcliffe and we are looking forward to meeting the co-ordinator of charity giving at our May afternoon.

This month we shall be observing our quiet afternoon for Lent. That meeting will be on March 20th. We shall also be deciding on our contribution to the Mothers' Union initiative called Make a Mother's Day.

Members are reminded that annual subscriptions should be in by the end of this month.

A decision was made at the February meeting to move our St George's Day Lunch to April 24th as our regular third Monday is in fact Easter Monday this year. Please, members, note this in your diaries.

The other date to flag up is our regular Puddings and Quiz evening on Friday, 24th March. This will be, as usual, open to everyone, friends and families, and as ever should be an evening of fun.

Rosanne Butler

CONGRATULATIONS

Our congratulations to Diana and Alan Pope who celebrate their Golden Wedding Anniversary on 29 March. They were married on Wednesday of Easter Week 1967 in SS Peter & Paul, Botley.

TREASURER NEEDED FOR MOTHERS' UNION, OXFORD DIOCESE



The trustees are seeking a new Diocesan Treasurer, a voluntary position. If you, or someone you know, would like and are able to support Mothers' Union in this way and help us with our financial operations at Diocesan level we would be very pleased to hear from you. For details about this role or just general enquiries, please contact finance@muoxford.org.uk

SAYINGS:

WHAT IF YOU CAN'T SPELL ARMAGEDDON, IT'S NOT THE END OF THE WORLD.

AN ODD THING HAPPENED AT THE ELGAR CONCERT IN BERMUDA TONIGHT. THE MAN PLAYING THE TRIANGLE DISAPPEARED.

I JUST WATCHED A DOCUMENTARY SHOWING HOW SHIPS ARE HELD TOGETHER.....RIVETING!

BOTH EYEBROWS WERE RAISED - THE FEMALE BODY LANGUAGE FOR "I'M WAITING".

CONJUNCTIVITIS.....THAT'S A SIGHT FOR SORE EYES.

IT IS QUITE UNLIKELY THAT WATER COMPANIES WILL EVER FACE LIQUIDATION.

SOME DAYS YOU'RE THE PIGEON...SOME DAYS THE STATUE.

MAY YOU BE IN HEAVEN HALF AN HOUR BEFORE THE DEVIL KNOWS YOU'RE DEAD.

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DIARY DATES TO REMEMBER

Mothers' Union

Monthly Meeting on 3rd Monday of month
from 2.30pm.

20 March—Quiet afternoon for Lent

24 April (note different date): St George's Day Lunch
St James Church Centre

Women's Institute

Monthly Meeting is on 3rd Wednesday of month
from 2 – 4.30 pm

15 March 2017—Annual General Meeting
St James Church Centre

Coffee, Cake and Communion

Monthly meeting on 3rd Tuesday of month
from 10.30 a.m.

With Rev Skye at the Vicarage, 27 Don Bosco Close
(Tel: 434160)

Cowley Parish Bike Rides

Usually the 3rd Saturday of the month

Fairtrade Fortnight – Super Soup Lent Lunch

Sunday, 5 March 2017, at 12 noon

St James Church Centre

Film Club

Friday, 10 February 2017 – "Plenty". St James
Church Centre, commencing at 6.30 pm with coffee
and cake

Lunch at the Centre

Sunday, 12 March 2017 at 12.45 am

St James Church Centre

St Francis Annual Congregational Meeting

Sunday, 12 March 2017, at 12 noon

St Francis Church

St James Annual Congregational Meeting

Thursday, 16 March 2017, at 7.30 pm

St James Church Centre

Parochial Church Council

Sunday, 19 March 2017, 12 noon at St Francis
Church

Puddings and Quiz Evening

Friday, 24 March 2017, 7 pm

St James Church Centre

Mothering Sunday

10 am Family Service celebrating mothers past and
present

St James Church

Easter Fun Day

Saturday, 8 April 2017, 10 am – 2 pm

St Francis Church

Annual Parochial Church Meeting

Sunday, 30 April 2017, at 12.15 pm

St James Church Centre

'Victorian Schooling'

Talk by Liz Woolley

Friday, 5 May 2017 at 6.45 pm

St James Church Centre

£5 per person

Plant Sale

Saturday, 13 May 2017, 12 – 3 pm

St James Church Centre

Christian Aid Week:

Over the Edge,

Saturday, 29 April 2017 at St Mary Magdalen Church

Big Brekkie

Sunday, 14 May 2017, at 8.45 am

St James Church Centre

Coffee Morning

Wednesday, 17 May 2017, at 10 am

88 Temple Road

Cowley Festival of Christmas Trees 2017

First Full Planning Meeting, Wednesday, 24 May
2017 at 9.30 am

St James Church Centre

REMEMBER – Tuesday Lunches at St James Church
Centre from 12.30 pm.

DO YOU KNOW THE FAMILY HISTORY OF ANY OF THESE MEN?

It is appreciated that Remembrance Day in November is a few months away – but research takes time!

There are two war memorials in St James Church listing the Cowley men lost in the 1st and 2nd World Wars and the Falklands War. Geoff, our Rector, did some research on one of the families and gave details at the last Remembrance Service.

He would appreciate more information on those who lost their lives and their families, and if you know anything about any of those listed below we would love to hear from you. You can contact Geoff direct or send details to the Cowley Chronicle team:

The names on the memorials are given below – a lot of names but perhaps you know the history of one or more of these people?

War Memorial, First World War:

Captain F H Kirkpatrick, OBLI

Captain C O Logan, OBLI

Captain R R M Brooke, OBLI

Captain C F K Carfrae, OBLI

Captain Jack Manley, RFC

2ND Lieutenant J S C Marshall, OBLI

Albert Alder

Leslie Allen

Sidney Allen

Cyril Atkins

Alfred Attwood

Alfred Banealor

Arthur Baker

James Baker

Ronald Baughan

Reginald Belcher

John Biggs

Fredrick Borough

Alfred Bradbury

George Brandish

Fredrick Brockall

Arthur Brown

James Conolly

Herbert Cook

Reginald Doubleday

George Druce

Frederick Edgington

William Edgington

Claude George

Charles Gibbons

Edward Goodgame

Gabriel Greenfield

Arthur Grey

Frederick Hall

William Harris

Frederick Harvey

William Hazell

Cecil Hilsdon

Oliver King

William Knapp

John E C Martin

Frank McClusky

William Merritt

William Mitchell

Harold Morris

Thomas Neighbour

Harry Owen

Harold Peake

Frank Phipps

Leonard Reynolds

Herbert Rogers

William Rogers

Leonard Smith

Alfred States

Sidney Brown
William Brown
Frank Butler
Jeremiah Currell
Alfred Carter
William Cobb

Edward Hudson
Aubrey Johnson
Jesse Jones
Wilfred King
Joseph Kent
Jack King

William Trinder
Frederick Viner
Harry Wallin
Hubert Weston
Henry Winter
James Young

War Memorial Second World War/Falklands:

J Ashfield
Brian Bailey
M S Beecham (RAF)
C Birmingham (OBLI)
A Birt
C Bishop
P H Bowles (RA)
E R Brown (OBLI)
S Brown
D Burrell
P Burrell
P Bushnell (RAF)
B Cambray
F Carter
N Cato
A Coomber
Norman Cooper (RAF)
T Cripps
H Curtis
Leslie Daultrey
Donald Day
George Earl
J New
Victor Elders
R Flexon
A Florey (RA)
Graham Florey (OBLI)
John E Ford (RAF)
E Foulkes (RN)
R France

A J Franklin (RAF)
William Freeman (RWK)
Eric Frith
A R Fryer (RAOC)
Edmund J Fuller (RN)
G Garner
R Gibbons
A E Giles (RAF)
Roy Gomershall
Charles Gouch
Herbert Green
Sidney Haynes
C Hazell
Leslie Hibbett
E Hicks
I Hall (RN) (Falklands)
L Hicks
G Hill
W Hilsdon (RAF)
J Hollis
R Holmes
J Holt
Kenneth Hutton
Roy Keen
Frederick Kent
A Kerry (RA)
G King
P Knights (RAF)
C Kyme
L Laurie

R Lipscombe (OBLI)
W Luther
J McCarthy
R Martin
G Moore
E Morgan (OBLI)
Dennis Morris
W Natrass
Fred Paget
Kenneth Parker (RAF)
D Perry
G Pickering (RAF)
R Plaister (REME)
F T Price (RAF)
L Probitts
William Rees
Walter Shead (OBLI)
W Stannard
Anthony Taylor
H C S Thomas (RAF)
J Thompson
Ronald Thurley
Arthur Webb
James Whalley (RAF)
B Whitbread
V White
P Withers
Bruce Young
N Howell

Cowley Team Ministry Confirmation Course?

Starts Monday 6th March
6:30 pm in Cowley Rectory
11 Beauchamp Lane

For people who
would like to be
Confirmed?

For people
wanting to make
promises to follow
Jesus?

More details:

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rector@Cowleyteamministry.co.uk

Revd Richard Chand

07590431905



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Cowley and Headington

10 am Sunday March 26th

St James Church

Beauchamp Lane, OX4 3LF

Happy
Mother's
Day

**A Family Service
celebrating mothers
past and present**

A very short Communion Service will follow for those who choose to stay

FAIRTRADE FORTNIGHT 27 February – 12 March

A Reflection: 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?
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
squirming in the trolley,
may never realise
that in that brief hesitation,
a life hung in the balance



Prayer points for all involved in Fair Trade:

Dear Lord, we ask your blessing on all who are involved with Fair Trade, lifting before you:

- ∅ producers as they grow their crops and craft their works.
- ∅ Bless them, we pray, in their endeavours and grant them wisdom and discernment as they make decisions about how to use the benefits of Fair Trade.
- ∅ people who transport Fair Trade goods to market.
- ∅ Grant, we pray, that they, too, may be fairly treated.
- ∅ those who import and retail Fair Trade goods.
- ∅ Grant them, we pray, a genuine commitment to fairer trade for all.
- ∅ all of us who shop where Fair Trade goods are for sale.



Grant us an understanding of the impact of our choices.

We ask all these things in the name of Jesus Christ, Amen.

HURRAH FOR THE CO-OP – AN EXCITING ANNOUNCEMENT

The announcement is genuinely a major one: indicating that by the end of May 2017 the Co-op would become the first UK retailer to use only Fairtrade cocoa across its entire own-brand product range. This affects [over 200 products](#), including everything from chocolate bars to the sprinkles on its doughnuts to the battering on frozen fish (*chocolate on frozen fish? that's interesting information!*). The retailer [estimates](#) that the increased usage will see a five-fold rise in its purchasing of cocoa on Fairtrade terms, and [will create](#) £450,000 a year in social premium payments for cocoa communities, in addition to the payment of the Fairtrade price.

The Co-op's Fairtrade strategy manager, Brad Hill, [noted](#) that the switch had been made possible by the retailer's "working hard with the Fairtrade Foundation to produce a successful 'retail ready' version of the Fairtrade Cocoa Sourcing Programme". The company's own-brand chocolate will continue to bear the FAIRTRADE Mark, as it will use not only Fairtrade cocoa but also Fairtrade ingredients wherever this is possible. For other products, where the cocoa is the only Fairtrade ingredient, the assumption is that the Co-op's labels will use the Fairtrade Cocoa Sourcing Programme logo, which allows manufacturers and retailers to note the Fairtrade Cocoa element of a product without going fully Fairtrade.

APOLOGIES

An amendment needs to be made to the Parish Register for 2016 published in the last edition of the Cowley Chronicle. One name needs to be corrected – Peter John Curtis should read Peter Jack Curtis. Our sincere apologies to his family for this error

Children's Church at St James - Update

Children's Church continues to be very busy and our sessions are packed full of fun games, drama and crafts to help us learn about God and how He wants us to live our lives with Him! Before Christmas we focused on how God often works in surprising ways and uses unexpected people to be part of His story. We had fun acting out the story of Elizabeth and Zechariah and learnt about how God sent John the Baptist to prepare for Jesus.

As usual, we took part in the Christmas Tree Festival, making present decorations that opened up to a picture of Jesus in the manger, the 'Greatest Gift'. We finished 2016 with our annual Christmas party, which was a lot of fun. We played some classic party games, then dressed up as characters from the Christmas story to act out the story. Finally, we finished with some delicious cake to celebrate Jesus' birthday!

At the beginning of 2017 we decided to implement a new prayer time at the beginning of each session. We begin by lighting a candle and then say our Children's Church prayer with actions that we made up. We finish this time by picking out prayer sticks with different topics on them to give us ideas of different things to pray for. Ed Ling also made us a wooden cross that we decorated and now process between Church and the Centre each week.

Thank you to all the Children's Church leaders and everyone who prays for us. You are all very much appreciated!

Catherine Hartley

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Can this really be Spring?

New wellies on, on the milder days of February I have been out doing the urgent early season jobs. On the allotment, the autumn-fruiting raspberry canes have been cut down. The summer ones have had last year's canes removed, leaving the canes that grew last year to produce fruit this summer. Autumn raspberries fruit on the current year's growth. After the chop, I gave them some sulphate of potash to, hopefully, give lots of lovely raspberries this year. A crop we are waiting for, is in a netting cage and soon will produce purple sprouting broccoli.

In the front garden, the ladder has come out for me to prune the wisteria. I had a superb show of flowers last year. All the wispy bits are cut away to 2 or 3 buds so all the energy will go into these to produce the gorgeously scented hanging racemes that we will see in May.

Well, that job more than half-filled the brown bin and then I carried on in the back to tackle the buddleia. I find it amazing that it can produce up to 6-foot long straight woody branches in just a few months. This plant is white-flowered and looks like an exploding firework when fully in bloom. The cut off growth provides me with more than enough sticks to act as row markers on the allotment.

I have been a busy bee tidying the shed and washing the dirty pots that were hanging around since the end of last year when it was too cold to wash them. I have a routine now during the season to keep on top of the dirty pot problem. I have a plastic bin and a brush ready and waiting under

the tap of one of the water butts and, whenever I have dirty pots, they go in that bin and I wash them before the pile gets too large.

In the autumn I took up some gladioli and was hoping to store them over winter as I was going flat out planting lots of spring bulbs in the borders. I discovered that the lovely plump corms that I had hung in the shed, had rotted and had gone mouldy. So I have bought some more which I will plant in March to replace them. I will leave them in the ground in future! Looking around the garden, any plant that could be divided is being potted on in preparation for the Plant Sale. I hope you gardeners are doing that too.

I have also cleaned the greenhouse and already I have shallots and onions starting off in modules waiting for the Other Half to clear ground on the allotment. Seed potatoes are chitting in trays near the loft window.

I have been sorting out my seeds and I will soon be booting up my electric propagator with my first sowings. So the new season begins. I hope we do not go back and have any periods of wintery weather to hold everything back as I want a bumper lot of healthy and well-grown plants ready for the Plant Sale on 13th May.

Joan Coleman

FROM THE ARCHIVES

COWLEY CHURCH & HOME MAGAZINE

March 1894

On February 5th, a very successful concert was given by the Reverend Henry Mare and his Masters from St. Kenelm's. Nothing was wanting to secure the applause of the 120 adult persons who kindly came. Captain Colton was unable to come and give his lecture on Burmah, but his place was well filled by Mr. Henry Taunt, who gave an excellent account of the great American Exhibition, and exhibited with his powerful magic lantern a great many of the chief places which an Englishman would visit on his way to the World's fair. The proceeds amounted to £4.4s., which will be given to the new building at Temple Cowley.

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READER, GIVE US SOMETHING!

Services During Lent:

Monday Band of Hope meeting in the Temple Cowley Schools at 6pm.

Tuesday Services in the Boy's School at 7pm.

Wednesday Services in the Temple Cowley Schools at 7pm; also in the Parish Church at 7pm.

Thursday In Boy's School at 7pm.

Friday Parish Church at 7pm.

Library

A number of books (have been) generously given by Mrs. Moore to the Parish Library. The subscription is 1d. per month, and books may be borrowed and exchanged at the Reading Room on Wednesdays, between 5.30 and 6pm.

Rev. G. Moore

Researched by Les Hemsworth

A New Look Mothering Sunday at St James:

This year, as we open our doors, we want everybody to feel warm welcome. It is a day when we welcome all to celebrate motherhood. Mums past, present and future.

What? Our main 10 am slot at St James will be divided into 2 sessions;

10 am: A 45-minute Family Mother's Day Service (Songs Bible readings, prayers and a talk)

Following a short break (and for those who wish it) Communion will be available. This will include a confession and the Eucharistic prayers. It is designed to follow on from the earlier service.

Why? As a church who believes in hospitality we want people to feel welcomed. Our Communion Services are brilliant for those who are used to them, but the majority of the people who live around us know very little about the Christian faith. An occasional service without communion allows them to come and join us and feel part of all that is going on. The welcome we offer at these services is very important. So we need to make sure that those who come to family service but not the Communion feel that they are not missing out. I hope most of the congregation will be willing to forgo communion for the week. This will mean that a full welcome can be experienced by those joining us for coffee in the centre. Having a simpler service should make it easier for us all to invite non-church going friends.

Invitation? If we are to get more than our usual people to our Mother's Day Service, we will need to invite them. As the month progresses there will be invitations you can pass out or pop

through doors. A good way to use them is to:

- ∅ Think about who you would like to invite
- ∅ Pray for them daily over the next couple of weeks (there is a suggested prayer on this page)
- ∅ In the week before the 26th March - Mother's Day: At best, find an opportunity to pass onto them the invitation, *or*,
- ∅ simply pop the invitation through their door.
- ∅ In the days that follow, if you get a chance, encourage them to come along
- ∅ And continue to pray for them up until Mother's Day.

May God, bless you as you strive to make people welcome!

A Prayer for all Mothers

*Thank you, Lord, that you fill a mother's heart with love,
That you have instilled in their very being the desire to protect their children,
Thank you for giving them the gift of nurturing children, of teaching them, of comforting them, for feeding them and making a safe place for them.*

*Thank you for guiding them to be all that God has created them to be.
Fill every mother with love, wisdom and endurance, with strength and patience and joy.
Give them ability to forgive again and again.
Enable them to rely on You and call upon You.*

We ask that you would help (insert names) to come and celebrate motherhood on Mother's Day.

In Your precious and all powerful name, Amen

**10 am Sunday
March 26th**
St James Church
Beauchamp Lane, OX4 3LF

*Happy
Mother's
Day*

**A Family Service
celebrating mothers
past and present**

Any and all Communion Services will also be for those who do not take

CHRISTIAN AID - LENT ARTICLE

“He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?” (Micah 6:8).

For Christians around the world, Lent is a time of reflection, self-examination and thinking of others who are less fortunate. It is a journey, a time for us to think about how we follow the Jesus who calls his disciples to sacrificial loves that breaks down barriers, builds bridges, demands justice for those who find themselves living in poverty.

People like Michael.

Michael lives in South Sudan, where 6.1 million people urgently need humanitarian aid as a result of the conflict that erupted in December 2013. Ongoing fighting has displaced 2.4 million people, and up to 5.3 million people are at risk of severe food shortages.

Michael, who is in his 70s and has gradually lost his sight during the past five years, fled alongside his family when government forces came to his village. Soldiers killed people and stole cattle, forcing Michael to flee to the swamp where he resided with his family for two months. When they returned, most of their belongings were gone, and they were left with next to nothing.

Thankfully, they had some fishing hooks and nets from Christian Aid. Already a skilled fisherman, now Michael can take the younger generation to the swamp to teach them how to fish, so they can continue to feed their community.

Throughout Lent, we are reflecting on the hymn written for us, ‘When I Needed A Neighbour, You Were There’.

We are asking you to reflect each day on the blessings in your life through our Prayer Diary *Count Your Blessings*, inspired by daily opportunities to give, act and pray for communities like Michael’s, helping them to find a safe place to call home.

Christian Aid is working with people displaced within South Sudan, who are living in some of the hardest-to-reach places, to provide much-needed food, safe water and sanitation facilities and essential household items, including sheeting for temporary shelters, as well as fish hooks and nets so they can start to rebuild their lives and become self-sufficient.

Just £15 could provide fishing gear for a family like Michael’s; £8.50 could provide two cooking pots so they can eat a hot meal; and £3 could pay for two plastic jerry cans so they can store safe drinking water.

For 70 years, Christian Aid and its supporters have been there, making a difference, helping to transform the lives of people living in poverty. Will you help us be there, restoring dignity to people in desperate situations, offering hope to brothers and sisters who have no safe place to call home?

With your help, we will be there tomorrow.

For more information, visit www.Christian-aid.org/Lent

Ride on Ride on....

A farewell service for Revd Skye, Joel, Sofia, Phoenix and Casper

10:30 am

Sunday April 9th

St Francis Church Hollow Way

Followed by a bring and share lunch



Friday 17th February 2017

A very pleasant Spring day. This afternoon we said our fond farewells to a member of our congregation namely Vernon Needham. Many of us have known Vernon for a long time. He had been suffering from ill health for a long time and had been unable to come to see us at Sunday service.

A good congregation, several church members from both our churches came to say goodbye which was very good to see.

The service was simple but very nice taken as usual by Geoff in his very loving way.

Be at peace Vernon.

Pat Chambers

Verger

Goldfinches

Keep an eye open for Goldfinches in your garden this spring. Goldfinches are becoming more common. They love niger and black sunflower seeds and can be seen to use their pointed beaks to pluck seeds from teasels and thistles.

They are absolutely beautiful with a red and white head with a black ruff, buff back and stomach with gold and black tail feathers.

The collective noun for goldfinches is a "Charm". Apt, because it is a charming bird.

Legend has it that a goldfinch plucked the thorn from the brow of Christ on the cross to ease His suffering. This is said to explain the goldfinch's red face and why it often appears in medieval religious paintings.

RECIPE

Food in season in March:

Sardines, blood oranges, clams, cockles, kale, mussels, oysters.

Rhubarb is still on the list, together with Asparagus, Cauliflower, Cucumber, Jersey Royal New Potatoes, Purple Sprouting, Broccoli, Radishes, Savoy Cabbage, Sorrel, Spinach, Spring Greens, Spring Onion, and Watercress.



Stargazey pie is one recipe which seems to be recommended for this time of year, but perhaps Venison Casserole would be more inviting during a cold March – this benefits from long slow cooking.

Ingredients (this amount serves 8-10 so reduce ingredients accordingly unless preparing for group):

- 1 tbsp olive oil
- 25 g butter
- 2 onions, diced
- 4 garlic cloves, crushed
- 4 rashers smoked bacon, chopped
- 500 g chestnut mushrooms, halved
- 2.5 kg haunch or shoulder of venison, diced
- ½ bottle red wine
- 400 ml water
- 2 beef stock cubes, crumbled
- 2 tbsp redcurrant jelly
- Salt and freshly ground black pepper to taste
- 50g cornflour
- Punnet redcurrants to decorate
- 6 springs rosemary or thyme, to decorate

Method:

Preheat the oven to 150C/300F/Gas 2.

On the hob, heat the olive oil and butter in a large lidded casserole dish. Add the onions

and cook until softened, but not browned.

Add the garlic, bacon and mushrooms and cook for a further minute.

In a frying pan, brown the venison a handful at a time and add to the casserole. When all the meat is browned, add the red wine, water, stock cubes, redcurrant jelly and salt and pepper.

Bring to the boil and stir well. Put the lid on the casserole and place in the middle of the oven - cook for 90 minutes.

Remove from the oven. Make a paste with the cornflour and two tablespoons of water. Add as much of the paste to the casserole as is needed to thicken the sauce - add a little at a time if you are not sure how much you will need.

Transfer the casserole to the hob, and, on a low heat, cook until the gravy has thickened - this will take about five minutes.

Serve with new potatoes and wilted spinach. Decorate each plate with a sprig of rosemary or thyme and a bunch of fresh redcurrants.

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(I haven't checked our local store) but definitely from the two Fairtrade shops in Oxford: Windmill in London Road, Headington and St Michael's, Cornmarket.

A reminder of the range: £3.99 for the Real Easter Egg (125g) in a box which shows the 3 crosses, a new 24 page Easter story activity booklet and a 'Yummy bar' (25g), with a 10p donation for each one going to the Traidcraft Exchange.

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Come and join us for the Thursday 6pm Eucharist on 9th March 2017 at the Cathedral.

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The Dean has offered drinks after the service. There is no need to register but it will help us with catering if you do.

FRIENDS OF ST JAMES OLD SCHOOL

The Old School *WAS* so very nearly sold – but sadly the chance of it becoming a commercial Early Years setting has fallen through. The Trustees will approach the other acceptable bidders to see if they are still in the market. We still hope that eventually we will be able to talk to the new owners about having a plaque on the building, referencing its heritage. And we would hope to be active Good Neighbours.

The Friends however is continuing as a constituted group: Rosanne Butler's brand new Story of Cowley 'After Victoria' evening was as educational and entertaining as expected. Rosanne is now working on the book of her talks, and combining articles that were included over time in Cowley Chronicle. Publication eventually!

Next up: Liz Woolley, a leading local researcher, historian and lecturer, will present '2 + 2 = 4 Victorian Schooling' on Friday 5 May, 6.30 for 7.00-8.30. Just £5 as usual and there will be no need to book.

A bluebell time visit to Nuffield Place, home of Lord Nuffield, now a fascinating National Trust property between Wallingford & Nettlebed, is planned for either Saturday 6 or Sunday 14 May. There is a list to sign to gauge which is preferred - please sign it soon if you would like to join us.

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Film Club at the Centre

As we set out the chairs and tables on a bitterly cold wintery night with snow and ice in the wind, Frank and I wondered whether anyone would turn out for Film Club. But turn out they did, our regulars, and at the end of the evening were pleased that they had. The film "The Man Who Never Was", based on a true incident in World War Two was excellent and much appreciated.

We were also very fortunate to have Sally and Pat to step in and take over the coffee and cake service when our stalwart regulars, Chris and Margaret, were not able to attend.

The film we have planned for March is "Plenty", one which members tell me they not only have never seen but also not heard of. I am assured it is a good film featuring none other than the excellent actress Meryl Streep. Her co-actors are Charles Dance, Tracey Ullman and Sting and the story is set in the 1940s of post-war Britain. It reflects the all-too-common experiences of many young people who, once the war was over, found it difficult to settle down to "normal life". Many became restless and disillusioned and determined to change the world.

We have a few spare places on our membership list if anyone would like to join our club. If you feel you would enjoy a monthly film in friendly surroundings do come along on the second Friday of any month (except April, when it will be the third Friday) and we will sign you in. We begin at 6.30 pm and our film begins at 7 pm.

Rosanne Butler

**Every time you see a church
Just pay a little visit
So when at last you're carried in
The Lord won't say, "Who is it?"**

~ ~ ~

**Here lies James Burke
A decent man entirely
We bought his tombstone second hand
And his name's not Burke, its Reilly**

CHRISTIAN AID 2017

OVER THE EDGE Oh good! We have been informed that St Mary Magdalen Church is organising its own abseil from its tower to raise funds for urgent roof repairs and is offering the chance to share sponsorship with one's own chosen charity. The information received so far:

Saturday 29 April at St Mary Magdalen Church, Magdalen Street :

- Ø teams of 4 compete to raise the most – prizes provided by a sponsor
- Ø each team pays £160 to cover cost of the abseil (£40 per head)
- Ø other money raised is split 50:50 between the church roof fund and the team's chosen charity – in our case, it would be Christian Aid

Are there 3 people who would take up the challenge with Lesley Williams? If so, she will register! Competitive abseiling – that's a new concept!

By the time you read your Chronicle, the FAIRTRADE FORTNIGHT SUPER SOUP LENT LUNCH on Sunday 5 March will be happening/have happened – it will launch our 2017 Christian Aid fundraising.

We are still considering whether we could collect in CHRISTIAN AID WEEK (May 14-20) in a different way, instead of door to door with envelopes, but still raise the £800 we achieved last year. WATCH OUT in Link for the chance to come to a short, social, decision making meeting about that – and/or send ideas to Lesley Williams, lesleyjwilliams@btinternet.com

Also planned in CAW

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COFFEE MORNING:	Wednesday 17 May, 10.00	88 Temple Road



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Hazel Vivian

Many of you will have ready about Hazel's sad passing last month, as a result of ovarian cancer. The funeral and memorial service were in Axminster and therefore very difficult for Oxford friends and colleagues to attend. We are glad that the family has happily accepted our suggestion of a Cowley service, to give us and them a chance to remember and honour Hazel in the place where she spent much of her life and to which she contributed so much - to church, Guides and schools.

You are invited to join John, Maria and Duncan and their families in St James Church on Saturday 11 March, 2.30pm followed by tea in St James Centre. Please wear bright colours.

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

10.30am Parish Eucharist
2nd Sunday All Age bring n/share lunch

MID-WEEK SERVICES & MEETINGS

Morning Prayer	7.45am 8am	Mon, Wed, Thu at St James; Tue, Sat at St James
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	2-4pm	Prayer Space—St Francis
	7.00pm	Cowley Parish Healing Service St Francis (1st Thursday)
	7.30pm	Local House of Prayer, St James

HOME GROUPS

Leader	Time/Venue
Connie Uren	Alternate Tuesday afternoons at 2.30pm St James Church Centre, Ranklin Room
Friends of St Francis (John Shreeve)	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
Catherine / William Hartley	Thursdays at 8.00pm, Catherine Hartley 07792 104448 William Hartley 07751 939092
Joel Denno	Thursday at 7.45pm at The Vicarage, Don Bosco Close

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Wednesday, 10—1pm
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