

RECIPE

Pork belly with apples and sage
(Serves 4-5)

1.5kg/3lb 5oz [pork belly](#), skin scored

2 tbsp finely chopped fresh [thyme](#)
leaves

2 tsp [sea salt](#) flakes

1 tsp coarsely ground [black pepper](#)

3 medium [apples](#), peeled, quartered, cored and cut
into thick slices

2 medium [onions](#), sliced

large handful fresh [sage](#) leaves

2 tsp [plain flour](#) (to thicken)

200ml/7fl oz [cider](#)



Preheat the oven to 240C/220C (fan)/Gas 9

Dry the pork belly skin with kitchen paper. Mix the thyme, sea salt and black pepper together in a bowl. Rub this mixture all of the pork and skin, then turn the belly over and rub it on the underside of the pork.

Place the pork in a flameproof baking tray and roast for 25-30 minutes, or until the skin is crisp. Reduce the oven to 180C/160C (fan)/Gas 4 and roast for a further hour.

Mix the apples with the onions, sage and a little freshly ground black pepper and arrange in the middle of a small roasting tin.

Remove the pork from the oven and place it on top of the apples and onions, keeping the apple and onion pieces underneath the meat so they don't burn. Keep the first roasting tin to one side. Return the pork to the oven and cook for a further hour, or until the meat is really tender.

Skim any fat from the cooking juices in the reserved roasting tin and place the tin over a medium heat. Stir in the flour and cook for a minute or so, stirring constantly. Gradually stir in the cider and 100ml/3½fl

oz water and bring to a simmer. Cook for 3-4 minutes, stirring constantly. Strain through a sieve into a small saucepan and season to taste. Set aside.

Transfer the pork to a carving board.

Spoon the apple and onion into a warmed serving bowl. Reheat the cider gravy until bubbling and cut the pork into thick slices.

Serve the pork and crackling with the apple and sage and the hot gravy.

(A Hairy Bikers recipe)



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News from St Christopher's School

The weeks have been flying past so quickly since the Summer holidays and the children and staff at St Christopher's have been busier than ever!

There have been some exciting learning opportunities for many of our children who have been out of school on trips to enhance their topics. Year 1 had an exciting day at the Bucks Railway Centre to help with their 'Journeys' topic. For many of them it was their first ever experience of a real steam train and they also enjoyed a ride on a miniature railway. I was delighted to hear that the railway staff were highly complementary about the behaviour of such young children. Year 6 also visited the Bucks Railway Centre on a different day, when they took part in a special 'Evacuee Day' where they were all dressed as World War 2 evacuees. Again, a very memorable day to help bring their learning to life. Year 4 visited Sulgrave Manor near Banbury where they spent a day going back in time to Tudor times. They enjoyed wearing the Tudor costumes and took part in a re-enactment of the reign of Henry VIII. Ash Class demonstrated how much they had learnt when they gave a class assembly the following week in school to all of their parents – it's lovely to see some fine acting skills developing in Year 4!

Year 2 and year 5 have visited Oxford Castle for their topics.

Our children are also enjoying a wide range of after-school activities which we have introduced this term, in response to requests from parents for more clubs. Current clubs that are running are: Spanish, Latin, basketball, football, cricket, music, art and coding club. The clubs are mostly over-subscribed and we hope to have even more clubs starting soon, with cookery and Christmas crafts.

We continue to enjoy our regular visits on a Monday morning from the 'Open the Book' team from the Parish, where Skye and her helpers enact Bible stories and lead some thoughtful discussion. We were also delighted to take a large amount of food donations to the Foodbank at St Francis church which the children brought in for our Harvest assembly.

We are currently looking for a new Governor to join our Governing Body. Ideally we are looking for someone from the local community, who has an active interest in helping to develop and support a local school, with hopefully some skills to offer in either understanding of finance or premises management. If anyone is interested, please contact me on the school phone number of 01865 779772.

Sheelagh Broadbent
Head Teacher

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Surprise presentation

On Sunday, 23rd October Geoff announced at the ten o'clock service that we had a visitor from the Diocese. It was the Bishop's Adviser on Licensed Lay Ministry for the Oxford Archdeaconry and he was in church to present Amanda her Lay Reader's certificate for the Parish. Amanda and her husband Gordon have recently moved into the area and Amanda had been a Lay Reader in her last Diocese and now her licence was to be transferred to us. I think most of the congregation know Amanda as Mandy Watts. Amanda was called up to the dais and there James Larminie made the presentation. It is a long time since we have had a Lay Reader in the Parish, Eric Uren was, I think, the last. A Lay Reader is not ordained but is able to conduct part of the Communion service, preaches and is generally a very useful member of the clergy team.

Amanda and Gordon told me that when they came to the area they attended St James Church and were very impressed by the friendly welcome they received as newcomers and also by the beauty of our little church. They said they could feel the prayerfulness and the love in the atmosphere of the church. Amanda and Gordon are a delightful couple, very interesting to talk with and very friendly and outgoing. I am absolutely certain they are going to be an asset to our church and we are lucky to have them.

Una Dean

Film Club at the Centre

Sometimes a Film Club member will explain to a friend what a very pleasant experience our club evenings are, bring that friend along as a guest and before you know it a new member has been enrolled. Such is the situation at the moment that we have been happy to fit at least five new members on to our list. Some of them are surprised that there is absolutely no membership fee. They are also delighted with the quality of the picture on the big screen and the sound which rivals that of any cinema anywhere. Suffice it to say that after our fourth "birthday" evening we go gaily on to enjoy more happy film watching.

The October screening of "The Imitation Game" was much appreciated reflecting as it does a crucial period in World War II when cracking the

German Enigma Code at Bletchley Park was vital in the need to win the war.

In traditional Film Club policy the November screening will be much more light-hearted and romantic. The film planned is "Roman Holiday". It stars Audrey Hepburn and Gregory Peck in Oscar winning performances.

The new programme for 2017 is now available for members. If you were not able to get to the October club evening watch out for it when you come along this month.

Rosanne Butler



Joint Deanery Synod Meeting

The last Deanery Synod Meeting took place on the 28 September 2016 at St. Mary and St. Nicholas Church, Littlemore. The Church was beautifully bedecked with works of art from local artists, plus fairy lights and candle light. It was atmospheric and even though the church was only 180 years old, the way that it was decorated gave it a sense of authenticity and permanence, possibly due to woodwork and the organ that looked as though they may have been from older churches. It was a beautiful spiritual place to be.

The meeting started with a brief history of Littlemore Church including a mention of John Henry Newman who had the church built 180 years previously. The message was that of Outreach, that Littlemore Church as the most deprived church in the Diocese. It was a fantastic story of outreach and development that Littlemore Church stood for including a singing group for broken people and space for community and art.

Then we had a presentation by a member of the congregation on her history in an Evangelical Church and after having gone through some pain felt that she had been loved back to life as a result of Littlemore Church and as such, one got the feeling that she wanted to spread the gift that she had received to many more people through improvements in the Church. She pointed out that the Church has no lavatory facilities, very little space for Children's Church, no heating and the like. It therefore lacks some important key things that could enable the Church to give back to the society.

Following refreshments at the nearby Catholic Church, there was a presentation, with slides, on partnership and leadership in the world and therefore World Mission. It reflected the sense of mission on Oxford at Littlemore, but extended it to international communities. John 3:16 was shown in different languages and this part was therefore about how the Diocesan level interacts with the world.

The meeting was showed the five marks of mission:

- Proclaim the Kingdom
- Seek to Transform Unjust Structures
- Teach, Baptise and Nurture Non-Believers
- Respond by Loving Service
- Safeguard Creation, sustain and renew the Earth.

Following this, there were group discussions on a few bible passages:

- Acts 2:42 – 47
- Matthew 28:18-20
- Romans 10:14-15
- Matthew 25:31-40

Nick Dewey

DISPLAYING SOME OF THE YOUNG PEOPLE'S WORK FROM THE PARISH

It is always good to know what is going on. This is some material that has been used by our young people as they have explored what it means to know more about God.

Where would you put them – what do they mean to you?

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DISPLEASES GOD



CREATION THEATRE COMPANY: SNOW WHITE AND OTHER TALES FROM THE BROTHERS GRIMM

Saturday 7 January 2017, 2:00 pm, North Wall Theatre, Summertown

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Lesley Williams

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Narnia: A Journey of Discovery at Dorchester Abbey, 22 October to 22 November

If you saw the article in September's Door or have seen me looking particularly harried of late, you might be aware that the Narnia themed exhibition has just opened over half term at Dorchester Abbey. This is an interactive exhibition based on CS Lewis's story The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe from his Chronicles of Narnia series. The exhibition sets out to represent the story in a series of discrete scenes, from the chilly 'Always Winter and Never Christmas' opening wardrobe scene set in the Cloister Gallery, to the homes of Mr Tumnus and the Beavers, through to the White Witch's sleigh surrounded by figures of stone. All the scenes are aimed at firing the imagination of everyone who visits!

On arrival you're asked to put on one of the big woolly/furry coats before you embark on your own journey through Narnia! You are even encouraged to don an evacuee label, so that you can further be like one of the Pevensie children who had been evacuated out of London into the depths of the countryside! At virtually every stage of the exhibition you are encouraged to interact with the displays, either by becoming one of the characters, such as Mr and Mrs Beaver in their lodge, the White Witch in her sleigh or even the crowned and enthroned Kings and Queens of Narnia or through thinking more deeply about the underlying message of the story.

The scenes are carefully orchestrated to link into the context of the Abbey building and frequently correspond contextually with the building's meaning (e.g. the scene of the Stone Table where Aslan was slain is set on the Lady Chapel altar

with a sculptural relief of the sacrificial lamb of Christ); or the scenes may be linked to the Abbey's history (e.g. many pilgrims in the past have journeyed to the Shrine of St. Birinus, which here provides the focal point for the end of the Pevensie children's journey to Cair Paravel where they are crowned as Kings and Queens of Narnia). The exhibition aims to elucidate the Christian message of Lewis's story through the supportive display text, hoping to encourage visitors to stop and think about its more profound meaning.

This exhibition has been a real focus for community involvement, both from the regular congregation, and by also sparking the interest and participation of the wider local community too. The community has been involved in a number of ways, from the fantastically researched local Dorchester Evacuees poster and map display, through to the community art and craft workshops to make the image of Aslan, the many sparkly snowflakes and frosted winter trees, to the numerous volunteers who are meeting, greeting and hosting the craft workshops and school visits! The exhibition has something for everyone of all ages, if anything, you find yourself becoming a child again as you get involved in the various scenes! You can also attend the drama-concert event on the closing evening (22 Nov, 6.30-8pm), where a selection of songs and brief dramatic scenes by local schools serve to tell The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe story in a fun and seasonally appropriate manner. If you have not yet visited this exhibition, make certain you do before it closes on the 22nd November!

Margaret Craig

Mission Giving in 2016

This year the PCC (Parochial Church Council) has allocated £2,400 to give to charities. This is equivalent to 5% of 2015 Planned Giving, i.e. the donations received by the envelope scheme and by standing orders. This has been dispersed to nine separate organisations.

The largest amount of £500 was given to Faith2Share of which The Rev Canon Mark Oxbrow is the International Director. Faith2Share is a network of Christian Mission agencies across the world giving support to indigenous groups strengthening the mission of God and enriching and sharing faith with people and with each other.

£300 was given to each of six local charities:

- St Mary and St Nicholas Church in Littlemore. They are embarking on a large project to install a kitchen, meeting room and toilet and adding new heating, lighting and redecoration so the church building will be able to be better used.
- Oxford Youth Works is a charity working with young people in the city. This includes going into secondary schools to boost self-confidence in the students and to empower them to reflect and take responsibility for their and others' lives but within a Christian framework. OYW also has a website and a presence on social media.
- The Archway Foundation which acts as a focal point for people hurt by loneliness at whatever age. The social network of Archway offers support, friendship and a listening ear.
- The Oxford Community Soup Kitchen which serves hot meals each Wednesday and Saturday based at the Asian Cultural Centre in Manzil Way. It helps those in financial hardship and provides clean dry clothing.
- Doorsteps/Viva: We have all heard of the anticipated closure of Children's Centres across the county. Doorsteps is an initiative from churches to fill the gap in provision to help struggling families in their local communities.
- The Gatehouse is situated in St Giles Church Hall in Oxford centre. The aims are stated as: "To welcome the homeless and lonely, and to provide a place where companionship, dignity and refreshment can be found in a warm and safe environment". They have an "accepting and non-judgemental attitude towards those who visit, many of whom have serious issues around mental health and addictions to drink and drugs"

Two international charities were given £50 each

- CAFOD: Working in Bolivia, CAFOD is enabling families, dependant on farming in a tough area high up on the Bolivian Altiplano, to grow enough to feed themselves. This involves teaching how to build and use simple greenhouses, and to give them high quality seeds to grow vegetables out of the harsh environment.
- International Nepal Fellowship is an organisation helping to make new beginnings for those caught up in the recent earthquake disaster as well as working in healthcare.

Joan Coleman

SEASHELLS

Sometimes I wake up quite early.
Mum will come in my bedroom and say
"Come on, sleepyhead, it's Tuesday.
So let's go to Seashells and play"
It's ever so nice when you get there.
The room is so big and so wide.
There's a lovely red tunnel to crawl through
And toys and a nice little slide.
There are ladies who stand in the kitchen.
They make us all sorts of treats,
Breadsticks and rice cakes and cheese
And biscuits and carrot and sweets.
Sometimes we do painting and colouring
With a lady called Jill, I think,
And Mary tells us nice stories
While the Mummies have coffee to drink.
On nice days we play in the garden
Where we jump on the big trampoline
And we scoot round on trikes (if we want to)
Or hide where we cannot be seen.
An old lady comes and sings songs
While we sit on the floor on the mats,
But some children have to go early.
I'm glad I don't have to do that.
When it's time to go home we play bunnies*
May waves us "bye-bye" at the door
And I cannot wait for next Tuesday
To come back to seashells once more.
Mum says soon I'll be off to nurs'ry
I shall play with their toys instead
But I know I'll remember Seashells
And I'll picture it still in my head.

Rosanne Butler

* Seashells always finish with a song called
"Sleepy Bunnies" which the children really love.

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 ANT

Lord,
I am always made out to be wrong;
a fable to the whole world.
Certainly I hoard
and make provision!
I have my rights!
And surely I can take a little joy
in the fruits of all my work
without some sob singer
coming to rob my store?
There is something in your justice
that I scarcely understand,
and, if You would allow me to advise,
it might be thought over again.
I have never been a burden to anybody,
and, if I may say so,
I manage my own business very well.
Then,
to the incorrigible improvidence
of some people,
must I, for all eternity, say

AMEN

MOTHERS' UNION NEWS

Members were delighted to hear that our branch had sent £40 to Mary Sumner House in response to the Mothers' Union Harvest Appeal. This money was the profit made from our recent wine, cheese and poetry evening and goes to help families, mainly in Africa to turn their lives around supplying them with the means to buy seeds for their crops, chickens to start up a small business or maybe stock to build up a herd of cattle, goats or sheep.

We were delighted to welcome to our October meeting a number of guests some of whom are soon to be enrolled as new members. Our speaker was our great friend Mark Oxbrow who always gives us a very enlightening and moving talk and whose experiences of the wide Christian world are fascinating. This time he brought along a DVD entitled "The Pastor and the Imam" which told the story of the amazing work of reconciliation which is happening in Nigeria between the Christian and Muslim communities there after years of bitterness and mistrust. The other treat (yes, treat) that he brought along was a charming guest whom he had staying with him from Kenya. This gentleman (whose wife by the way is an enthusiastic member of the Mothers' Union in their area) is working among Muslims in Kenya. He told us that God has challenged him to draw these people into the Christian family and his strongest allies are the children. He opened a kindergarten

school some years ago with a Christian ethos and the standard of education was so good that local Muslim families began to send their children there. He told us one story which sums up the power of a child's voice and I want to share it with you.

A little seven-year old boy from a devout Muslim family came home from school one day and told his father to sit down and listen because he was going to be "the teacher". He had heard a story about Jesus at school and re-told it to his dad. Dad was interested and gradually persuaded his son to bring home more such stories. Eventually he began to be drawn into the Christian faith, has been baptised and now works within the church community. The Venerable Archdeacon Bryson Samboja (for it was he who was Mark's guest) told us with a beaming smile how thrilled he has been at the outcome.

November's meeting will also hold a treat in store as Christine Woodman and Margaret Weller will be giving a demonstration of Christmas flower arrangements. As ever, visitors are most warmly welcomed.

We shall meet on Monday, 21st of the month at 2.30 pm in the Church Centre. At this meeting we shall also be making plans for our Christmas party. My goodness, how the year is flying by!

Rosanne Butler

AN ADVENT HYMN

Hark the Glad Sound
The Saviour Comes
By Philip Doddridge

Philip Doddridge (1702 –1751) was an English [Nonconformist](#) leader, educator, and [hymnwriter](#).

Hark, the glad sound the Saviour comes
The Saviour promised long!
Let every heart prepare a throne
And every voice a song.

He comes the prisoners to release
In Satan's bondage held;
The gates of brass before him burst,
The iron fetters yield.

He comes the broken heart to bind
The bleeding soul to cure
And with the treasures of his grace
To enrich the humble poor.

The silver trumpets publish loud
The Jubilee of the Lord
Our debts are all remitted now
Our heritage restored.

Our glad hosannas, Price of Peace
Thy welcome shall proclaim
And heaven's eternal arches ring
With thy beloved name.

John Shreeve

Remembrance Day: Sunday 13th Nov

A Service for

Cowley St James Church Beauchamp Lane



*They shall grow not old,
as we that are left grow old:
Age shall not weary them,
nor the years condemn.*

*At the going down of the sun
and in the morning
We will remember them*

**Hymns, Readings, Prayers,
Act of Remembrance,
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Invisible illnesses

Chloe Clark suffers from an invisible illness and she thought readers would be interested in an article which raises awareness of this. The article is by Jason Reed and can be found on the web http://m.huffpost.com/uk/entry/2404923?utm_hp_ref=fb&src=sp&comm_ref=false.

As it is a long article, extracts from it are given below:

“When you have your health, you have everything. When you do not have your health, nothing else matters at all.”

A quote that’s so familiar that it’s become seamless in our collective vernacular. As clichéd as the sentiment is, it may have lost its visceral relevance.

... There is, however, an area that we now must address with the severity that’s needed to evoke a mood of change.

... To cite the personal perspective of M.E, Fibromyalgia, M.S, and similar illnesses that have no degree of constancy to the sufferer, it is a fundamental impossibility to conform to the nine to five workplace. By its very nature, chronic and fluctuating conditions prevent normality entirely, not to mention, dealing with constant agonising pain, fatigue and mental attrition is a full-time job in itself. Severe illness is indiscriminate, it can happen to anyone who’s had misfortune in life. It remains a sobering fact that many people are simply not eligible to work.

... There are those with chronic illness whom are clearly capable of high achievement, those who have learned over a great period of time to seek autonomy through necessity - there are many with fluctuating illness that have personally sought productive outlets under their own auspices. The misnomer that we even have a benefit *culture* with disabled people ready to exploit and sit comfortably needs quashing. Make no mistake, the benefit system does not hand out much money at all to the individual, and it’s a system full of stigma.

... It can often be the case that arts and crafts provide solace. I’ve come to know many talented people: from dressmakers to writers, musicians to graphic designers, bakers to artists, these are areas that are often the hardest to break into. Working from home also provides possible alternatives, and yet the irony soon becomes apparent that these positions are equally as hard to find, and often only serve to provide menial tasks that pay a fabled pittance. Self-employment is an option, but this method of earning is often fraught with stress, long working hours and has its own pitfalls of unreliability.

... It’s time we reinvented the workplace and provide real alternatives to those who have some capability to work, but it has to be on their terms - a more mutual, affable working condition owing to the very nature of inconsistent health.”

THE REAL ADVENT CALENDAR 2016

It is back for this Advent, with a re-designed pack and an improved chocolate blend, but the same great idea from the Meaningful Chocolate Company: fairtrade chocolate, a free 28 page Christmas story and activity book, a charity donation for each calendar sold – and still at only £3.99.

You can still buy it yourself at large Tesco stores, at fairtrade shops and on line from the producers as well as Traidcraft, TLM, Eden etc..... but we have a few spare in stock following the parish order.

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Christmas Party

Wednesday Dec 7

7:30 pm

Church Centre Beauchamp Lane

<p style="text-align: center;">Starter:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Vegetable soup or Pate and toast or Melon</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Main course:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Salmon cooked in butter and garlic or Turkey, pigs in blankets, stuffing, gravy or A vegetarian option (as yet undecided) (All served with vegetables)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Pudding:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Mincemeat crumble or Chocolate Brownies (gluten free) or Profiteroles</p> <p style="text-align: center;">(All served with Ice-cream or Custard)</p>
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Come and join us for a gentle evening. You will need to book up your menu. Geoff is cooking and for once he is going to try not to over cater by his usual trick of 50%! We have maximum numbers of 80 seats so get in quick!

Bring your own drinks

How can you book up?

- You can contact Geoff direct.
- You can sign up on one of the sign-up sheets.
- You can contact the church office.

We hope to cover costs by donations collected on the evening.

If the menu above does not fit your needs have a chat with Geoff and he will see what he can do!

STRIKE UP THE BAND CONCERT

We were promised a great concert with an exciting programme and that is just what we got. The Jubilee Brass Band was augmented in numbers by some talented musicians from such places as Witney and Pangbourne which made up their band to concert strength. The timpani section doubled and added to the power of their performance.

Several people have declared that this was one of the best concerts we have ever had at St James Church and I am inclined to agree. The programme was delightfully varied from the band classic "The Olympic Fanfare" to a jazzy rendition of "All that Jazz" and quieter, softer items as well.

With a complimentary programme, wine or soft drinks with nibbles in the interval, and a sing-song of ABBA "classics" at the end, the audience went home full of praise for a great evening.

Rosanne Butler

REPORT FROM PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

A PCC meeting was held on the 16 October 2016 when the following was discussed:

- ✓ Members noted that the vestry and outside lighting at St James and the kitchen at St Francis had been finished, and new fencing had been put along the side of St Francis Church, greatly improving this area.
- ✓ The PCC decided that as no one had come forward to act as the Editor for the Cowley Chronicle, this should be run by an Editorial Board. The current Board consisted of Sally Hemsworth, May Morgan and Nicki Stevens.
- ✓ A liaison committee is held regularly between the Anglican Asian Living Church and representatives of St James Church, and the PCC received the notes of the last two meetings of this group.
- ✓ Mission Giving: The PCC agreed on the distribution of the Mission Funds. A more detailed report is included in The Chronicle.
- ✓ Parish Safeguarding Policy: The PCC agreed the Parish Safeguarding Policy, the Parish Policy on Recruitment and DBS checks, and an agreement on Safeguarding with hirers of Church premises
- ✓ Permission to Administer the Chalice: The PCC is allowed to give this permission (in the past names had to be agreed by the Bishop), and additional names were added to the list. Details will be put up in both churches.
- ✓ Pastoral Care Across the Parish: The position was reviewed, and the PCC was pleased that both churches have in place good systems for the pastoral care of its congregation.
- ✓ There was specific discussion on matters relating to the two churches:
 - St Francis Church:
 1. Refurbishment of Entrance Hall: Faculty approval is not required, but the detailed plans with costings will be agreed by the Church Committee and the PCC. Mission Funding has been obtained for this work.
 2. Painting of Corridor: This is on the list for action, but priority is being given to the Entrance Hall.
 3. CEF: The Portacabin is working well but there is a need for a porch as rain is coming in. The PCC has agreed this but it is necessary to ascertain whether a Faculty is required.
 - St James Church:
 1. Digital Projection at Church Services: The PCC would like longer to consider the future plans and it was agreed to ask the Diocese to extend the one year period they had given for this.
 2. New Ashes Area, St James Churchyard: It was agreed to obtain a Faculty for this.

Sally Hemsworth

CHURCHES WITHIN OUR DEANERY

ST ALBAN THE MARTYR, Charles Street, East Oxford



The church of St Alban the Martyr was set up by Richard Meaux Benson in 1868 and received its existing parish church of SS Mary and John in 1883. As the residential area of East Oxford developed it was found that another church was needed.

Father William Scott established a Mission Room on the corner of Howard Street and Catherine Street which was used from 1887 to 1889.

A site was purchased on the corner of Catherine Street and Charles Street and a new building was erected. This building opened in 1889 as St Alban's Mission Church, and it was also used as a boy's school during the week. This continued until 1896 when Hertford Street School was built. An existing chapel and house was then bought in Percy Street and was used as a church hall and parsonage. These premises were sold in 1984 and became a photographic studio and residence.

May 1932 saw the commencement of work on the new St Alban's Church building and the consecration was in May 1933. Over the south porch is a carving by John Henry Brookes, a local artist, who later became Principal of the Oxford College of Technology, Art and Commerce in Headington.

I think there is a similarity with St Francis' church in as much as there are roof beams which are painted in red and decorated whilst wall panels depicting the Stations of the Cross, by the sculptor and typographer Eric Gill can be seen on both north and south walls. A Hall has been built on the south side and the inscription on the foundation stone declares that it was laid on Easter Sunday, 1986. This church is tied with the Serbian Orthodox Church and is alive and well, functioning today within the parish of Cowley St John.

Les Hemsworth

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

The Parish Office in St James Church
Centre is open:

Tuesday, 2—5pm
Wednesday, 10—1pm
Friday, 9—2pm

The Parish Office is currently staffed by
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