

Film Club at the Centre

It could be said that last month's film, *The Shipping News* was something of a 'Marmite' film! Some people really enjoyed it (one member remarked that it was the best film he'd seen for years), while some found the events portrayed unsettling and certainly not their favourite. However, that is what makes our club interesting and alive – *variety*.

Talking of favourite films, members have been asked if there were any shown over the last ten years that they might like included in next year's programme. The two which were given the most votes were *Goodnight, Mr Tom* and *The Inn of the Sixth Happiness*. The favourite musical was *Oklahoma*. So all three will be slotted into the 2023 programme. The other nine on the list are all favourites (new

or old). The programme list will be available on club nights from October through to Christmas.

This month's film "Is Anybody There?" stars Michael Caine and is described by critics as his best performance. This is about a retired magician and his relationship with a young boy and his parents. "Deeply moving, with brilliant comic moments" was how it was described when it was released about 10 years ago. You can see this film when Film Club meets on 14th October.

The good news is that we continue to flourish, with two new members joining us this month! We still have a few more slots in our list of members, so if anyone is interested, you are invited to give us a try.

Rosanne Butler

Prayer Space

Gracious God,
when the world seems bleak and all seems lost, remind me that through the agony and desolation of the cross, you were supremely at work, bringing light out of darkness, hope out of despair, good out of evil and life out of death.

So help me to look to the future with faith and to face the present at peace.

Amen.

Show us good Lord,
The peace we should seek,
The peace we must give,
The peace we can keep,
The peace we must forge,
And the peace You have given
In Jesus Christ our Lord.

O God our creator,
Who gave us all that we are and have,
Release us from self-love
To be able to share
What we are
What we know
What we have
With one another
And in the way which you love.
In the name of Christ who makes this a
possibility

From the Archives

“TON-UP” CHRONICLE

APRIL 1968

As this is the 100th issue of the Cowley Chronicle as a newspaper, it is appropriate to say something about the way in which it started, and how it has developed – and also to add a few words about the Editor, Mr. Arthur Roche, who has edited each of those 100 issues.

Just over eight years ago, Father Henley, then at St. James' Church, asked whether anyone had any opinions on the parish magazine, also then called the Cowley Chronicle.

Fr. Henley had one taker, who told him that the magazine was a *“typographical abortion, written practically in code!”* When it was revealed that the critic was actually a newspaperman and a Sports Editor, the vicar, The Rev. John Betton was delighted and soon on his way to the doorstep in Bartholomew Road to ask Mr. Roche for his help in the changeover to a newspaper.

The first number was published in January 1960, and for three or four months the 'National Christian News' provided the outside pages. Then Mr. Roche felt that the local news should take precedence on the front page and the 'Chronicle' took on the form in which we now know it.

The Chronicle, as a newspaper was Fr. Betton's 'brainchild' and he worked like a beaver to get it going and to ensure its success. His attitude towards the newspaper, and the reason for giving so much of his time and energy to it is summarised in a letter he wrote to the editor, just before he left the parish:

“I am convinced that the Chronicle has been one of the most effective pieces of the Church's work in Cowley”, he wrote.

During the latter half of her time here, Miss Margaret Selby took over planning the themes and obtained articles for the Chronicle. By then, “Arthur” was firmly established as the editor, and everyone knew that material for each edition must be handed in on the dot.

Mrs. Roche recalls that many times Margaret Selby puffed in at 11pm after chasing round the parish for articles and had to be “brought round” with a glass of sherry!!

The initial circulation of the newspaper was getting up to 3,000 and during the first seven years it balanced its account – in contrast to the previous magazine which had run at an average annual loss of £50. It could be said, therefore, that the newspaper saved the parish £350 – until last year, when there was a deficit.

The standard set and maintained is, of course, the Editor's and even he indulges in a little self-satisfaction on those occasions when the “Oxford Mail” follows up items in the “Cowley Chronicle”.

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- at The Venue, Barns Road
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Oxford Community Action is a multi-ethnic community group working in OX4, running children and youth activities, providing 320 families a week with emergency food parcels and leading on community research. Their community work is open to everyone, but in particular their aim is to support black & minoritized people to tackle and overcome barriers created by structural inequalities. <https://www.oxfordcommunityaction.org>

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

St Francis Church Committee
After church service at approximately 11am
Sunday 9 October 2022

Parochial Church Committee
St James Church Centre
Sunday 16 October 2022, 1pm

Messy Church,
St Francis Church
Monday 24 October 2022, 10-11.30

Remembering Loved Ones Service,
St James Church—tea and cake in church
Sunday 6 November 2022

Remembrance Sunday Services
At both churches
Sunday 13 November 2022

Craft and Gift Fair
St James Church Centre
Saturday 19 November 2022, 10-1pm



PARISH WALKS

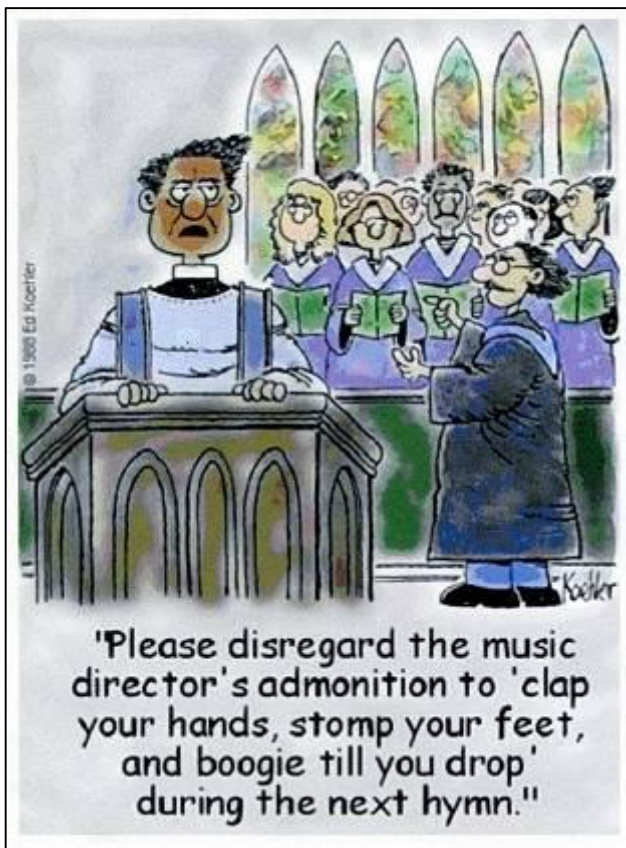
The Parish Walks have been continuing. We were hoping for the fine weather to continue (on the Monday of the walk at least!) but that has not been the case.

Our walk around Magdalen College grounds started off with very fine rain and we thought it would blow over. However, it got worse and some people had not come prepared for the rain so got very wet! But it was warm and we laughed a lot at our discomfort!

Look what we saw – sitting very close to the path and viewing his herd (and us too):

For the next walk we planned to catch the bus to Wolvercote and then walk along the canal-side back to Oxford. We just missed the bus to Wolvercote and, as it was raining we decided to lunch at a café in the Covered Market. When we came out the rain had stopped and we had a delightful walk around Christ Church meadow.

The next plan is to do the Wolvercote walk on Monday, 10 October 2022, meeting at the bus stop by The Randolph at 11.45 am. Just let Sally Hemsworth know if you would like to join the walk.



Shaun Guard

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There are currently five vacancies on the PCC, although the Parish is able to have 12 members. Both church committees have much lower than usual membership.

This is a chance to participate in the running of the Parish – please speak to Geoff if you would like more information on what is entailed. Lesley Williams and I would also be able to help you.

Sally Hemsworth
PCC Secretary

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RIDE AND STRIDE Saturday 10 September 2022

Three Parish bike riders undertook this year's challenge on a day that was ideal for cycling. Here are our reports :

John Booty

The weather was good for cycling on the 10th: bright and not too hot.

My main aim was to ride to Wittenham Clumps; I have wanted to go back there for some time. I took a longer route, so as to avoid the Golden Balls roundabout (at Nuneham Courtenay, near Notcutts).

I visited just four churches, as I did not want to spend too much time in the traffic in Abingdon, the last church being St. Mary's, Long Wittenham. I went to the church in Clifton Hampden, but it was shut.

The route was: Iffley, Thames path, Radley, Abingdon, Clifton Hampden, Long Wittenham, Little Wittenham, and finally, The Clumps. I took the same route back again.

The views from Wittenham Clumps were wonderful, and I saw a kite go down onto the ground in a ploughed field, which I have only ever seen once before. I stopped off for a break at the bridge over the river in Abingdon, and enjoyed the sights, including two little grebe on the water.

A very enjoyable day out, as well as raising some money for St. James!

Joan Coutanche

It was a lovely day for cycling, not too warm, but the sun came out later to cheer the proceedings.

The churches were especially welcoming this year, with volunteers ready to show us where we might find condolence books to sign or where we could light a candle, as well as where we would find refreshments. A very moving occasion. And the churches seemed even more beautiful and inspiring than usual.

I visited 10 churches, mainly in Headington, and cycled nearly 8 miles; I could only do it in the morning as I had a birthday party to go to in the afternoon!

Lesley Williams

I was intent on topping the total 47 churches I had tagged both in 2020 – cycling and 2021 – walking and managed it with 51! I must declare that this total is under my own rules of counting and praying for each church I pass, even if I don't stop: I actually stopped and signed in at 32, and cycled 47.64 miles.

I didn't start until 11.00 and finished at 18.30 although actually going straight to a dance show at the Pegasus Theatre! My route was Cowley (9), Littlemore (2), Iffley, East Oxford (7), City centre (12), including the Cathedral, Wolvercote, Yarnton, Begbroke, Bladon (2), Blenheim Palace chapel and Woodstock (5), Kidlington (5), Marston (5).



My favourite was St Michael's, Begbroke, where I happened to meet the Rector but I had interesting chats with the welcomers in several churches – about their church, our church, my bike, life etc.

We thank all those who provided welcome and refreshment in our churches – and in all the others we visited. And of course we thank our sponsors, knowing that your donations are shared 50:50 between Oxfordshire Historic Churches Trust and our own churches.

THOUGHTS

ALL THINGS TO ALL MEN

He was blind yet God gave him vision,
He was deaf yet God spoke to him,
He was crippled yet God walked beside him,
He was alone yet God was always with him,
He was ugly yet in God's sight he was beautiful,
He was despised by all yet loved by God,
Who was this man with such burdens?
He is you,
He is me,
He is mankind!

REAL ADVENT CALENDAR

The Real Advent Calendar is the UK's only Fairtrade Advent calendar which comes with a free 24-page Christmas story-activity book and supports charitable causes.

The 2022 Real Advent Calendar is a fun way for parents, grandparents and Godparents to share the Christmas story. It has a new design but there is still a Fairtrade Chocolate and a line of the Christmas story behind each of the 25 windows. The free book has a page for every day of Advent, expanding on the Christmas story and includes some fun challenges.

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The Real Advent Calendar is designed to share and celebrate the true meaning of Christmas so that Christ is not written out of Christmas. Sadly, it will not be stocked this year in any of the supermarkets.

There will as usual be a Parish order with lists up in both churches and St James Centre. The order will be submitted 31 October but payment can wait until delivery. Amazingly, there is no price rise for 2022 – the calendars cost only £4.50 - and Meaningful Chocolate still offers free delivery.

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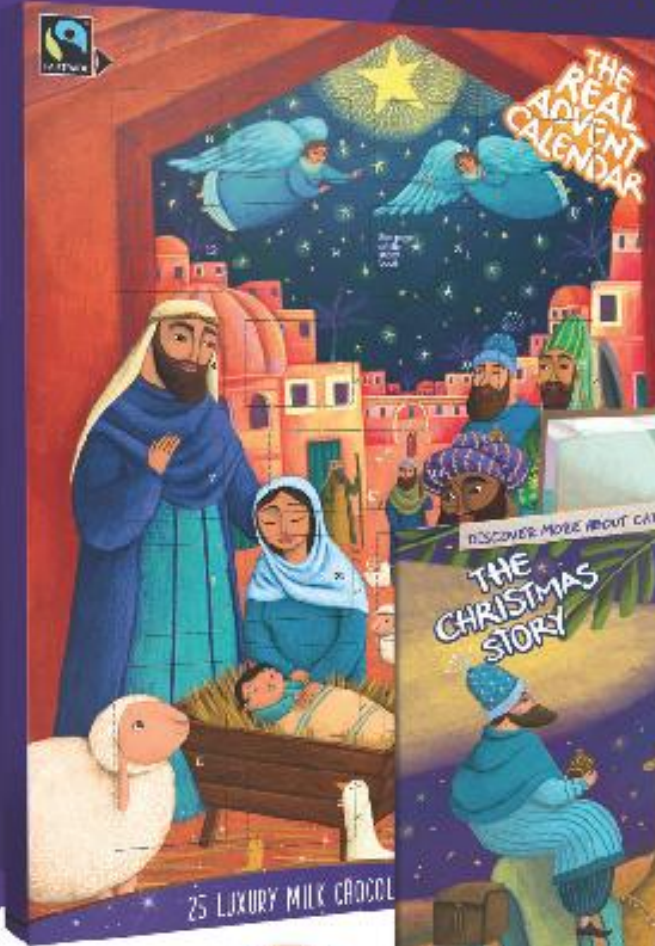
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Hello from Joseph



I am writing in the month of September, this is a month of change and creation. A new King, a new school year and a new season of creation. But, with change, things have to go. Sadly, one of those people is Her Majesty the Queen. She will be deeply missed. She was a Queen, a mother, a grandmother and great-grandmother.

I am proud to be British and proud to be born in the reign of Elizabeth Alexandra Mary Windsor, Queen of England, Scotland, Wales, Northern Ireland and of other realms and territories, Queen, defender of the faith, protector of the Church of England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland.

When she was born she was never meant to be Queen, even though she has been a great monarch and protector of our nation. But like Boris Johnson said, she too will pass the baton of ruler, faith and leadership. Change is hard but it has to change like the rest of the world, so we pray, dear God, the son and holy spirit, send this message to the Queen - we praise you for all 70 years of love, hope, guidance and friendship, you have touched a nation, as you declared "my whole life however long or short, it shall be devoted to your service" and, as you said to us all, we say to you 'we shall meet again'.

Joseph Vivian



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SMILE

The Queen

There have been quite a lot of royal anecdotes around during the past few weeks but here's one which caught my attention and I thought I'd like to share it with you.

Two American tourists were exploring on the Balmoral estate in Scotland. They met a middle-aged couple out for a walk and struck up a conversation with them. "Have you ever met the Queen?" the couple were asked. "I haven't, but he has," replied the woman, pointing to her husband.

The Americans then asked if the man who had met the Queen would mind having his photograph taken with them. He agreed and his wife offered to take the photograph.

Showing the snap to a friend later-on, the friend said "Hey, that guy in the photo is Prince Philip!" At that, the visitors realised that they too had met the Queen and she had taken the photograph!

Rosanne Butler

I read this story a while ago and it really made me chuckle! A couple were on holiday and one of the other guests was a rather opinionated woman who liked to boast. She asked the gentleman what job he did. He explained that he was now retired but had been a regional transportation executive. The woman seemed impressed and started asking various questions, to which the gentleman replied that he was sworn to secrecy under the Official Secrets Act and could not tell her more. She was suitably impressed!

Later on that evening when the couple were in their hotel room, they were in stitches every time they thought of the little game they had played. The fact was that the gentleman's work had been as a bus driver!

Ruth Goodwin

And I said to the man who stood at the gate of the year:
'Give me a light that I may tread safely into the unknown.'
And he replied,
'Go out into the darkness and put your hand into the Hand of God.
That shall be to you better than light and safer than a known way.'
Amen

Poem by Minnie Louise Haskins

Quoted by the Queen's Father, King George VI on Christmas Day 1939 which the Queen herself re-quoted on occasions.

Provided by Liam Cartwright

SUNDAY SERVICES

ST JAMES CHURCH, BEAUCHAMP LANE

ST FRANCIS CHURCH, HOLLOW WAY

8.00am	St James
9.30am	St Francis
11.00am	St James

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MID-WEEK SERVICES & MEETINGS

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Tuesday	10.00am	Seashells Toddler Group— St James Church Centre
	12.30pm	Tuesday Lunch Club, St James Church Centre (numbers limited—booking essential. If interested contact Chris Woodman)

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