

Film Club at the Centre

What a coincidence! Our club night in July was *the hottest night on record* and then the date in August almost topped it! However, our lovely Church Centre with all the doors and windows wide open provided a pleasant atmosphere for members to enjoy their films. And enjoy them they did! July saw an audience of almost full membership. The film: *Saving Mr. Banks* which many members had not previously seen, was much appreciated, especially the excellent performance of Emma Watson as the author of the 'Mary Poppins' books. Based on the true events of her relationship with Walt Disney, and her British/Australian-ness in the American culture was both amusing and frustrating alongside each other and made for an interesting

film.

How different from "whip-cracking" *Calamity Jane*, our August film. Although an old film, it is such fun that our members who had seen it years before still loved it. The energy and lovely voice of Doris Day in her heyday made for a really enjoyable evening.

(If anybody thought that any of that story was based on fact – well)

We are now busy putting together our programme for 2023 so members have been asked for their suggestions. This month's film is *The Shipping News*. A completely different story, I promise.

Rosanne Butler

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From the Archives

FROM 'THE OXFORD MAIL' - April 1967

A WOMAN TAKES THE SERVICE AT COWLEY

The heart of Cowley – the old parish church of St. James, with its terrace of stone cottages opposite, and round it the graves of generations of its people – is still surprisingly rural, hemmed in though it is by the concrete mass of the new shopping centre and the red brick of the rows of houses which stretch from here to Littlemore. The churchyard is still reached by narrow footpaths, one of which separates what was for years the only centre of worship in Cowley from the village school, which is still in use.

It is a pleasant place to loiter in, especially on a hot Sunday evening in late summer, for it surmounts a hill from which the visitor can enjoy a splendid view over the surrounding countryside, still unexpectedly open and liberally endowed with trees. The combination of verdure and mellow stone, hallowed by age and tradition, makes a harmonious whole, which is a perfect setting for worship.

For more than 700 years St. James' has stood in appearance much as it is today, despite the changes which the centuries have wrought, one of which was to make the roof of the nave higher than the squat embattled tower.

When the church was built, the parish it served extended from the Dorchester Road to Magdalen Bridge, and not the least of the stirring times it has seen have been enacted within the last 100 years.

There are other churches now to minister to the faithful of a parish which has grown beyond all bounds in the last 30 years or so – the tower of St. Luke's, glimpsed through the rooftops and a monument to Lord Nuffield's munificence – is one of them, but St. James, the mother-church, still holds the affections of the real Cowley folk.

It is right that it should, for it is a lovely old place, simple, unspoilt and redolent with a history that goes back to the Norman Conquest and beyond.

Tonight, the uncomfortable Victorian pews hold a mere handful of men and women, which is a pity – for the service, unusual for the Anglican communion, is conducted by a woman.

Miss Thelma Telling, who has worked in the parish for the last seven years, leads Evensong with a self-assurance and dignity which would surely convert the most die-hard opponent of the ordination of women.

How pleasant it is to hear the service sung clearly and in tune, and her short address on Christ's admonition to seek the kingdom of Heaven – the "real treasure" to which all things will be added, is a model of what such a discourse should be.

She points out that if we had more of God in our homes, it would be easier to introduce Him into industry and commerce.

AT CHURCH – by LAYMAN

FROM THE OX4 FOOD CREW - MEALS ON MONDAYS

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- ALL OTHER MONDAYS – at Flo's café, the Place in the Park, Rymers Lane.
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OCA (Oxford Community Action) is looking for new ways to sustain and support their local community. As such, they have launched the OCA Kitchen - a new social enterprise serving food from a different nation each week - all cooked by local chefs. They look forward to serving delicious dishes from Nigeria, Jamaica, Iraq, Malaysia, Tanzania, Pakistan, Somalia and Morocco. 100% of the profits go to the community work they do.

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

Film Club, St James Church Centre
Friday, 9 September 2022, 7 pm.

At Home/Grab Some Pots, 95 Crescent Road
Saturday, 10 September 2022, 9.30 – 1 pm

Ride and Stride/Open Doors, St James and St Francis Churches
Saturday, 10 September 2022, from 10am – 6pm

Florence Park Horticultural Show
Sunday, 11 September 2022, 12 – 3.00 pm

Christian Aid Big Brunch, St James Church Centre
Saturday, 17 September 2022, 10.30 – 11.30 am

Harvest Thanksgiving, St Francis Church, 9.30 am
18 September 2022

Mothers' Union Wine, Cheese and Poetry Evening, St James Church Centre
Friday, 23 September 2022, 7 pm

Harvest Thanksgiving, St James Church
25 September 2022, 8 am and 11 am

St Francis Day Parish Celebration, St Francis Church
Sunday, 2 October 2022, 10.30 am
Bring and Share Brunch

Messy Church, St Francis Church
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Cowley Team Ministry: We are recruiting volunteers!

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- **Bank account reconciler and reporter**
- **Contracts Negotiator**



Please prayerfully consider if you can help!

A Good Read

HERE AND NOW by Santa Montefiore

Marigold has spent her life taking care of those around her. She is the constant in her husband's heart, the person her two daughters turn to when they are troubled, the pillar of the local community. Always on top of everything, always the first to offer support and wise counsel. And then she starts forgetting things. Small, everyday things. Nothing to worry about. It happens to us all as we get older. Or is it more than that? How much longer can Marigold continue to cover up her lapses of memory?"

Chris Woodman

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A CURATE'S STORY

Thank you so much for your welcome! I finished my time at theological college in June. I was doing the training alongside my job as a professor teaching Christian ethics in the University of Oxford. It was a year full of learning more of Christ among some of His wonderful disciples. Some have gone on to curacies in the Oxford diocese and others around the country and the world. We went on a (mostly) silent retreat at Cuddesdon, led by the Bishop of Oxford. A highlight was meeting Liam, my fantastic fellow curate in Cowley, for the first time, although we couldn't talk much then! It was particularly memorable to have several people from the Parish at the ordination service itself.

And now it's wonderful being back as part of the community across the churches in the Cowley Team Ministry. As a family we've been part of Grace Church on Cowley Road since it began its life in 2019, with the blessing of so much support and prayer from many across the Parish. In fact, Claire and I were first welcomed to St James' in 2012 and had three very happy years of fellowship. My wife Claire is a doctor and is now settled at the John Radcliffe and our sons are Luke, aged 8, and Peter, aged 5 (and a half!) They've been wonderful supporters as I've been discerning whether the Lord has been calling me into ordained ministry.

I've had lots of other encouragements to follow Christ into ordained ministry from family, colleagues and close friends over the years. I grew up in the Church of England and had wonderful guidance in faith through my parents and god-parents. The conclusion I reached was that the Lord was encouraging me to carry on my work teaching undergraduates and postgraduates and doing research in Christian ethics – but that I should do that within an ordained vocation which brought together service in our parish with theological education for the university and wider public. The ordination and vocation advisers in the Diocese have been very helpful in supporting me to see how these different aspects of my discipleship to Christ are being integrated.

And I've certainly needed those people cheering me on. It's not been easy at times, combining my daily work in the university with the demands of training, school runs and lots of family time. And we're sure it won't be easy in the future. But many thanks to you all – especially to Geoff as my training incumbent – for your kindness in welcoming me as a curate and for all your generosity. With all the support from Ben, the minister at Grace Church, and our brothers and sisters there, we as a family feel well looked after. I hope and pray that growing links between Grace Church and St Francis, St James and the Anglican Asian Living Church will be a big part of the story in the future. I look forward to walking alongside you as we come together to worship our amazing God.



Josh Hordern

Joan and Graham Coleman are off to Bristol!

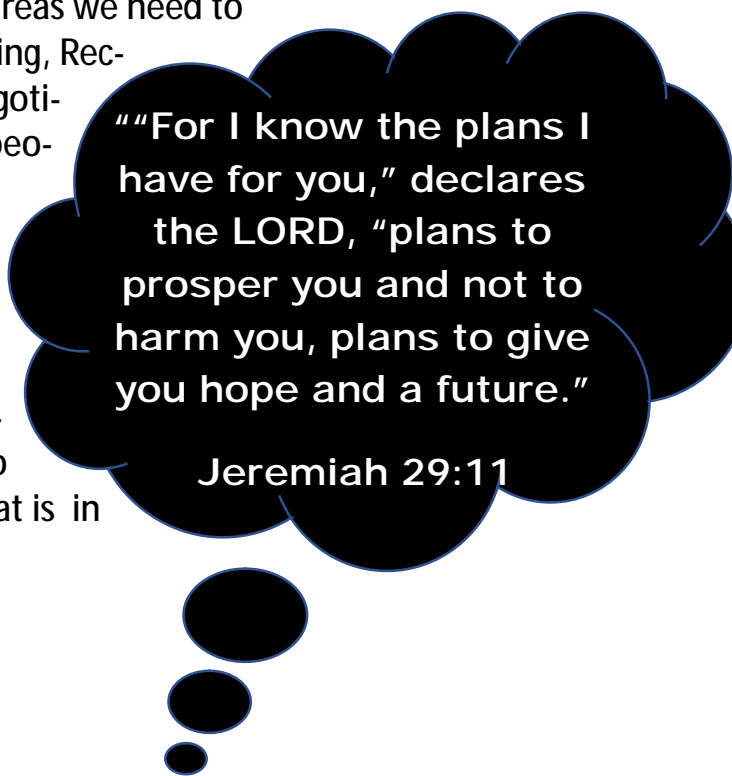
Joan has, for many years, been an amazing member of our Church Family. She and Graham having an eye to the future, recognising that a move closer to family in Bristol is the right thing.

We are going to miss you but we wish you well!

Joan has been generous in so many ways. These include her energetic work as our treasurer. It is a role that she has not only filled but developed. Her good stewardship leaves us in very good shape. Her astute management means that we have a firm foundation to move confidently forward, and her faith-filled approach and prayer-

ful activity are well placed, **BUT** her leaving is going to generate a 'very large hole'. It is one we will desperately need to fill quickly. Swiftly finding her replacement(s) will enable a period of training during transition. There are 5 clear areas we need to

cover: Banking, Donations and Gift Aid, Bill paying, Reconciling and reporting on the Bank account, Negotiating Contracts. I suspect we are looking for 5 people! But, as we have seen, one person can do more than one role. Do please consider the possibility that you might be called to this ministry, and don't be surprised if somebody chats to you about it! God is generous. He ensures that all the gifts that the church needs are available. The challenge is that sometimes people do not realise they are the answer to the prayer that is in their heart.



"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."

Jeremiah 29:11

CHRONICLE

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

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

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SEASON OF CREATION 2022

1 September to 4 October

<https://seasonofcreation.org/about/>



LISTEN TO THE VOICE OF CREATION

Praise be to you my Lord, with all your creatures,” prayed St. Francis of Assisi. With this simple but profound prayer, he has encouraged believers of many generations to recognize creation as the fruit of God’s eternal Love.

[Season of Creation](#) is a time of grace that the Church, in ecumenical dialogue, offers to humanity to renew its relationship with the Creator and with creation, through celebration, conversion and commitment together.

In other words, the Season of Creation is the annual ecumenical celebration of prayer and action for our common home.

The Season of Creation begins on September 1, World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation, and ends on October 4, the feast of St. Francis of Assisi, the patron saint of ecology beloved by many Christian denominations.

Individuals and communities are invited to participate through prayer, sustainability projects and advocacy.

prayer: host an ecumenical prayer gathering that unites all Christians for the care of our common home and pray at home

sustainability: lead a clean up project that helps all of creation thrive

advocacy: raise your voice for climate justice by participating in or leading an ongoing campaign, such as the fossil fuel divestment movement.

The Psalmist declares, *“The heavens are telling the glory of God; and the firmament proclaims God’s handiwork. Day to day pours forth speech, and night to night declares knowledge their voice is not heard; yet their voice goes out through all the Earth, and their words to the end of the world.”* (19: 1-4)

Creation never ceases to proclaim, but do we listen? During the Season of Creation, our common prayer and action can help us listen for the voices of those who are silenced. In prayer we lament the individuals, communities, species, and ecosystems who are lost, and those whose livelihoods are threatened by habitat loss and climate change. In prayer, we centre the cry of the Earth and the cry of the poor. ‘Listening to the voice of creation’ offers members of the Christian family a rich entry point for interfaith and interdisciplinary dialogue and practice. By listening to the voice of all creation, humans from all cultures and sectors of life can be joined in our vocation to care for our common home (oikos).

May this 2022 Season of Creation renew our ecumenical unity! And may this season of prayer and action be a time to Listen to the Voice of Creation, so that our lives in words and deeds proclaim good news for all the Earth.



The burning bush is the Symbol for the Season of Creation 2022.

Today, the prevalence of unnatural fires is a sign of the devastating effects that climate change has on the most vulnerable of our planet. Creation cries out as forests crackle, animals flee, and people are forced to migrate due to the fires of injustice that we have caused.

On the contrary, the fire that called to Moses as he tended the flock on Mt. Horeb did not consume or destroy the bush. This flame of the Spirit revealed God's presence. This holy fire affirmed that God heard the cries of all who suffered and promised to be with us as we followed in faith to our deliverance from injustice. In this Season of Creation, this symbol of God's Spirit calls us to listen to the voice of creation, and faithfully respond through worship, repentance and action.

As you celebrate this Season of Creation, light candles or adorn a bush in your place of worship or action. And may this symbol remind us to take off our sandals, contemplate our connection to holy ground, listen for the voice of creation, and be filled with hope to quench the fires of injustice with the light of God's healing love that sustains our common home.

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COWLEY FESTIVAL OF CHRISTMAS TREES 2022

Theme - Peace of Earth

Dates : Friday 9 December – the opening reception – through to Sunday 18 December - the closing carol service

Our next planning meeting, to which anyone who would like to be involved is invited:
Thursday 8 September, 9:00, Ranklin Room

With just three months to go, we will be working hard to develop the details for both the events in the church and the exciting new idea for one or more Christmas tree(s) of peace 'posadas'* to travel daily during the festival – or possibly all through Advent - between schools, churches, community centres, homes – with a song to sing and a peace declaration to make on handover.

We will also invite knitters/crocheters/crafters to create doves of peace to gift to the community, hanging them with a festival invitation card around Cowley on fences, hedges, park seats etc. Jill Ling is coordinating that. jl562753@gmail.com

We would love others to join the planning group – or maintain contact with ideas - just send them to ctf@cowleyteamministry.co.uk

* *(in Mexico) a ritual re-enactment of Mary and Joseph's search for a lodging in Bethlehem, performed just before Christmas*

THOUGHTS

When you were born, you were crying and everyone around you was smiling. Live your life so that when you die, *you're* the one who is smiling and everyone around you is crying and smiling.

WHAT KINDA TATER ARE YOU?

Some people are very bossy and like to tell others what to do, but don't want to soil their own hands. They are called "*Dick Taters.*"

Some people never seem motivated to participate but are just content to watch while others do the work. They are called "*Speck Taters.*"

Some people never do anything to help but are gifted at finding fault with the way others do the work. They are called "*Comment Taters.*"

There are those who say they will help, but somehow just never get around to actually doing the promised help. They are called "*Hezza Taters.*"

Some people can put up a front and pretend to be someone they are not. They are called "*Emmy Taters.*"

Then there are those who love and do what they say they will. They're always prepared to stop whatever they are doing and lend a helping hand. They bring real sunshine into the lives of others. They are called "*Sweet Taters.*"

What kinda Tater are you?

SMILE

A Shaggy Dog Story

A clergyman was walking down the street when he came across a group of about a dozen boys, all of them between 10 and 12 years old, who had surrounded a dog.

Concerned lest the boys were hurting the dog, he went over and asked, "What are you doing with that dog?" One of the boys replied, "This dog is just an old neighbourhood stray. We all want him, but only one of us can take him home, so we have decided that whichever one who can tell the biggest lie, will get to keep the dog."

Of course, the minister was taken aback. "You boys shouldn't be having a contest telling lies!" he exclaimed. He then launched into a ten-minute sermon against telling lies, beginning "Don't you boys know it's a sin to lie," and ending with, "Why, when I was your age, I never told a lie."

There was dead silence for about a minute. Just as the minister was beginning to think he had got through to them, the smallest boy gave a deep sigh and said, "All right, give him the dog."

APPLES!

Up at the head table in the cafeteria, one of the nuns had placed a big bowl of bright red, fresh, juicy apples. Beside the bowl, she placed a note which read, "*Take only one. Remember God is watching.*"

At the other end of the table was a bowl full of freshly baked chocolate chip cookies, still warm from the oven. Beside the bowl lay a little note scrawled in a child's handwriting which read, "*Take all you want. God is watching the apples.*"



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WORKING PRIESTS (Part 2)

The following is the second part of an article from the Church Times published on 25 February 2022 - *Hugh Williamson* meets ministers whose places of secular work are their mission fields:

I THINK of this, too, [Where do you see God in this picture?"] when I talk with the Revd Gerard Mee. Like Ms Mitchell, Fr Mee works long days. "Today, I cared for a patient with MS. I showered and dressed him. I popped in during the day, and helped put him to bed this evening". Fr Mee, who lives in Dorking, Surrey, is a carer, and, since last year, is also a part-time hospital [chaplain](#).

He works 50 hours a week, or more. "I could earn more elsewhere, but I'm happy. Time spent with people whom society overlooks is really rewarding. It sounds cheesy, but I see Jesus's face in the people I am serving.



Fr Mee enjoys Christmas dinner with one of his clients

"The caring work can be emotionally draining, working in people's homes. You can't see people simply as units of time". He works for a care provider, County Care, and helps people with MS or blindness, and those needing support after returning from hospital.

He comes from Lancaster, and has worked in a pub and as a parish administrator. "I'm a practical, hands-on person. I'm an SSM because I want to rub shoulders with real people in my work.

"I generally don't tell my clients as a carer that I'm ordained. I don't want to focus attention on me. But I do get a chance to chat with people who wouldn't usually darken the doors of a church." He takes services regularly at St Mary's, Thorpe.

The work as hospital chaplain is also demanding. "Because I'm not a relative, patients offload problems on me. I soak up lots of anger and sadness. After these long days, you have to look after yourself, too. Walking the dog in the evening helps. Otherwise, you'd just go crackers!"

THE Revd Marcos Máximo Díaz-Butrón, known as Max, didn't mean to start working in cafés. He was working on a study on poverty in Oxford, where he lives, and, one day, got into conversation in a café, and was asked to help out. These days, he serves coffee, clears tables, cleans the floor, and supervises staff in three cafés. He starts at about 9 a.m., and works until the evening.

He is from Peru, has a background as a [Franciscan](#), and is now a licensed member of the clergy team at St James's, Cowley, a historically poorer part of Oxford.

I know the area; I grew up a few streets away. I first met him after one of his regular 8 a.m. Sunday services. After our chat, he dashes off to one of his cafés.

"I thought I'd earn some money in the café, and then get a proper post in a parish," he says. "I asked myself — 'Here I am, I've studied at Oxford University, and I'm washing dishes. How can that be?'"

"Then something changed. Working in the restaurant gives you a different perspective. The people who work there are completely different to academics like me. The people who run the restaurant would say 'You are wasting my time with your academic stuff. We are doing real work, with real people, this is real life.'

"Also, it can be tough in the kitchen. Dirty jokes, bad language, people getting angry. You work in their realities, which become my own; you listen to what they really think. These two worlds really collide; they have nothing to talk about.

"But I found, working there, the two worlds can come closer. I try to bring a different approach. The staff have to be very efficient. I try also to be caring: I say 'God bless you,' and ask 'How was your day?'"

Mr Díaz-Butrón sees vulnerability among his customers. "Sometimes, people are angry, or frustrated. You have to deal with this every day. I wear a black clerical shirt to work, but no dog collar. They are too uncomfortable to work in. Also, I don't want people to know I'm a priest. My colleagues would not be as free as they are if they knew."

The Church, he says, is too detached from normal life. "It sometimes feels like the priests come to earth in their spaceship on a Sunday to take a service, and then leave again afterwards."

TALKING to these worker priests about how they see themselves, I wonder how others see them. I phone Ms Walsh, the canteen worker at Tesco who apologised to Fr van Beeumen for swearing. She now works in the office at the same branch of Tesco. "Mark was easy to talk with. He'd come down the pub for a drink; he was a laugh. He was also there for everyone."

She had previously attended the church where Fr van Beeumen occasionally took services, but "turned her back on it". At one point, her father became ill, and she asked Fr van Beeumen to visit him in hospital. He did so, which meant a lot to Ms Walsh. She started attending church again, confessing to Fr van Beeumen. "He's the sort of modern priest the Church needs."

Simon Ayling is very direct in his praise of Fr Mee. "Gerard is a good carer. He helps with my morning routine, loo, shower, and dressing. He's licensed for my car, he drives me to hospital, or shopping". Mr Ayling has MS, and speaks slowly but clearly. "He's a good person to talk with, though we don't talk about religion."

His wife, Mahesh, recalls that, for a period during the pandemic, to reduce their number of contacts, Fr Mee became Mr Ayling's sole carer. "He took a pay cut, to come here almost every day for six months. We're so grateful. We wouldn't have survived otherwise."

For his part, Archdeacon Sewell says that the most important thing about Ms Mitchell is her "ministry of presence in the community. Her capacity for this work is phenomenal. And, of course, she does a great haircut."

Hugh Williamson is a writer working on a memoir about his father, Canon Tony Williamson, who was a worker priest in a car factory in Oxford ([Gazette, 22 March 2019](#)). For more information on MSEs: National Association of Christians in Secular Ministry (CHRISM), visit chrism.org.uk.

Listen to an interview with Hugh Williamson on ¹⁵[the Church Times Podcast](#)

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

Monday	10.00-11.30am	Little Stars Playgroup— St Francis
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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