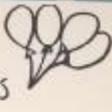


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2017



Dear St Francis 
Church and beyond!
Thankyou so much for giving
"....."
BIG THANKS
"*****"
us a wonderful send off. Thankyou
for being so fab and being
such a wonderful church family.
It was an amazing five years.
I love you all lots!!
God Bless you all!
Love Skye, Joe, Sofia, Phoenix
& Casper.

Dear St James church
and the Cowley
Parish.
I just wanted to say a BIG
thankyou for the fantastic send off
and for the
generous **BIG THANKS** gift
(we brought tickets
to go to Greece for our holidays)
Thankyou for coming to my induction
on the 4th May. I will never forget
my time with you all.
God Bless + much Love
Skye, Joe, Sofia, Phoenix
& Casper
x x x x x

From the Editors

Sally Hemsworth and Nicki Stevens

We do hope you enjoy the summer edition of The Chronicle. Please consider renewing your subscription. The cost will remain the same as last year - £4 for an A5 copy, and £5 for an A4 copy. You may wish to encourage other people to take out subscriptions. Order forms are available in both churches - Chris Knevet has agreed to collect the slips from St James end of the Parish, and Norah Shallow will continue to collect from St Francis.

We were interested to see the subject of the Mothers' Union July meeting –holiday reading. Perhaps there will be some interesting Books of the Month in future editions of The Chronicle??

Last month we had an interesting account of Lesley Williams' holiday in the Falkland Islands. Maybe you are not going that far afield – but we would love to hear about other people's activities and holidays.

The Dates to Remember gives details of lots of church events over the next couple of months – so enjoy the summer. But please remember to fill in the slip to order the Chronicle for the next year – so that you can keep in touch with church activities and the activities of the church congregation.

Please note the earlier date for articles – due to holidays. We do hope lots of articles will be submitted for inclusion – different things help to make the Chronicle interesting.

GARDENING PARTY



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AREA AROUND ST
JAMES CHURCH AND
ST JAMES CHURCH
CENTRE.

LAST SATURDAY OF EACH MONTH – 9.30 AM ONWARDS AT ST. JAMES CHURCH CENTRE.

Come and have fun, fresh air and exercise as we prepare the St. James Church Centre garden for another beautiful spring and summer showing. If possible bring your own tools but some will be available. Both heavy and light work available plus coffee and cake.

THE GILDAY FAMILY RETURNS TO OXFORDSHIRE

Many of you will remember Patrick and Lydia Gilday, who married at St Francis Church while Patrick was in training for the priesthood. They left to live in Ascot, where Patrick served his curacy. This month they have moved back, with their beautiful daughter Madeline, with Patrick appointed to be Rector of the new benefice of Benson with Ewelme, which also includes Brightwell Baldwin and Cuxham with Easington – that is several historic churches!

New address: Benson Vicarage, Church Road, Benson, Wallingford OX10 6SF

We have a Parish card to welcome them back - do sign if you know them.

A word from the Rectory

The eyes have it!

There is something special about these summer months. We spend time out and about, walking, holidaying and visiting places. It seems to me this is a wonderful time to look around and see what is going on in our world. I love to come back from a holiday and bring something with me. It might be a new idea, or an old idea that I had forgotten about, but as I look around churches, villages and towns, I often find something that inspires me. Something that makes me wonder if it could be useful back home?' So as you go around visiting places this summer why to take a picture of a good idea and send it back to us? Any pictures can be emailed to the Rector Geoff (g.bayliss41@btinternet.com). If you join another church on a Sunday morning, or for an afternoon tea, why not get a shot of you with some of the local church family and send that to us as well. You might also like to send the church a postcard. We can put them at the back of the church for people to read. It is always nice to hear what other people are up to.

When St Paul wrote to the local churches he always told them something about what was going on in his life. Your church family is always interested in hearing what you are up to as well.

May God bless you this summer



Benson Cottage

Come and join us at the Church of St Mary and St John to the confirmation of some of our family.

Sunday 16th July 6:30 pm.
Bishop Steven Presiding



Meet David, Amelia and Alice Benskin.

David starts his training to become a Church of England Vicar this autumn. He is going to train for 3 years with St Mellitus College but will be living with us in Moore House. During each week he will spend Mondays studying in London, and some time studying from home. The rest of the week he will be working alongside the Rector as an apprentice.

This form of training is becoming more popular. Importantly it will mean that David will have his training rooted in parish life.

The Lord being our helper, we are looking to welcome David, his wife Alice and their daughter Amelia into the family life of Cowley towards the end of August. Keep an eye out for them at St James Church at the 10 am service on July 9th. David, and his family, currently live in East Hampstead where he serves as a Youth and Children's Leader. He brings with him a whole raft of skills and experience.

Prayer Space

A prayer for St James' Day, which occurs on July 25th:

O God, we remember today your apostle James, first among the Twelve to suffer martyrdom for the name of Jesus: and we pray that you will give to the leaders of your church that spirit of self-denying service which is the hallmark of true authority among your people; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

The Book of Common Prayer
Of the Episcopal Church (USA)

And a prayer for both our churches:

O God, make the doors of these houses wide enough to receive all who need human love and fellowship: narrow enough to shut out all envy, pride and strife.

Make it's threshold smooth enough to be no stumbling block to children, nor to straying feet, but rugged and strong enough to turn back the tempter's power. God, make the doors of these houses gateways to your eternal kingdom.

Do you have a favourite prayer that could be included in the "Chronicle"?

5th Cowley Guides

The Guides have been working on a lot of activities of their own choice.

In April they were given time to choose and work on "Go For It" badges in their patrols, the badges chosen were Chocolate, Parties, Healthy Eating, Showtime, Splash and Experiment. This took us up to the end of May.

At the start of June they decided to choose a badge to work towards in small groups, again we have a varied selection - Parties, Craft, Chocolate, Personal Safety and Science. We are having a Pyjama Party run by one of the groups, to which they have invited the Guide Division Commissioner, Dr. Kate Coldwell. For the Science Badge they are making animal houses. Two of the older Guides Izzy and Amy ran a bake off evening and for the last meeting of the summer term we will be at Jubilee House for games, sports and BBQ. We were going to camp in August, but due to a house move of one of our main organisers, we had to call it off.

We have also been collecting Active Kids Vouchers from Sainsbury's which means we have been able to replace some of our camping equipment.

Cynthia Retter

BEING A FILM EXTRA – Catering for the Impossible.

Being a Film Extra isn't always a "glam job". High Society Balls come at a cost of badly fitting shoes and tightly laced corsets. Of course, these are wonderful if you are on a diet! Whilst your male counterpart is balancing his Yorkshire Puds on top of a mountain of beef and veg, you are munching sadly on a lettuce leaf. It's impossible for food to go further down the windpipe than the first corset string. I always carry a packet of indigestion tablets even for that small morsel.

However, modern day is a different story. One of my non-glam roles was as a B&B landlady for a pilot comedy complete with quilted dressing gown, curlers and fluffy pink slippers. This was an American production and it's a done thing that we dress as how our American cousins perceive various British characters. Not digressing from the subject of this article, I made my way to the snack trolley to find a packet of my favourite crisps, I then looked about for some bread and butter, watched by a bemused French Citizen who was also the owner of the B&B film location. His horrified face was incredible when I began to explain the cuisine delights of a crisp buttie. "You actually put the crisps on the bread and eat" he spluttered, and when I went on to describe the joys of other buttie fillings i.e. baked beans, cheese and Mars bars etc. encouraged by the film crew he almost fainted away.

There is a saying about "never work with children and animals". I recently completed a film which required a pampered dog to eat macaroons off a plate at the table. Not many dogs are fond of macaroons so the trainer had to smear liver paste on the plate and restrain him with great difficulty. This had to be done over and over again, the little dog's tongue was already stretching to the paste before the Director shouted "Action" and gone before the trainer had run "out-of-camera".

Children, especially boys with their enormous appetites, are the worst to work with. They are ensured a place in the front of the lunch queue which normally means there isn't much left of the desserts. I remember some time ago work-

ing on a TV production of "Cider with Rosie" in the Cotswolds. A few local families were involved amongst whom were "the Lamb family". Called because the scene was a pageant and the parents were dressed as Shepherd and Shepherdess and their very large brood dressed as lambs. When they were around, the catering disappeared at an alarming rate and we were lucky sometimes to even get a sandwich and there were many dark mutterings. On the last day, I was waiting outside the costume tent for my friends to de-rig and I was approached by "Mr. Lamb" who seemed very indignant by the complaints he had heard about the lack of food. "I can't understand why you are all complaining" he said "we had no problem, we had plenty to eat and we even filled our containers each meal and we have enough in our freezer to keep us going for a few weeks without shopping"!

I wonder what they would do with five loaves and two fishes?

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How many peas in a pod?

As I write, we are in a pattern of very hot days. To save our vegetables from shrivelling up, my other half and I have been going down to the allotment early in the day to water. It's so great to move down empty streets when few are stirring to then come home for a shower and breakfast.

It is that great time of year when we can get something back for our labours. So here I am around the longest day, picking loads of peas from my first row nurtured under fleece. This is to keep away the pigeons that enjoy pecking at young leaves. I also have got good germination by defending the seeds from mice by my deterrent, Olbas oil! As well as peas, we have broad beans just coming and in another couple of weeks, we will have French beans. The courgettes are starting too. You always have too many of them! Spinach, beetroot and lettuce are all ready for picking and, hurrah, I have, amazingly, good germination with parsnips. So unusual for me. We have yet to have the "discussion" whether it is time or too early to dig up our early potatoes but they are now in flower.

Back home in Staffordshire, renowned for pork butchery, a dish of this time of year uses the broad beans and new potatoes to accompany gammon steak with the fat from frying the meat poured over the veg (tut tut - health warning) – and both the potatoes and the broad beans are boiled with a sprig of mint.

Podding peas and beans is a great annual treat for me and, if the grandchildren are visiting, they like it too. Usually we have a competition to find the most number of peas in a pod and cries go up "I've got a tenner!" or "this one had only got eight!" - said with a sigh.

Fruit-wise, I have been picking rhubarb for a while. The dustbin goes over a plant to force it

and then the bin is moved onto the next root. But I will leave it to its own devices from now on and use the bin to make evil-smelling comfrey fertiliser. I do not grow strawberries, I can pop up to the Pick-Your-Own for those, but my 2-year-old row of raspberries is just starting to crop. At least the summer-fruiting ones are. I love raspberries just as they are and freeze any excess for ice creams and sorbets but I usually will make a jelly, using one of my collection of moulds, for any visitors. In the next couple of weeks my jostaberries will be ripe and then it's me against the birds! Wimbledon tennis is now a week later so maybe this year I will not be distracted - and get there first!

We are enjoying the garden at home now my cottage-garden type borders are doing their thing. We have had masses of foxgloves and other plants are now coming in to take over the show. I do like to enjoy the garden but it is impossible not to come away with a handful of bindweed whenever I do my look-around. I am keeping my smart phone with me to catch any shots of bumblebees visiting flowers as I am taking part in the Blooms for Bees survey. There is concern about the declining numbers of pollinating insects and of bees in particular. Hopefully, we might have an idea of how many there are and what flowers they prefer. Gardens and allotments are vibrant flower-rich habitats and maybe we can identify the best plants to grow to help our 25 native species of bumblebees. They love foxgloves but they disappear up inside. I suppose you might be able to say that it is a white- or red-tailed from its rear end!

Have a great summer!

Joan Coleman

COWLEY WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

21 June 2017 – the summer solstice and the hottest day since the heatwave summer of 1976!

Any thought of having a Summer Party in the garden at the Church Centre was quickly abandoned,, and we opened all the doors and windows and held our meeting indoors in the cool and comfortable hall.

After a short business session including our delegate's report on the National Annual meeting which had been held in Liverpool at the beginning of the month, we played a selection of games, took part in competitions, supported a Bring and Buy sale, and enjoyed a Cream Tea.

Our next meeting will be held at 2 pm on Wednesday, 19 July when a member of the Oxfordshire Trading Standards Department will give a presentation on Scam Awareness.

We then take a summer break for a few weeks before resuming meetings on Wednesday, 20 September, with a presentation "Music of London".

Ann Withers
President, Cowley WI-

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St James' Day

toys crafts songs
story

All ages are welcome

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Tuesday 25th July

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Christian Aid 2017

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK 2017 (May 14-20) totalled £2,088 from our Big Brekkie, Coffee morning, bucket collection at Templars Square, events at our three Parish Schools and church congregation donations; that was excellent! Thank you so much to all donors.

We already had £145 in the kitty from the Fairtrade Super Soup lunch on 5 March; to this total will be added the proceeds of the QUIZ AID evening on Friday 30 June - results next time. And then there will be the WINGWALK.

WINGWALK for Christian Aid and Oxfordshire Outdoor Learning Trust on Saturday 2 September, 12.00 at Chiltern Park Aerodrome, Ipsden, near Wallingford OX10 6AS

My doctor has declared me fit and sane so I am now preparing mentally for my wingwalk, strapped into a rig, standing on top of a biplane and enjoying a breezy 10 minute flight, which includes steep climbs and a low level fly past for the benefit of spectators. I would love to have supporters to come and cheer and share lunch afterwards



Sponsorship of this somewhat crazy undertaking will be shared between Christian Aid on a paper form – which is available now - and on line Just Giving page for Oxfordshire Outdoor Learning Trust, of which I am Secretary – it provides bursaries for underprivileged children and young people to attend outdoor learning weeks at the Oxfordshire Outdoor Centres (Yenworthy Lodge, Woodlands, Kilvrough Manor) with their peers.

www.justgiving.com/Lesley-Williams-Wingwalk

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DIARY DATES TO REMEMBER

Mothers' Union

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

17 July 2017 – Summer Tea Party

St James Church Centre

Women's Institute

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

19 July 2017 – A talk on Scam Awareness by a member of the Trading Standards Department

St James Church Centre

Gardening

Last Saturday of the month – Gardening at St James Church/St James Church Centre

Weston-Super-Mare Coach Trip

Saturday, 8 July 2017, leaving at 8 am.

Film Club

Friday, 14 July 2017 – "A Walk in the Woods"

St James Church Centre, commencing at 6.30 pm
with coffee and cake

Open Garden

Saturday, 15 July 2017, 2 – 4 pm

Shirley Costar's home, 187 Oxford Road, Garsington.

St James Afternoon Tea followed by Evening Worship

Sunday, 23 July 2017

Rectory Garden (Church Centre if wet)

Messy Church

Tuesday, 25 July 2017, 10 am – 2 pm

St James Church Centre

Fun Day in the Park with picnic and games (AALC)

Saturday, 29 July 2017

Film Club

Friday, 11 August 2017 – "Gigi"

St James Church Centre, commencing at 6.30 pm
with coffee and cake

Tea Party

Saturday, 26 August 2017 2.30 – 4.30 pm
Rectory

Saturday, 9 September 2017

Ride and Stride

Open Doors

Wedding Festival

St Francis Church Committee

Sunday, 10 September 2017, at 12.15 pm

St Francis Church

Cowley Festival of Christmas Trees 2017

Next Planning Meeting – Wednesday, 13 September
2017, at 9.30 am

St James Church Centre

St James Church Committee

Sunday, 17 September 2017, at 12 noon

St James Church Centre

Mission and Social Planning Meeting

Tuesday, 19 September 2017, 7.30 pm

88 Temple Road

Decorating the church for Harvest

Saturday, 23 September 2017 at 10 am

St Francis Church

Harvest Thanksgiving

Sunday, 24 September 2017 at 10.30 am

Parochial Church Council

Sunday, 1 October 2017, at 12.15 pm

St Francis Church

REMEMBER – There are no Tuesday Lunches at St James Church Centre during August – the last lunch before the break is on 18 July 2017, with lunches commencing again on the 5 September 2017.

News from the Bell Tower

We are very happy to have two new recruits, Lesley and Rio; a mother and son, who have just begun to learn to ring with us. I have really enjoyed having the opportunity to teach them, as I recently completed my Association of Ringing Teachers training, and am happy to have the opportunity to use these skills to keep them fresh.

We continue to ring for most Sunday services, and practice on a Thursday evening when numbers allow. I was on holiday and therefore not available for the wedding ringing in May at Cowley, but was really happy that the band was made up entirely from Cowley ringers. We also rang a quarter peal to honour the life of May Morgan, who so sadly passed away in April. All successful quarter peals are published on the ringing website site "Bellboard", and the quarter peal honouring May was listed as follows:

Oxford Diocesan Guild

Cowley, Oxfordshire

St James

Saturday, 29 April 2017 in 37m (5-3-3 in C)

1260 May Day Doubles

1 Lindsay Powell

2 Emma Stanford

3 John G Pusey

4 Andrew R Freer

5 Rosanna Cretney (C)

6 Mary E Bayliss

First blows in variation for all.

Circled the tower to quarter peals: 5.

Rung in celebration of the life of May Morgan, who passed away on 19th April 2017. A valued member of the St James congregation and a former bellringer, she will be greatly missed.

We were pleased to hear that some of her family gathered outside to listen to it being rung, although I am also relieved I did not know this until afterwards, or we might have felt under a little pressure not to go wrong!

I am aware that the language bell ringers' use might seem obscure, so for those of you who are interested here is a brief explanation of what some of the wording in the Bellboard submission mean. Starting simply, 37m is pretty obvious – that's how long it took to ring. (5-3-3- in C) is the weight and note of the heaviest bell (number 6, the tenor), measure in hundredweights. 1260 is the length of the quarter peal – in other words, each ringer pulled their rope 1260 times, meaning we rang 1260 "changes". A full peal is around 5040 changes long, and usually takes about 2 and a half to three hours, depending on the weight of the bells. Some of you may have heard the visiting band this past Saturday ringing a full peal at Cowley. May Day is the name of the Variation which we rang. Ringers ring methods or variations, with variations being close to the original method, but with certain changes. I would be happy to explain to anyone who wants to know, but think the explanation might take too long here! Doubles denotes that there were five bells changing placed throughout, with the tenor remaining at the back, providing the rhythm. If instead of doubles it said minor, it would have meant that all the bells were weaving in and out with each other. First blows in variation means that no one in the band had rung that particular variation before the quarter peal, although all were familiar with the method it was derived from. Finally, circled the tower to quarter peals means that Rosie has now rung a quarter peal on every one of the bells at Cowley.

As always, if you would like to know more, see the bells being rung, or have a lesson, please do let me know. We are usually at the Tower between 7.30 and 9pm on a Thursday, but do telephone me to check first.

Lindsay Powell

Tower Captain

St James Bell Ringers

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OPEN THE BOOK

Most of the Parish Open the Book team enjoyed an inspiring training day at the church of St John the Baptist, Grove on 20 June, with major input from Bob Hartman, the author of the Storyteller Bible, which we use for the assemblies. There were also lots of practical ideas for our presentations. A common theme all day was the importance of fun for story presenters and audience.

A new book will be published in July with stories linked to the Christian values promoted in our schools.

We are JAM ('just about managing') the assemblies without Skye and Joel but are now about also to lose Roz Ware so this is our latest appeal for some new team members to share the joy of storytelling – alternate weeks in one or more of our three schools, an hour each time to meet, prepare, tell/enact the story, clear and plan the next time

Mondays – 08.45 – St Christopher's, Temple Road

Tuesdays – 10.00 – Church Cowley St James, Bartholomew Road

Thursdays – 10.00 – St Francis School, Horspath Road

Why not come and observe in one of the schools to see if it fits your style – it's a great mission statement.

Talk to/contact: Geoff or Lesley Williams or Jill Ling or Joan Coleman

CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL 2017

Friday 9 – Saturday 19 December 2017

Nothing yet to add to last month's report, so we will just keep you involved by repeating that the planning is under way: as usual at this stage of the year, we have the dates, an outline of the programme – although we have still to review the opening times - and the core organisers although also as usual we would love to be joined by at least a couple more people – particularly someone to spend time on social media and websites to get the word out to Oxford and the world. And someone with sales skills who enjoys approaching companies for sponsorship. Neither of those role holders would need to attend meetings if they could not or did not want to!

The theme is something about Journeys (Mary & Joseph, the Holy Family, the Wise Men, pilgrimage, refugees, personal journeys, the journey of life.....) but we have not yet come up with the zappy 2-4 word title and would welcome ideas..... 'At journey's end' - 'Travel on' ?

The next planning meeting will be Wednesday 13 September 2017, at 9.30 am, at St James Church Centre

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Open Afternoon

The Hospital Chaplaincy Team would like to invite you to an Open Afternoon on Wednesday 23rd August 2017 from 4-6pm in the League of Friends Café, Level 2 in the main John Radcliffe Building.

This is a 'Getting to Know You' opportunity for local community leaders, faith groups, and those interested to explore volunteer roles with the chaplaincy. All are warmly invited.

For further information call us on 01865 857921 or Chaplaincy@ouh.nhs.uk

MOTHERS' UNION NEWS

It is really delightful to see how many members come along to our monthly branch meetings. June saw a full attendance and we were treated to a fascinating illustrated talk on Medieval Cathedrals by Mr Chris Caddy from Abingdon. The best speakers are always those who love their subject and this was no exception. We were told of the development of the fine examples of architectural style from Norman times through the subsequent four centuries. This may sound rather pedantic but with Mr Caddy's carefully chosen illustrations and the beauty of our wonderful cathedrals we were enthralled.

We have received a charming letter from the John Radcliffe's Children's Hospital thanking us for the wonderful knitted garments and cot blankets they received from our branch. We shall continue to donate to them in our support of

local families in times of crisis in their lives. We have also been asked to donate tea, coffee and biscuits to offer to parents in the Parents' Room. Once people have entrusted their precious children to the care and expertise of the medical and surgical staff they often collapse into a chair in need of a warm drink and a biscuit. We think we can help.

Our July meeting on Monday, 17th will be the summer tea-party. This year members thought it would be fun to bring along a favourite book to read on holiday. So we hope that a good selection of ideas will be swapped over a cuppa and our summery tea.

The Committee met after the branch meeting to plan next year's programme. This is well under way and we hope to have the list ready for our July meeting.

FROM THE ARCHIVES

COWLEY CHURCH & HOME MAGAZINE

July 1894

THE NEW SCHOOL AT TEMPLE COWLEY

This building is rapidly going on, and the builders, Messrs. Wilkins & Son, say it will be finished by the 14th July. It will have cost £860 for bricks and mortar, and we require £350 to pay off the balance. The block which now may be seen has cost £2,400. Out of this sum only £350 is required to make the block free of debt. I shall have to borrow £300, as the builders must be paid within 21 days of completion. I shall stand by this work, as I consider it my duty to do so. At the same time, I hope that every ratepayer will make himself acquainted with the real facts which belong to elementary education.

The difficulties in almost every parish in this country are great. These are aggravated very much by the persons who administer the Acts of Parliament under which we, the clergy of the Church of England, and the Roman Catholics work. At this time we are harassed by the present Minister, Mr. Acland, who, as many of my readers will remember, was a deacon in the Church of England, and lived with us in this parish. His views of religion have changed, and he has become a real antagonist to the clergy. His mode of operation is well known. His policy is to harass those who are responsible to the Government for the education of the children in our Voluntary Schools. Every person who knows Mr. Acland is well aware of the fact when he was a clergyman he took no interest in the education of the children of the poor. He never gave a moment of his time or a penny of his money; with him it is merely a political job. Until the fathers of the children had a vote he took no interest in this question, and now he has changed his own views he wishes the children of the poor to be brought up *without* religion, and he uses his position to further this end. Those who agree with me will oppose him, and do our best to bring before the parents of the children the real points at issue. Mr. Acland is trying to force by his policy such teaching as the middle classes and all those who have means reject. They will have their children brought up in their own faith, and they are right. Mr. Acland by his policy is trying to force School Boards in every parish, with a view of deposing religion and depriving the poor man of the right to select his own religious belief. The bottom of all our troubles is this. Political jobbers say otherwise, but I appeal to the common sense of our working population, and ask them to think for themselves. They may watch with interest the conduct of certain members of the London School Board, and they will see how defective the School Board system is.

The majority of the Board discovered some time ago that some of the teachers in the schools were teaching Unitarian doctrines, and teaching the children that our Blessed Lord was merely a man as we are. This has been well-known for some time, for when we required a Head Teacher in one of our schools some time ago, I selected two who were working under the London School Board out of 60 candidates. Both these teachers, unknown to each other, told me that in both the schools where they worked teachers were teaching the Unitarian doctrines. No doubt the majority of the Board feel this cannot be allowed, and from a Christian point of view, how can it? The compromise in 1870 was a limited compromise. It was never thought possible that teachers would teach Unitarian theology. Now what is the state of things? 3,100 teachers have said that they will not be interfered with. They give as their reason that some of their number are unable to teach the Godhead of our Blessed Lord, and "they must defend the weak." I am ashamed to add that three-fourths of these

teachers were brought up in Church Training Colleges. That many of them will repent of their action I am quite certain. But, now what are the real facts? Elementary teachers have joined themselves, at least many of them, into a Union. The Union, of course, like all other Unions, is worked by men who watch their own interests. And these 3,100 teachers have done what the Union has told them.

Three-fourths of them have said before at a very solemn time that they believe our Lord to be very God, and a clergyman in each case has said he believes their word. Now, the Union has said that you can get your salary without any religious test, and we request you, for the sake of the Unitarian, or as they call it the weaker member, to decline to teach the "Christian Religion." The Board merely request "Christian Religion." All of us know what this means. The Union now says that in November next the majority will be turned into a minority, and then the teachers can teach what they like. Those who know the English character must feel that this is very dangerous advice. The poor man has the right to select the religion of his own child, and he will not in the long run allow this Union or the teachers to teach his child what they like. The clergy of the Church of England, the Roman Catholics, and every religious dissenter will stand by the poor man in his protest, and the history of this country suggests that the poor man will win in the struggle, which is now near.

Our schools may be closed by the conduct that I have described, and the clergy may be deposed for a time. The Union and these teachers may hold the position, but it will only be for a limited period. Truth, liberty and conscience will strike these hip and thigh in the future, and those who are faithful in the English Church will face the prison doors of this country before they will kneel at the feet of these Anti-Christian men and women, whether they are ministers of the State or leaders of Unions.

GEORGE MOORE,
Vicar of Cowley

NEW SCHOOL

The new school at Temple Cowley was finished on Friday, the 3rd August, and we hope to open it by a parish tea, the date of which has not been fixed. Friends who are willing to assist us might do so by giving a "tray," that is a supply for 16 persons, or might take a collecting card to secure the £300 still wanted. This work is most important at this period when the enemies of Voluntary Schools are in power and when they are looking forward to their extinction with eyes full of unfairness and unreality. It is the duty of every Churchman to do his best to protect the interest of these schools and to give the poor the opportunity of having a school at their doors which puts religion in its proper place.

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BAND OF HOPE TREAT

On Tuesday 14th July, the children of the Band of Hope, with some of their friends (144), went to Blenheim Park; on this occasion also the weather was very favourable. We all started from the School House at about 10.30, and left the Oxford Station soon after 12.00. This being a new place, the children found ready at hand plenty to amuse them. A most pleasant day was spent, and the children were brought back under the direction of Mr. Hallewell, manager of the Oxford Tram Company, to whom much is due for his kindness and care. The following is the account of the costs &c:-

Statement of accounts for the annual treat of the Band of Hope.

Receipts

	£.	s.	d.
Donations Received	9	5	6 ½

Expenditure

	£.	s.	d.
Railway Tickets	3	12	0
Groceries: Tea, sugar, biscuits, scones, potted meat, cake, &c.	1	19	2 ½
Butter	0	8	2
Bread	0	3	10 ½
Sweets	0	6	6
Milk	0	2	3
Hire of urns, crockery and seats	0	3	6
Porterage	0	2	9
Boiling water, &c.	0	7	0
Tram and 'bus	1	5	0
Balance in hand	0	15	3 ½
TOTAL	9	5	6 ½

(Signed) KATE ROBINSON

Researched by Les Hemsworth

Donnington Bible Study

We meet in the Michael's house on a weekday morning.

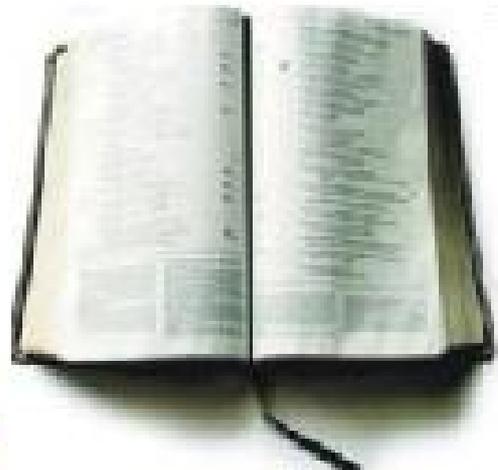
We read a passage and discuss it, finishing with a prayer followed by a cup of coffee.

If you are interested in participating, please phone

Patricia on Oxford 247176
or Mandy on Oxford 682938.

Thank you.

Next meeting: Monday 3rd July 10:30
to study Luke's Gospel



Churches Within Our Deanery

St Mary, Headington



St Mary's Church was built during the mid-1950's and consecrated on June 20th 1958. The architect was Nugent Cachemaille-Day who was responsible for the design of around 50 other new church buildings in his lifetime. Positioned at the top of Bayswater Road the church is thought to resemble the ark coming to rest on Mount Ararat.

However, there has been a church presence in the area for much longer. Way back in 1936 church services were being held in the study of Bayswater Farm, but during the war with the influx of evacuees from London the study became too small so the services moved to Sandhills School.

Gradually, however the people of Sandhills raised enough money for a church of their own and in December 1948, a nissen hut, dedicated to St Mary was consecrated by the Bishop of Dorchester. It stood on a site, on what is now the corner of Watermill Way and Bayswater Farm Road. Local people gave many gifts for the church including the altar and its furnishings, the lectern, cross, alms dish, candlesticks and vases. The Diocesan Magazine of the time reported that the Dedication service was "a heartening occasion" and that the church "capable of seating 140 people" was "overfilled at the service".

From 1948 to 1958, services were being held in the St Mary's nissen hut church, in the Barton Community Centre, and in the King Charles Church hall. This was the hut formerly used by the Foreman of Works during the building of the Barton Estate, 1945-48 and was a gift from the Society of King Charles the Martyr. It was situated where the Lydia Close flats now stand.

The present church of St Mary was consecrated on 20th June 1958 by Dr Harry Carpenter, Bishop of Oxford. It was reported in the local newspapers that well over 500 people came to that first Dedication service. The cost of building and furnishing the church was about £17,000, and nearly a third was raised by the parishioners. Street collections, fetes, bazaars, even a "Buy-a-Brick for St Mary's" campaign all raised the money. The small chapel is dedicated to King Charles the Martyr, to commemorate the help given by the Society. The new St Mary's also received many fine gifts which included the wooden font given by St Mary the Virgin Church, Oxford, and the statue of St Mary and the Christ child given by St Thomas' Convent, Oxford. The organ was also a gift, given later by the Revd. E. Roberts of Forest Hill in memory of his wife.

Wendy Jones

St Mary's Church, Headington



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RECIPE

The following are extracts from Cakes, Bakes, Puddings and Prayers by Susan Over – hope you enjoy:



Sunshine Drizzle Cake

An easy tray-bake to brighten the dulllest day. Why not invite someone round to share it?

Ingredients

- 1 large orange
- 110g (4 oz) margarine
- 110 g (4oz caster sugar)
- 2 large eggs
- 225g (8 oz) self raising flour
- 6 tablespoons milk
- 225g (8 oz) icing sugar

[For a sharper taste, substitute lemon juice for some of the orange]

Method

1. Preheat oven to gas mark 4/180°C/350°F. Grease a shallow Swiss roll tin, 28 cm x 17.5 cm (11 in x 7 in), and line with baking parchment, leaving a little sticking out at either end.
2. Grate zest from the orange. Cut in half and squeeze out the juice to use later.
3. Cream margarine, sugar and zest together until light and fluffy.
4. Beat eggs and then add to mixture with a little flour, beating until smooth.
5. Fold in remaining sifted flour and add the milk.
6. Turn into tin and smooth the surface with a palette knife.
7. Bake in centre of oven for 25-30 minutes until golden and springy to the touch.
8. Place the tin on a wire cooling rack.
9. Sift the icing sugar into a bowl and add the orange juice, avoiding any membrane. Beat until smooth, then spread over warm cake.
10. Leave in tin until cool, and the icing is set, then carefully lift out and remove paper.

Makes 14 – 16 slices

Be joyful always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances,
For this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.
1 Thessalonians 5-16 (NIV)

Glad that I live am I, that the sky is blue
Glad for the country lanes and the fall of dew
After the sun the rain, after the rain the sun
This is the way of life till the work be done.

All that we need to do, be we low or high,
is to see that we grow nearer the sky.

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Film Club at the Centre

In response to several requests from club members the film chosen for our June meeting was "Chariots of Fire". Although many of us had seen it years ago it proved to have stood the test of time and what an excellent film it is. We really cared when Eric Liddell held on to his Christian principle of not taking part in competitive racing on a Sunday despite the fact that he was representing his country at the Olympic Games and despite the persuasive powers of the Prince of Wales. We really cared when he finally ran in a rescheduled race and won and we really cared when Harold Abrahams won his gold medal too. What was fascinating was the extraordinary and primitive ways that athletes prepared for their events (a world away from our present day competitors). To crown the evening the musical score is beautiful and proved how much music can enhance one's pleasure.

"A Walk in the Woods" is this month's choice, a very modern film which was only released in 2016. Most people have heard of or even read the Bill Bryson books with his astute take on the

many places he has visited. The film is an interpretation of an adventure he took with his cantankerous friend, Katz. They chose to hike the improbable 2,200 mile Appalachian Trail from Maine to Georgia in the USA. It is a very entertaining adventure with plenty of hilarious moments. Robert Redford and Nick Nolte star with Emma Thompson taking the part of Bryson's wife.

We have scheduled a musical, light-hearted and with a happy ending for each of our August club evenings since we began nearly five years ago. This year is no exception. "Gigi" is this year's choice and what a delightful film it is. Who can resist the charming performance of pretty little Lesley Caron, the suave way that Louis Jourdan cruises through his scenes or that lovely moment when Maurice Chevalier and Hermione Gingold sing "Ah yes, I remember it well"? Thank heaven for little girls and for our very happy film club evenings.

Rosanne Butler

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Simple Tea and Scones
on the
Rectory Lawn
Saturday 26th
August
2:30 to 4:30 pm**



Una's Corner

Oxford Mail

I was brought up on the Oxford Mail - my father spent his entire working life on the paper. This was in the days before computer and the Mail was printed in New Inn Hall Street on huge machines which began with a huge roll of white paper which came out at the other end as printed newspapers with every twelfth copy slightly askew to aid counting. There was a long process before that stage was reached and that was the noisiest part. As children we were allowed to go all over the building, walking on catwalks over the big rollers, no Health and safety then. I can explain the whole process that went into producing the paper if anyone is interested.

When I first began to lose my sight it was reading that I missed most, if I had nothing else to read I would read the cornflake packet. I discovered the RNIB talking books and they proved a life saver and they not abridged and they have a huge variety of books available. I missed my Oxford Mail very much and mourned the fact I could no longer read it. Then I discovered Oxtalk. This is a weekly memory or CD whichever the blind person wishes. There are excerpts from the week's Mail plus any interesting activities in Oxford such as touch tours in the museum and so on. It is all done by volunteers, there are technical people, those who select the items to go into the recording, readers, copiers, packers and posters. The items are recorded on a Tuesday and I usually get my copy on a Thursday. I value it highly.

Perhaps if anyone would like a voluntary job they could think about Oxtalk. It cannot be too arduous as there are different people named in the various jobs so it is not a weekly commitment. If anyone is interested please contact:

Oxtalk
Care of The Oxford Association for the Blind
Gordon Woodward Way
Oxford

It is on the site of the old Rivermead hospital.

I know that Anne Robinson who frequently comes to Tuesday lunch is a volunteer for the Abingdon paper. You may know her as Frank's sister.

1937

A friend gave me a silver sixpence minted in the year of my birth for my birthday in May. What she did not realise was that the sixpence, which is in a transparent box, is a commemorative coin to celebrate the coronation of George VI. His elder brother abdicated the year before and King George became King and his coronation was in May the following year – 1937 a few days before I was born.

Florence Park

Have you ever noticed the avenue of horse chestnut trees down the main avenue in Florence Park? They stretched the whole length of the avenue originally alternately white and pink. These trees were planted to mark the coronation of King George. My mother went to watch the occasion and took with

her my elder brother who was nearly five and she was nine months pregnant with me. It was all explained to me when I grew up a bit and my mother explained that all the local schools brought the children to the park to witness the occasion. I learnt many years later that one of the little boys sitting on the grass opposite where my mother was standing grew up and became my husband.

I think most people know by now why the park is called Florence Park and not Cowley Park. There is a plaque on one of the pillars by the main gate in Florence Park Road. The builder who built the estates surrounding the park was called Moss. The whole area was a marsh. He built the houses in Ridgefield Road where I was born and brought up and all the estate round there and the Florence Park estate. He drained as much land as he could. My father bought a house from new at the Magdalen Road end and my mother recalls having to wear boots through the mud to Magdalen Road where she and all the other women changed into shoes and left their boots on the corner for the walk home again. The area in the middle of the buildings was the sink of the marsh land and could not, at that time in the early thirties be drained. Mr Moss gave the land to the local people to be used as a park providing it was named for his sister Florence who died at a young age. The Council were able to drain the land sufficiently to lay it out as a park. It was one of my playgrounds as a child.

I am sure people have noticed that Cricket Road and Rymers Lane meet with no apparent logic as to why there should be two names for the same road. When I was a child Cricket Road stopped at the first entrance to the park and Rymers stopped at the last entrance gate. In between, running along the length of the park was a lane divided down the middle by a row of trees and bushes. Many years later the lane was removed and the two roads met.

While in the neighbourhood, one more thing. I remember that on VE day on the corner of Drove Acre Road which linked Ridgefield Road and Cricket Road and quite close to my home on the opposite side of Ridgefield Road we had a huge bonfire. I was not very old and I remember clearly being half afraid or the size of the fire. When the detritus was cleared away several days later the road surface had been melted in a huge circle on that corner. I thought we would all get into trouble but it was repaired safely.

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Deanery Synod Meeting, 15 May 2017 at St Michaels and All Angels, New Marston

Bishop Steven address to the meeting on the "Cowley Deanery Vision". His address included the following points:

The Bishop likes to go to church to know and to be known. Happy to be invited, not just to 'Specials' and Confirmations.

About:

Christian Aid Challenge "Desert Island Risks" 5 things to take.

Special Bible

Ipad and earphones

Cross

Running shoes

Wooden spoon (love of baking!)

Personally:

1. Child of God

2. Son to Marion and Jim

3. Husband to Ann

4. Father to Paul, Andy (married to Beth with Josiah and Judah), Amy (engaged to Simon) Sarah (married to Simon.)

Enjoys new challenges. Speciality in migration, Artificial Intelligence, Environmental Issues, Poverty, running and baking.

What does Bishop Steven think Cowley Deanery's First question should be?

"What is your vision for the church in this Diocese."

History of Vision:

10 years ago. Working in Oxford for Fresh Expression. Leading a conference for Portsmouth Diocese with a talk titled "Vision for the C/E for the next 25 years."!

Welcomed the opportunity to think through the question.... What was it?

Early thoughts: Vision to be growing with people coming to faith....

Should be a mixed economy, not enough there to excite and motivate....

Realised it was simple and straightforward...

"To be more like Jesus". To be more Christ-like, to be like the name we bear.

Who we are is more important than what we do.

Vision based on the Beatitudes. Eight sayings beginning with "Blessed".

Jesus is speaking to the disciples and not the crowds. Words of affirmation Joy and hope, with a promise attached.

Jesus here is praying for the church (you in Greek is plural) not individual blessings but words address to us 'the church'.

- Blessed:
- are the poor in spirit – those (the church) who know their need of God.
 - are those who mourn – (not just bereaved) but for the whole church a lament for the suffering in the world.
 - Are the meek – C/E not very good at being meek. Being close to the ground. (humus, earth.)
 - Are those who hunger and thirst for righteous – those concerned about social justice.
 - Are the merciful – kindness, tenderness, gentleness
 - Are the pure in heart - will see God.
 - Are the peacemakers – will be called children of God
 - Are those who are persecuted because of their righteousness – those who bear the cost of their discipleship.

What kind of church are we called to be? “A Christ-like one.” And our vision will help us to articulate who we are and what we are hoping to be.

So three words... Contemplative... to dwell deeply in the word of God
 Compassionate.... fully involved in matters of justice and mercy.
 Courageous Hunger and thirst for justice, peace and reconciliation. To have boldness in witness and willingness to bear the cost.



Ladies Pudding Party!

On Tuesday 27th June, a group of lovely people came to the Rectory to taste some delicious puddings and cakes and spend time together chatting.

Amazing puddings were created by many talented cooks and most people tried many most of them!!! This time, donations were asked for AFIA. *Away From It All* is a Mothers' Union holiday scheme, to help people who are experiencing stress in their family life. Mothers' Union normally helps with part of the cost of a holiday or with travel ex-

penses, but sometimes can pay for the whole trip. The funds are limited but they will always help as much as they can. Rosanne Butler on behalf of the Cowley MU will be sending off £53 so thank you so much for your generosity. Thank you too those who made a pudding and to those who came. It was good to have time to catch up with different people.

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

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