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Chronicle

April 2018

From the Editors

Sally Hemsworth and Nicki Stevens

It is very difficult to appreciate we are now a quarter of the way through 2018 – even the wintery weather has not slowed things up!

We are pleased to report that Chloe Clark has volunteered to help set up the Chronicle when needed – it is a real relief to know we have this additional help. If anyone is able to help collect/suggest articles this would be extremely useful also.

Good news about the Group Holiday – it is going ahead although we have not reached our target of 30. So if you are interested do not hesitate to contact Pat Chambers or Sally Hemsworth.

The Parish Walkers have planned a couple of Parish Walks in April but perhaps on reading Joan Coleman's article they may feel that a stroll around Addison's Walk in Magdalen College to see the snake's head fritillaries should be fitted in!

Una's corner continues to evoke memories especially for those who have lived in Cowley a long time – Welsh Rarebit at Fulbrook Farm milk bar, after a visit to the Regal Cinema, is a fond memory!

We look forward to receiving your articles – make them as varied as possible – these make the Chronicle special. Articles can be emailed and sent to the Chronicle email address, or delivered to the Parish Office.

Would YOU like to be more involved? You have a year to think about it!

At the Annual Parish meeting (APCM) on Sunday 29th April, I shall give notice that, if no-one comes forward to take over at that meeting, I will be resigning from the position of Treasurer to the Parish at the next APCM in 2019. I will have done eleven and a half years and I feel that it is time to pass the baton on to someone else.

I have no background in finance but we do use some very clever software that makes life much easier. If you want to come along and have a look, do let me know.

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A word from the Rectory



Over the last months Bishop Steven has been calling us to be a more Christ like Church: More

Contemplative, Compassionate and Courageous. But how do we develop a deeper understanding of what that means? During the last month I attended an evening that touched on a small part of that. Bishop Steven's vision is that we will not only be a church that comes to a faith in Jesus Christ, but that we will continue to grow in our faith.

As a Church family we have developed some good ways that people can learn the very basics of the Christian faith. Since my arrival we have run several Alpha courses. These act as maternity suites where new faith can be born. They deal with very important ideas that help us to discover Jesus as a Friend, Saviour and King. There will be a new evening course starting very soon, as will a morning group for adults with babies and toddlers. It will happen on Wednesday Mornings in the St James Church Centre. The toys for toddlers will be out and alongside adults can watch and discuss the Alpha material. It should be a really brilliant time. (Do please speak to Mary Bayliss or Jill Ling for more details.)

But what comes after that? As we read the Bible we see that all Christians need to continue to grow in their understanding. Paul talks about it in his letter to the Corinthians (1 Cor 3). We start needing simple spiritual

food but with time we begin to grapple with the harder challenges that the world presents. This ongoing learning about the Christian faith has been called 'Catechesis'. It is nothing difficult, just us getting to know better; Jesus, God the Father, and the Holy Spirit. It is about us understanding ourselves and discovering what life that is full of goodness is about, and what the world full of goodness might look like.

Bishop Steven suggests that the Lord's Prayer, the Ten Commandments and the Apostle's Creed contain 'stuff' that will help every Christian grow. So, over the next year we will be providing opportunities for people to have

a deeper look at some material that focuses on these.

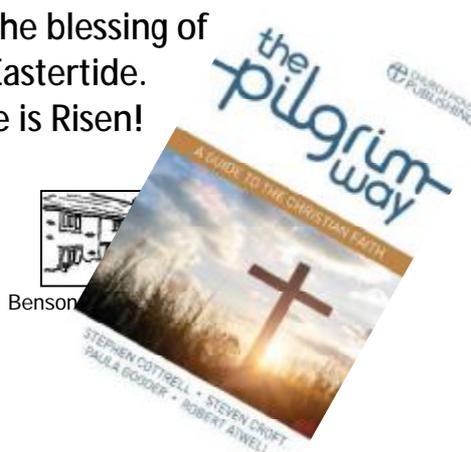
There is a small booklet called 'the Pilgrim way' that provides some help.

Bishop Steven also suggests we adopt a rhythm to the year that includes both opportunities for people to learn for the first time about Jesus, AND, opportunities to

deepen that understanding. A cycle in a year might include a time of sowing, nurture and deepening:

Amongst all the other things we do, please keep your eyes open for time when you can grow.

May you know the blessing of God this joyful Eastertide. Hallelujah for He is Risen!



SAFEGUARDING

In response to recent sad failings in protecting and safeguarding children, young people and vulnerable adults, the Anglican Church and therefore the Diocese of Oxford is setting in place a detailed mandatory training structure for all Parish officers and volunteers who have any contact with or the chance to influence children, young people or vulnerable adults or who have access to confidential information. The basic training (C0) for the majority of our volunteer officers is an on line awareness raising course. Those with more responsibility and contact are required to take that *and* attend a delivered course (C1) especially adapted to church life, and for certain roles it's also C2, S1 and S2.

Lesley Williams, Parish Safeguarding Officer, is contacting by e-mail or letter all those who must be registered and trained but anyone else who recognises that Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility is welcome to study the course. It can be done on line at home – instructions will be supplied - but we are also offering the following times to undertake it together in groups at St James Centre, in order to be able to discuss the issues, particularly how they pertain to the Parish of Cowley.

Tuesday 10 April	7.00 light supper	7.30-9.30
Saturday 14 April and Saturday 21 April		10.00-12.00

There will be further dates if these do not suffice for all those required to complete the course.

We also hope to arrange a C1 delivered course here

So you should receive a letter if you are: vergers, sidesperson/welcomer, flower arranger, bell ringer, office volunteer, reader, chalice administrator, coffee server, church committee member, PCC member, Children's Church/Sunday Club, Little Stars/Seashells worker, Open the Book team member, church warden, choir leader, pastoral team member, prayer space leader, volunteer driver.

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PERSONALLY SPEAKING

Congratulations to our Rector, Geoff Bayliss, on his appointment as Area Dean. We hope to learn more about the duties of Area Dean in a future edition of The Chronicle.

CHRISTIAN AID

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK 13-19 May



Templars Square charity stall:

The volunteer sign up list will be available soon to man/person the stall with a tombola and cakes plus balloons and a challenge activity for children.

Small item donations for the tombola are welcome right now – cakes later!

We will aim to be there for two hours Sunday 13 May and each weekday afternoon and all day Saturday 19 May

Big Brekkie on Sunday 13 May, 8:45-9:45 am at St James Centre – treats in store

Coffee morning on Wednesday 16 May – by invitation of Lyn Lord
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Further ahead:

Christian Aid Quiz Aid on Friday 29 June - *write it in your diary now!*

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tomato and other veg plants,
herbs, etc.

bric-a-brac, cakes, preserves,
raffle, refreshments

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Is it Spring yet?

It is heart-warming to see flowers shaking off the effects of the snow and bitter winds of recent days but my garden is somewhat lacking in the welcome yellow from daffodils. On closer inspection, I find that, where there should be flowers, there remains a nibbled stump! Without evidence of slime trails, I still do think that this is the work of slugs, but not the big brutish ones but those little black ones that live in the soil and come out to feed in the hours of darkness. As it is, I still feel that we can't have enough of one of my favourite flowers so I will note that I must plant more bulbs later in the year and hope that the slugs will spare them.

I also have had nibbling on the fat buds of my camellia. I think that this is due to bird pecking. The rounded remains were scattered around the pot and the bird feeders are not too far away. The buds were beginning to show pink just before the bad weather so I did cover the plant with fleece both to prevent damage to the flowers by frost and wind as well as to remove temptation from the birds.

The cold and wet weather has put back our start on the allotment this season. The seed potatoes are chitting strongly and the shallots and onion sets have been started in the greenhouse in modules. All of these are awaiting the ground to be dug over and manured and some warming by the spring sunshine. The wheelbarrow has been taken down to the plot for the job of trundling manure to every second spit in the digging

process. This job is, of course, one for my other half.

I have a notebook where I record my planting plans for the year. I now have a problem with where to put the onions and leeks this and subsequent years as we had the leek moth infestation last year and good practice says that we should not use that patch of soil for five years! If we get it again this year, that's another five years for another patch of ground!

The cold weather has delayed my start for seed sowing as I raise a lot of plants for the Plant Sale this way. My little electric propagator is now at full swing and the green house is gradually filling up with seedlings. I am also looking around the garden for any plants I can divide and pot on for the sale too. I hope that others of you are doing the same. We had a great sale last year and it would be lovely if we could do even better on May 12th this year. Please could I also appeal for items for the bric-a-brac stalls, prizes for the raffle, home baked cakes and preserves – and, for helpers on the day!

I will, however, have some time off this month to do my usual April stroll around Addison's Walk in Magdalen College to take in that wonder of the purple haze that is the flowering of the snake's head fritillaries in the water meadow. Hopefully it will be a blue-sky sunny day so I can breathe deep and enjoy!

Joan Coleman

Cowley Women's Institute

Our visit to the Weston Library, in early March, was a great success. Seeing the exhibits and reading about the 'Women who Dared' stimulated much conversation. We contemplated what we owe to those women, but also how much work there is still to do before women are treated completely equally in our society. Our next outing is to Yarnton Nurseries and shopping centre in early April.

At our Annual Meeting we agreed on the committee and voted in our new President, Jenny Booth. We are now looking forward to a new chapter of our WI. Jenny gave a talk on the early years of the Nuffield

Orthopaedic Centre. This stirred up memories for many of our members of seeing patients being nursed outside. How times have changed!

Our new programme starts in April with our WI Birthday celebrations and a talk from Amy Surman on Jewellery and its repair.

Our WI meets monthly on the third Wednesday of each month. We meet from 2pm – 4:30pm in St James Church Centre. If any woman is interested in joining us, we would love to meet you, so please come to a meeting to find out more.

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A wartime experience –V J Day

I was 15 and still at school. Many of us at the Oxford School were happy to earn a few bob going to the 'harvest camp' which for us was at Kelmscott Manor near Lechlade. It meant having our meals in the wagon barn and sleeping in army conical "bell" tents. Latrines were across the other side of the field and very basic. Quite fun, trying to reach them in a hurry first thing in the morning with a thick ground mist when you could not see where you were placing your feet.

Food was adequate and prepared by staff and family volunteers. School staff were human after all! We received enhanced rations because we were doing 'heavy work' on the land. Our work was either 'stooking' in the fields, placing the batches of eight sheaves of corn in stacks, two rows of four, or STOOKS, or clearing the land of Ragwort. This weed is common in the area and of little use and certainly poisonous to cattle and horses. It is quite coarse and would tear your hands if you were too enthusiastic. Whichever job you had you received your full quota of bug bites, especially around the waist I remember.

Once or twice a week you might be 'selected' to stay in camp to help with kitchen duties (not popular). Later, in August when the stooks had dried out they would be loaded on to carts and taken to be threshed. Italian prisoners-of-war worked with us and did the heavy pitching and rick making. There was plenty to do but we had fun doing it. No mobile phones or TV and plenty of fresh air and teamwork.

On August 14th there was a real commotion at breakfast. The radio announced that the war with Japan had ended. Work was cancelled. We could go home for a couple of days. No one needed much encouragement to pack our bags so that we could cycle home the 16 miles to Oxford.

Across the fields we cycled to the Faringdon Road, but then we heard the noise. Church bells! They had been silent during the war period, only to be rung in an emergency. Now they could ring out the joyful news! All along our route every village was ringing whatever bells they had, and the same happened as we entered Oxford. The whole countryside was happy again. The war was over. I'll never forget it.

When I reached home, I knew that my mother and my sister were to be on holiday with relatives. My father wasn't around either. Instead, there was a short note on the kitchen table ... "War over ... gone to harvest camp to celebrate with you."

David Cook

Dr Ivy Williams

Why didn't I keep quiet! But rising to the challenge that Una set me may I add to her reference to someone who has benefitted many in the area. It is unlikely that she would make the headlines today, except that 'she was a woman in a man's world'. Dr Ivy Williams was born in 1877 and qualified as a lawyer in 1903. There were no women's colleges in Oxford at that time but she attended lectures at what is now known as St. Anne's College. In her time it was known as the Association for the Education of Women. This was the first institution in Oxford for this purpose and was later known as the Society of Oxford for Home Students, and later St. Anne's College. All this before Pankhurst. It was not until 1952 that the society progressed to a college within the University.

She sailed through the law exams but could not receive her degree. University regulations did not allow a law degree to be conferred on a woman. It was not until 1922 after she had the assistance of some influential friends that Dr Williams was allowed to be 'called to the bar'. But she never practiced as a lawyer. Instead she was a philanthropist in simple practical ways. She was in fact the first woman Doctor of Civil Law and the first woman to teach law at an English university.

Dr Williams offered free legal advice to the poor and was a prominent Congregational Church member. It is recorded that she laid one of the foundation stones of the new building for the Temple Cowley Congregational Church, opposite Cowley Police Station, in 1929. Funds for the new building on the large site already owned by the church authorities, were available from the Congregational Church that had been in George Street (site of the Ritz/Odeon). It progressed to join the United Reformed Church but closed in November 2017.

In the interests of Christ's Kingdom this stone was laid by Dr Ivy Williams October 24 1929 on behalf of the Congregationalists of this City

She was also associated with the Sunnyside estate and the building of 4 flats for 'ladies of limited means' especially aimed towards single ladies who were in need or retired, and if possible from the local Congregation Churches. The story is told that she gave instructions to the builder that the exit doors, front or rear, should not face each other so that residents would not be encouraged to waste time chatting 'over the garden fence'. Gardens would be provided for each flat, to the rear of the property, for the provision of vegetables.

Although I never knowingly met her, she definitely knew how to use her life and talent. Dr Ivy Williams died in 1966.

David Cook



Film Club at the Centre

As we were warned, the film chosen for our March evening was not an easy watch. The film "Silence", although beautifully produced pulled no punches and portrayed the almost unbearable cruelty inflicted on Christians in Japan in the 17th century.

Members, by the way, may have spotted a question in the BBC quiz "Mastermind" a couple of weeks ago when a contestant was asked who produced the film "Silence".

This month's film is much lighter and is a good old-fashioned western. Throughout the years that film club has been running we have only shown one western featuring John Wayne. Well, here comes another. It

is one of his early performances, produced in 1957. "Angel and the Badman" also has Gail Russell as the other main star. The story involves rough, tough gunslinger (Wayne) who is injured in a gunfight and taken into the care of a humble Quaker family. The daughter of the family falls in love with him and the attraction soon becomes mutual. It is an easy film to watch and one which should appeal to our members. Film Club this month is on 13 April.

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As the organ nearly cost £1,000 when new, this ought to be a great addition to our services in the Parish Church. It may not appear to many of our readers a good time to ask for this £230, owing to the state of the Parish, as there are more houses to let than there has been for the last twenty years. But the temporary check on the growth of the Parish will soon pass away; the Parish must grow, and will grow and increase, and those of us who are wise will look ahead and provide for the future in matters of this kind.

It has been thought wise to give persons four years to pay their subscriptions. May we beg of all a donation, however small? There will be a Rummage Sale about 15th April for the benefit of this fund.

There appears to be a doubt in the minds of many what they can send to the Rummage Sale. I am anxious to dispel any difficulty of this kind. Pray send anything you can. We will sell it, and you will listen to the organ with great delight when you feel that your old coat has contributed something towards the purchase of it!

Reverend George Moore

Researched by Les Hemsworth

FROM VIVA

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PARISH ELECTORAL ROLL

If you are new to Cowley Parish during the past year or you have been here a while but just not committed to registering as a signed up 'member' – there's no fee but, like the political electoral roll, you benefit with the chance to vote at the APCM – now is the time to complete an electoral roll form, by Sunday, the eighth day of April 2018.

After the revision, a copy of the Roll will be exhibited for not less than 14 days on, or near to, the principal door of the Parish Church, for inspection. Any errors must be reported during that time, before formal publication. The official roll includes your address but, in line with the new GDPR act, we will no longer include that on the displayed list, following checking. All your other personal details which we collect for routine communication and emergency contacts are kept securely.

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- (ii) have signed a form of application for enrolment;
and either
- (iii) are members of the Church of England or of any Church in communion with the Church of England being resident in the parish or (not being resident in the parish) having habitually attended public worship in the parish during the six months prior to the application for enrolment;
or:
- (iv) are members in good standing of a Church (not in communion with the Church of England) which subscribes to the doctrine of the Holy Trinity declaring themselves also to be members of the Church of England and having habitually attended public worship in the parish during the period of six months prior to enrolment.

Forms are available in both churches – please return one when completed to church or direct to Lesley Williams – by hand or to 9 Wykeham Crescent, OXFORD OX4 3SD

CHRONICLE

Editorial Team- Sally Hemsworth, Nicki Stevens

Deadline for the next edition: Monday 23 April 2018

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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RECIPES

If you have any hot cross buns over after Easter – you might want to make this?

Hot cross bread & butter pudding (feeds 6) (from the Co-op monthly food book):



INGREDIENTS:

6 hot cross buns, halved
200g fine cut marmalade
Zest of 1 lemon
60g dried apricots, chopped
2 British free range eggs
300 ml semi-skimmed milk
200 ml double cream
2 tbsp caster sugar
1 tbsp demerara sugar
6 scoops vanilla ice cream(optional)

METHOD:

1. Preheat the oven to 180°/fan 160°/Gas 4. Lightly grease a 15 cm x 25 cm x 5cm ovenproof dish.
2. Spread each bun half with the marmalade. Put the bottoms in the dish and sprinkle with half the lemon zest and apricot. Add the tops with the rest of the apricot.
3. Whisk the eggs until fluffy. Mix in the milk, cream and caster sugar. Pour over the buns, sprinkle with the demerara sugar and rest of the lemon zest, then bake for 40 mins.
Service with ice cream, if you like.

The following (from Cakes, Bakes, Puddings and Prayers by Susan Over) also seems most appropriate at this time of year.

SPICED EASTER BISCUITS

INGREDIENTS:

110g (4oz) butter
75g (3oz) golden caster sugar
1 medium egg
200g (7oz) plain flour
1 level teaspoon mixed spice
50g (2oz) chopped candied peel (or dried cranberries)
50g (2oz) currants
1-2 tablespoons milk
Extra sugar for sprinkling.

METHOD:

1. Preheat oven gas mark 6/220°C/400°F. Grease two baking trays.
2. Cream butter and sugar together until light and fluffy
3. Separate egg and beat yolk into mixture.
4. Sift flour and spice together and add to mixture with fruit.
5. Stir together with enough milk to make a stiff dough.
6. Knead lightly on floured surface until smooth, then roll out to about 5mm (¼ in) thickness
7. Cut into 20 rounds using 7.5 cm (3in) fluted cutter and bake for 8 minutes
8. Lightly beat egg white. Remove biscuits from oven, then brush with egg white and sprinkle with sugar.
9. Return to oven for a further 2-3 minutes until golden.
10. Cool on wire rack.

When the Sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene Mary the mother of James and Salome bought spices so that they might go to anoint Jesus' body
Mark 16:1 (NIV)

Precious Saviour, thank you that you died and rose again for us. May we share the Easter message with everyone we meet and spice up their lives with the best news of all
Amen

'Variety is the spice of life', people say. We may pass on a spicy piece of news or talk about spicing things up.

Did you know that nutmeg was once the third most valuable commodity in the world, exceeded only by silver and gold? Spices have always been highly valued, both in preservatives and also to make bland food taste more interesting. They have also been used worldwide for medicinal purposes – ginger and fennel were used as cures for wind, garlic was eaten to thin the blood and cloves were used as an antiseptic.

In the Middle Ages spices were brought to Europe from the East along the famous Silk Road. Christopher Columbus stumbled

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across America whilst looking for the Spice Islands.

When the women went to the tomb on the third day after Jesus' crucifixion they were simply going to anoint his body according to their tradition.

This, they believed, would be the last loving service they could perform for him. Their devotion was rewarded by being some of the first to make the astounding and joyful discovery – he was risen! The preserving spices weren't needed; his resurrection body would live forever without them.

At Easter time both hot cross buns and Easter biscuits remind us of the sacrifice Jesus made for us. Maybe we can think of some different ways that we can be like spice in a needy world – preserving standards, healing hurts and giving people a new taste for the things of God.



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MOTHERS UNION NEWS

For the very first time one of the Diocesan Spring Meetings was held in our Church Centre on March 12th, and it received much praise for its excellent facilities, level of cleanliness and ample parking – quite right too!

As hosts for this meeting a good group of members volunteered to offer catering, look after the resources stall, welcome visitors and so on. It all went very smoothly and a letter of thanks has arrived from our Diocesan President. The meeting itself was very well presented with much to discuss and consider. The morning focused on the new Mothers' Union theme "Observe, Listen and Act", something which we in the Cowley branch do constantly don't we? The afternoon session featured the life and work of our founder, Mary Sumner. This also was very well presented and brought a good day successfully to a close.

Our regular monthly meeting for March took the form of a Corporate Communion using the beautiful order of service which was prepared for us by Skye when she was a member. Geoff took the service (in the Ranklin Room due to snow and treacherous ice on the church paths). His Lenten meditation was, as we might expect, moving and thought provoking.

April's branch meeting as usual will take the form of our St George's Day lunch and will

take place at 12.30 pm on 23rd of April, the actual saint's day. Lunch will be followed by the Mothers' union Worldwide Wave of prayer. The script for this is printed in our Focus magazine so members are asked to bring their personal copy along to the lunch. A nominal sum of £3 will be asked to cover the cost of the food and friends are very welcome as long as the committee are told beforehand for catering purposes.

This time of year is when we support the Mothers' Union initiative entitled Make a Mother's Day. Several schemes are put forward for us to support. This year we sent our gift to fund the brilliant work being done, mainly in Africa, to educate women in literacy and numeracy. This enables them not only to act as entrepreneurs in small businesses thus bringing much needed funds for their families but also encouraging them to educate their own children as well.

Our knitters are still busy producing delightful little garments and blankets for the Special Baby Unit at the John Radcliffe Hospital. We are truly "reaching out our hands across the world" as we say in our Mothers' Union prayer.

Rosanne Butler

PARISH MEETINGS

WE NEED YOUR HELP – PLEASE NOMINATE MEMBERS FOR CHURCH COMMITTEES, CHURCH WARDEN AND PCC

There is a busy time ahead appointing Church Committee members, Church Wardens, PCC Members (Five vacancies) and Sidespersons. These various appointments are made at a series of Annual Meetings. The first two are the Annual Congregational Meetings of the two churches:

- ∅ St Francis Annual Congregational Meeting, Sunday, 15 April 2018, at St Francis Church
- ∅ St James Annual Congregational Meeting, Sunday, 22 April 2018, at St James Church Centre

Church Committee members are appointed at these meetings (if you were a member last year, you need to be nominated again this year if you still want to undertake this position), and Sidespersons are recommended to the PCC.

The nomination forms for Church Committee members are available in the Churches or are available from the Parish Office.

Parish Meeting, 29 April 2018, at 12 noon at St Francis Church

This meeting is to appoint Church Wardens and is open to the public. Church Wardens are appointed annually so nominations need to be made – again, forms are available in the churches and at the Parish Office

This is immediately followed by the Annual Parochial Church Committee, again at St Francis Church, where there is a report on the activities of the Parish and the PCC Members, Sidespersons and auditor are appointed. People on the Electoral Roll are entitled to vote at this meeting.



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SUN 1st 12:00pm <i>Bring & share Parish Easter Day lunch</i> (F)	SAT 12th 12:00-3:00pm <i>Plant Sale</i> (CC)
SAT 7th 2:30 pm <i>Godspell</i> (Oxford Playhouse)	SUN 13th – SAT 19th <i>Christian Aid Week Templars Square stall</i> times/activity tbc
SUN 15th 12:45 pm <i>Sunday lunch</i> (CC)	SUN 13th 8:45 am <i>Big Brekkie</i> (CC)
SUN 15th 12:00 pm <i>St Francis ACM</i> (F)	MON 14th 7:30 pm <i>Parish Social & Mission meeting</i> (88 Temple Road)
SUN 22nd 12:00 pm <i>St James ACM</i> 12:00 pm (J)	WED 16th 10:00-12:00 <i>CAW coffee morning</i> (88 Temple Road)
SUN 29th <i>APCM</i> 12:00 pm (F)	TUES 22nd <i>Life & teaching at St James School</i> (CC)
	SUN 20th 12:45 pm <i>Sunday lunch</i> (CC)
	TUES 29th 10:00-11:30am <i>Messy Church</i> (CC)

GARDENING PARTY

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Joseph Rank



Joseph Rank was a flour miller's son who in 1883 made two momentous decisions. The first was a business decision that made him rich. He switched from using millstones to steel rollers. The second, a spiritual decision, changed his life. He became a committed Christian. Instead of living a lavish lifestyle, Joseph and his wife Emily lived simply and gave away the rest. Although immensely generous he died a rich man having established several charitable trusts to perpetuate his giving. His generosity was contagious also. One of his sons, Joseph Rank, was a movie mogul in the 1940's and established the huge Rank Foundation that still gives grants today.

Joseph Rank discovered the wholehearted giving that Jesus commends. Here are some brief passages for you to reflect on.

Jesus commends generous giving.....

Jesus made it clear that his disciples were to be generous in their giving. Examples of his teaching to his disciples on generosity can be found in:

"Give to the one who asks you, and do not turn away from the one who wants to borrow from you." Matthew 5:42

"Freely you have received, freely give." Matthew 10:8

"You give them something to eat." Matthew 14:16

"For I was hungry and you gave me nothing to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink. I was a stranger and you did not invite me in, I needed clothes and you did not clothe me, I was sick and in prison and you did not look after me.I tell you the truth, whatever you did not do for one of the least of these, you did not do it for me." Matthew 25:42-43; 45

"Sell your possessions and give to the poor. Provide purses for yourselves that will not wear out." Luke 12: 33

"I tell you the truth, this poor widow has put more into the treasury than all the others. They all gave out of their wealth; but she out of her poverty, put in everything - all she had to live on" Mark 12:43-44

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UNA'S CORNER

Last month I wrote about the Cowley Road Workhouse which became the Cowley Road Hospital and dealt with geriatric patients. Someone in the church said that between its two functions the building was used as a hospital or convalescence home for injured servicemen. I have absolutely no memory of these servicemen in the area. I was brought up in east Oxford and my mother did all her shopping along the Cowley Road. I would have recognised servicemen as those who were mobile and on the streets at times wore a distinctive pale blue suit and I believe it was a white shirt and red tie, patriotic colours. Headington Hill Hall was a convalescent home for these recovering servicemen so I saw them around Headington on our Sunday walks. I have no memory of seeing any in the Cowley Road. I have asked around from people of my vintage who lived in the area and none of them remember servicemen at that hospital. One very compunctious lady of 92 has no memory of them either. However, I have researched on the internet again and find that the building served as an EMS (Emergency medical Services) hospital during the Second World War. Indeed during the First World War, the workhouse became the Cowley Section of the Third Southern General Hospital – which had its HQ in the Oxford University Examination Schools – and was used by wounded servicemen.



Erma Clarke tells me that she used to go to church in the Cowley Road, further down from the hospital and on the other side, I do remember it. The minister was the Rev Starkey or Starsky Erma tells me. Every Sunday afternoon a group from the church went to the hospital to sing with the elderly patients. She was around nine years old at the time and the youngest of the group.

My mother, as I said, did all her shopping in the Cowley Road. I was very young so went with her. She went out each morning to buy food to cook for lunch, my father cycled home for lunch every day and did not have much time, he cycled from New Inn Hall Street where the Oxford Mail was at that time. We had no fridge or freezer or anything like that so the food had to be bought daily. The only cool place was a marble slab from an old wash stand on the back shelf in the pantry.

I remember there was Mr Hiron, the greengrocer just past the University and City Arms, then a post office, then SS Mary and John church hall and then the church. Jackson, the bakers, was on the corner of Leopold Street and opposite was a shoe repair shop and Fulbrook Farm which was then a coffee bar with an outbuilding. After the war they sold luscious ice cream through a hatch. Strangely my son now lives in the village of Fulbrook near Burford. The name is a corruption of Foul Brook.

I remember a large Co-op shop with an arcade with different non-food departments, my mother was registered there for some things but she spread our ration book registrations between several shops. There was a large Home and Colonial, two newsagents (one was Slatter and Rose) and Mr Harrison the hairdresser. Lionel Harrison was a friend

of my father's and they served together on the Council. Mr Harrison was the last Mayor of Oxford as his successor, Evan Roberts, was created Lord Mayor.

There was a barber's on the other side of the road. Our meat came from Mr Hatt, the butcher. He was a lovely elderly man. Behind his shop was the old slaughter house no longer in use. Years ago butchers slaughtered and prepared their own produce purchasing live animals. One of my great uncles was a butcher and my mother used to watch him butcher the animals. Yuk.

We had a large Home and Colonial shop, all the big shops had a complicated pattern of wires on the ceiling and a customer's money would be put into a cylinder which was then closed and hooked onto a wire, a chain was pulled and the cylinder shot across the ceiling to the cash desk, usually a glass box quite high. Soon the cylinder came flying back with change and a receipt. One of the grocers had a shop filled with open sacks, ordinary hessian sacks, which contained dry goods, sugar, flour, rice, peas and lots more. The customer would ask for what she wanted and the assistant would come across and weigh out the quantity needed. During the war customers had to take their own paper bags, paper was very scarce.

There was a large Cape's, a clothes shop; it seemed to deal mostly with older customers. There was a Cape's in town as well. There were the Meteor dry cleaners, an ironmonger, and further down were two fish shops, one on either side of the road and at either end they were completely open at the front with a sloping marble slab with fish and ice all over it. There was another butcher and by Mr Hatt's there was a pub, I do not know its proper name but one had to go down a flight of steps to enter so it was always called the Rat Hole. There was the Methodist

Church on the corner of Jeune Street and on the opposite corner the Elm Tree pub. There was also the Ampney Cottage, a pub. Chapman's was a furniture shop on two floors. We bought what furniture we had from Chapman's and I am still using some of it 59 years later – my dining table and four chairs and the sideboard plus some other stuff. There was a big Butler's, a grocer and haberdasher. I clearly remember that in Butlers one day my mother had to accept a sheet of pins in place of a farthing in her change. A farthing was one quarter of an old penny. A lot of things were priced at so many shillings and eleven pence three farthings. One farthing short of the shilling.

Quelch's was a cake shop, I do not remember if they sold bread. There were not many cakes around at that time so we seldom went there. There was White's the gentleman's outfitters, Nicholls, which sold prams and pushchairs and the like, and there was Mr Wiggins with his bicycle shop.

There was a Milwards shoe shop. They used to have an X-ray machine, and I loved that. I put my foot in the new shoe into the box and through the glass top I could see the outline of the shoe and the bones of my toes and foot. Those machines were banned later.

There was a police house and public toilets. Right near the Plain was the Nazareth Home, a convent which took in orphans. My husband's sister in law was brought up there and she was literally left on the doorstep at the end of the war, her birth certificate gives an American service man as her father so it seems obvious that her mother's husband was discharged from the services.

I remember Mr Bargus who ran a lending library and sold sweets when there were any to buy. There was a sweet shop right by the workhouse grounds and when rumour

spread through the children of the neighbourhood that they had Crunchie bars, a queue would form very quickly. The queue stretched for a very long way, one bar per person. I was lucky and had a bar. I did not have a lot of it as I had to share with my two brothers.

There was also a food office, a war time establishment. We had to go there for anything to do with food. My mother lost our ration books once and we had to go there. Later they sold the orange and cod liver oil which came in for children towards the end

of the war to try to keep us healthy. Later still I can remember being sent there to fetch the family allowance, the eldest child did not get anything and as by that time my elder brother was at work I counted as the eldest and my young brother entitled my mother to the FA. I have a feeling it was five shillings, twenty five pence in today's money.

Writing this has brought back many memories, I think I had better stop before I take over the whole Chronicle.

LETTERS RELATING TO UNA'S ARTICLES

From Rosanne Butler:

I much enjoyed Una's article about the Cowley Road Workhouse/Hospital last month. There is a sight gap in her information which I thought should be filled.

My lovely mother-in-law (Frank's mum) was a State Registered nurse and whilst her husband was away, fighting in the Tank Regiment in World War II she brought her family into Oxford to live at her parent's house in Southfield Road. This enabled her to nurse injured soldiers, sailors and airmen at the Cowley Road Hospital. It was indeed, a military hospital. I passed on this information to Una, who was very interested and thought "Chronicle readers might be too.

From Mary Biggs

I confirm the estate was built in 1932. My father bought 56 Wilkins Road in 1932 and my parents held their wedding celebrations in the house. You will see from the following photo the pavements were not made up then. I was born in 1933 and remember as a child when a horse (Kit) and cart came round the streets selling fresh vegetables which were grown on land at the end of Horspath Road.

From the very beginning there was a row of shops stretching from Oliver Road to Fern Hill Road. They included a dispensing chemist on the corner of Oliver and Wilkins Road, followed by grocers, a greengrocer, a haberdashery shop, a dairy where they sold ice creams in the shop, hairdressers, a butcher, newsagent and post office. As things changed the dairy became a fishmongers and there was a knitting wool shop with a shoe-menders behind it.

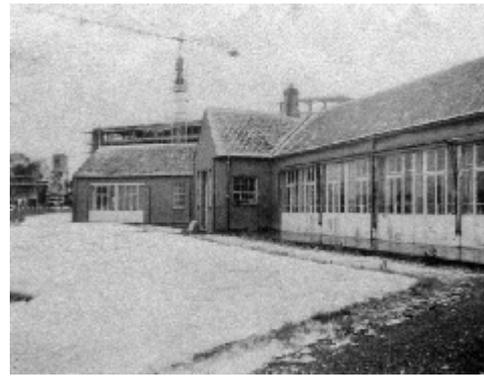
As for Sunnyside Hospital, this and the Osler Hospital were situ-



ated at the end of Osler Road, Headington, and were closed in November 1969, to make way for the John Radcliffe Hospital (see following photographs). I was a patient in Sunnyside during the Second World War and recall that when it rained waterproofs were placed over the end of the beds to keep us dry, but when the air-raid sirens sounded our beds were moved indoors. We had a wonderful view over Oxford. What stood out to me was the dome over Shelley's Memorial in University College, High Street, Oxford.



Grounds of Osler Hospital showing the x-ray department



The three photographs above show Sunnyside/Osler Hospitals, Headington, on the day of its closure to make way for the John Radcliffe Hospital – November 1969

Sally Hemsworth

My mother and father moved to a newly built house in Cleveland Drive in December 1929, the house I still live in. My mother died in Cowley Road Hospital in 1974, and I remember clearly her commenting that she was in the Cowley Work House and we needed to be careful when we visited! Very upsetting at the time, although we appreciated that it had been a hospital since the inception of the NHS in 1948 and indeed she was very well looked after at the hospital.

OXFORD AREA DEVELOPMENT DAY

Saturday 19 May, St Ebbe's Church

From Bishop Steven

As we hope you know, we are spending a year as a diocese reflecting on our vision to become a more Christ like Church for the sake of God's world: more contemplative, more compassionate and more courageous.

As part of this year of reflection, we are holding Development days in each of the four episcopal areas of the diocese. The Oxford day will be on Saturday 19 May, 10.00 am to 1.00 pm in the recently re-ordered St. Ebbe's Church.

We will spend part of the morning looking at the future of our city and society with the help of representatives of local government and part of it looking at the future of the Church in the Diocese of Oxford as we explore our common vision. I will report on the next stages and plans for the Renewing Catechesis project and we will take time to pray together for our city and diocese.

It would be good to gather as many people as possible, lay and ordained from across the parishes and chaplaincies of the city. As a guide, five people per parish would be about right though I acknowledge that some will bring less and others more.

Bookings are best made through the Eventbrite page created for the day <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/oxford-area-day-2018-tickets-42583399093>

If for any reason you are unable to use Eventbrite then please be in touch with Marian by e-mail marian.green@oxford.anglican.org.

A BIT OF FUN

I've learned more:

- ∅ That a person is only as good as his or her word
- ∅ That you really never know your friends till you go on holiday with them.
- ∅ That my petrol tank is always empty when I have an important meeting.
- ∅ That at least once in her adult life, a woman makes a fool of herself over a man and marrying for money is the hardest way of getting it.
- ∅ That it's better to have a partner with a good nature than a good physique.
- ∅ That you should never be too busy to say please and thank you.
- ∅ That the dashing young knight on his snow white steed who was going to gallop into my life and carry me off apparently got lost in the forest.

Lord, daughters four, daughters galore, wish that I'd had many more. Young me's, more perfect me's, what more perfect gifts than these. Boys I wanted, girls I got, I'm glad that you knew what was what. You bestowed my heavenly crop but thanks for knowing when to stop.

Pat Sansom

PARISH WALKING GROUP

The Parish Walks continue – dates being adjusted to avoid Bank Holidays! There have been two walks since the last report. The first one we walked from the Church Centre to Iffley, then along Meadow Lane, over Donnington Bridge and back along the river to Iffley. We stopped off for a cuppa at the Prince of Wales on our way back. A very pleasant walk spoilt by the rain after we left the “pub”!! We arrived home “dripping” as the rain, which had avoided the main walk, came down very heavy for the last ½ mile!!

The second walk was around Christ Church Meadow, especially to see and smell the daffodils. Unfortunately, because of the variable weather, the daffs were not out in full across the whole site, but the sun was shining, the company of eight people was very enjoyable, as was the cup of tea at the end of the walk!

The next walk, on the 9 April 2018, is to University Parks, via the Marston Road. We are meeting at Barns Road bus stop at 1.30 pm, to get to the Plain. From there we will walk along Marston Road and go to Mesopotamia Walk and the University Parks.

We are already planning the following walk – we will meet at St Francis Church on Monday, 23 April and go to Brasenose Woods and hope we are not too early to see the bluebells!! Anyone wanting a lift to St Francis needs to let Sally know – but the usual reminder will be sent out, and details will be in the Link.

Please contact Sally Hemsworth at the Parish Office (01865 747680) if you want more information. If no reply do leave a message and Sally will get back to you.

BIBLE SOCIETY ‘MORE THAN A BOOK’ REGISTRATION



If you order anything on-line or by phone from the Bible Society, please use the unique Parish reference number 12044 *or* select the ‘Parish of Cowley’ from the drop down menu when placing an order and we will benefit from the ‘More than a book’ cash back scheme. It’s that easy! We earned £3 from a recent ‘Open the Book’ resources order.

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Prayer Space

For Eastertide

If you were not risen, Lord Christ
to whom would we go to discover
a radiance of the face of God?

If you were not risen, we would not
be together seeking your communion.
We would not find in your presence
forgiveness, wellspring of a new
beginning.

If you were not risen, where would
we draw the energy for following
you right to the end of our
existence, for choosing you again
and anew.

Brother Roger of Taizé

A Poem from the book "Seven Days –
Dips into the well of Truth" by Gertrude
Wood

POOR JUDAS

Poor Judas! To what depths of dire despair
The lusts for power and wealth can plunge
a man!

A clever, scheming rebel was this Jew.

"When will Messiah come to set us free
And make us kings of all the world? This
man

From Galilee, who does such miracles,--
Could this be He? I'll join His band and
see"

One of the twelve and made their treas-
urer,
Ambition soared. Christ's popularity
And wonder-working power set Him apart.

"He speaks about his kingdom,-- comes from
God;

He draws the crowds; the Sanhedrin are wild!
How long before He will declare Himself?"

When Jesus rode into Jerusalem
In triumph, Judas wondered, "Is it now?"

But no! He slipped out, down to Bethany!
Ah! Wait! Passover comes; all Jewry will
Be gathered in Jerusalem. What can I do
To help him to declare Himself our King?

He knows my plan! At super time – time He bade
Me go about it quickly. How those priests
Grasped at the chance! And paid me well indeed!
He will exert His power, -- call His angels down
In need. Oh! Think of it, -- King of all the earth!
Let James and John have first seats, as they
asked

But I shall be the Treasurer! What power!

He comes! I gave the signal, -- with a kiss,
Thinking we worked together to this end –
But – He let them take Him! -- to their Court!
It will be there then. But, -- what does it mean?
'My kingdom is not of this world'. My God!
What have I done? Those wolves will torture him!
I'll buy Him back with their accursed coins.

They laughed at me! Jesus of Galilee,
I never dreamed that this could come to thee!
I cannot face the rest of them, -- nor dare
To ever see his face again! – He told us all,
But none of us believed Him. Oh! – He told us
all,
Away! Away! I cannot bear to live!

He grasped a rope and climbed a tall, old tree
At the cliff's edge; tied one end to a branch;
Looping the other 'round his neck, jumped free;
The jerk and extra weight broke off the branch.
The eagles gather far below. Poor Judas!

DIARY DATES TO REMEMBER

Mothers' Union

Monthly Meeting on 3rd Monday of month
from 2.15 pm, St James Church Centre

But change for April

12.30 pm 23 April 2018 – St George's Day lunch
Followed by Mothers' Union World Wide Wave
of Prayer.

Women's Institute

Monthly Meeting on 3rd Wednesday of month
from 2 – 4.30 pm, St James Church Centre
21 April 2018 – WI Birthday Celebrations and a
talk on Jewellery and its Repair by Amy Surman
St James Church Centre

Gardening

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

Parish Walk

Monday, 9 April 2018

1.30 pm at St James Church Centre

Monday, 23 April 2018

1.30 at St Francis Church

Film Club

Friday, 9 March 2018 – "Angel and the
Badman". St James Church Centre,
commencing at 6.30 pm with coffee and cake

St Francis Annual Congregational Meeting

Sunday, 15 April 2018, at 12 noon

St Francis Church

Sunday Lunch

Sunday, 15 April 2018, at 12.45 pm

St James Church Centre

St James Annual Congregational Meeting

Sunday, 22 April 2018, at 12 noon

at St James Church Centre

Local History Group

Wednesday, 25 April 2018, 7.00 – 8.30 pm

The Venue, Barns Road

Topic: Presentation about the Museum of
Oxford Development Plans

Parish Meeting/Annual Parochial Church Meeting

Sunday, 29 April 2018, at 12 noon

St Francis Church

Plant Sale

Saturday, 12 May 2018 12.00 – 3.00 pm

St James Church Centre

Christian Aid Week

Sunday, 13 – Saturday, 19 May

(See details in article)

Christian Aid Week – Big Brekkie

Sunday, 13 May 2018, at 8.45 pm

St James Church Centre

Mission and Social Planning Meeting

Monday, 14 May 2018 at 7.30 pm

88 Temple Road

Christian Aid Week - Coffee Morning

Wednesday, 16 May 2018 10.00 – 12 noon

88 Temple Road

Sunday Lunch

Sunday, 20 May 2018, at 12.45 pm

St James Church Centre

Life and Teaching at St James School

Tuesday, 22 May 2018 at 7.30 pm

St James Church Centre

Messy Church

Tuesday, 29 May 2018 10.00 – 11.30 am

St James Church Centre

REMEMBER: Tuesday lunches at St James Church Centre from 12.30 pm

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
1st 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 (Katherine Reed)	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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