

Parish Directory

THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST JAMES

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HALL BOOKINGS

OFFICER:
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weekdays only

Sunday Services

ST JAMES' CHURCH, BEAUCHAMP LANE

8.00 am Holy Communion
10.00 am Sung Eucharist
6.00 pm Evening Praise
[1st Sunday of the month]

ST FRANCIS' CHURCH, HOLLOW WAY

8.00 am Holy Eucharist
10.30 am Parish Eucharist
[Family Eucharist - 2nd Sunday of the month]

Mid-Week Services & Meetings

Monday	9.00 am	Morning Prayer – <i>St James</i>
	5.00 pm	Evening Prayer – <i>St James</i>
Tuesday	9.00 am	Morning Prayer – <i>St James</i>
	5.00 pm	Evening Prayer – <i>St James</i>
	8.00 pm	St Francis Discussion Group – <i>4 Long Close</i>
Wednesday	9.00 am	Morning Prayer – <i>St Francis</i>
	9.30 am	Eucharist – <i>St Francis</i>
	10.10 am	Mothers and Toddlers – <i>St Francis</i>
	10.30 am	Pram Service – <i>St James</i>
	5.00 pm	Evening Prayer – <i>St Francis</i>
Thursday	9.00 am	Morning Prayer – <i>St James</i>
	9.30 am	Eucharist - followed by coffee – <i>St James</i>
	11.00 am	St Francis Prayer Group
	5.00 pm	Evening Prayer – <i>St Francis</i>
	7.00 pm	Eucharist – <i>St Francis</i>
	7.30 pm	St James Prayer Group – <i>Benson Cottage</i>
Friday	9.00 am	Morning Prayer – <i>St Francis</i>
	5.00 pm	Evening Prayer – <i>St James</i>
	7.00 pm	Friday Club – <i>alt Fridays at St Francis</i>
Saturday	9.00 am	Morning Prayer – <i>St James</i>
	9.15 am	Morning Prayer & Breakfast – <i>St Francis</i>
	9.30 am	Eucharist – <i>St James</i>

Arrangements for Baptisms, Banns of Marriage, Weddings, Confessions and Home Communion can be made with any of the clergy.

Days Off

Fr John, and Vernon have Monday as their day off; Stephen and Fr Peter have Friday off. Except in emergency, please try and respect these days of rest.

June 2000

A Servant and Shepherd

A 1950s scrapbook was one of the more unusual gifts I received for my 50th birthday last month. On each page were displayed items which brought back nostalgic memories for me. The Bayko building set, the small brown and cream Nescafe coffee tin, the Fry's Five Boys chocolate bar, and much much more which made me realise how things have changed and become more sophisticated over the years.

25 years ago I was ordained in Coventry Cathedral as a priest and even in that time much has changed within the life of the Church too. In two and a half decades the place of the Church within society has changed, many more people now have little time for the Church, and the role of the parish priest has altered too.

These changes all reflect on how society is continually evolving. Yet, in one sense, what lies at the heart of our Christian faith and at the heart of the life of a priest, can never change.

I was 14½ when I first felt that sense of being called by God. I remember trying very badly to speak about my vocation during French lessons!

Kneeling before the Bishop, in front of the amazing tapestry of Christ in Glory in Coventry Cathedral, I received my commission to become a priest within the Church. Over the years I can recall many experiences, some happy, and others unpleasant, but throughout, a sense of God's hand guiding me and leading me forward. I have been privileged to share with people in their most significant moments - the birth of a child, the death of a child, the diagnosis of an inoperable disease, many weddings, countless funerals, and the accompanying of parishioners in their final months of their life - culminating in their dying.

Following the example of Jesus, the priest is called to love and serve his or her people. As in any family this means trying to love and to care even when that caring is sometimes met with hostility and even abuse.

Perhaps one of the most striking changes I have witnessed over the 25 years is the awareness of and acceptance of

collaborative ministry. No longer does a priest lead alone. The priest is supported and encouraged by the people of God whom he or she seeks to serve.

I feel immensely privileged to be able to celebrate my Silver Jubilee here in Cowley where my family and I feel so settled and among friends. I hope that many of you will be able to share with us in a Service of Celebration on Monday 3rd July in St James Church and at party in our garden afterwards.

With my best wishes,



The monthly magazine of the Cowley Team Ministry

Chronicle

St Francis Church
Working Party
10 - 12.30, Saturday 17th
June

A morning to tidy, clean and do odd jobs around our building - if a good number of people come, not only do we get more done, but it is also FUN!!
followed by a barbecue at the Vicarage - please come and help - and socialise - all welcome!

St James Church
Father's Day

Sunday 18th June



10 o'clock
Family Service

11.15 am Eucharist

St Francis Church
Malmesbury -
Glastonbury
Pilgrimage



24th - 26th July

Calling all young people!

Would you like to join us on our next pilgrimage walking from Malmesbury to Glastonbury? We will walk, sleep on hall floors, have simple meals, spend time together - and have a good time!
Want to come, or want to know more?
- speak to Fr John.

Healing Service

Tuesday 20th June
7.30 pm .

St James Church

Receive Jesus' promise of healing through personal prayer



Sunday Evening Praise

Worship, teaching, prayer ministry in an informal setting.

Sunday 2nd July

6 o'clock

Speaker: The Revd John Olhausen



Tuesday 6th June
7.30 pm The Hut

PROMOTING MARRIAGE IN SCHOOLS

Clemency Fox All welcome



Monday 19th June

2.30 pm The Hut

HELEN HOUSE - Nora Bradshaw



The Churchwardens invite you to share with Stephen and his Family and Friends in a

Celebration Eucharist
to mark the
Silver Jubilee of his Ordination
to the Priesthood

Monday 3rd July 7.00 pm

St James Church
Guest Preacher: The Right Revd John Bone

Bishop of Reading 1989-96

followed by a Reception in the Rectory Garden



God's answer for you

For all the negative things we have to say to ourselves, God has a positive answer for it.

You say: "It's impossible"

God says: All things are possible (Luke 18:27)

You say: "Nobody really loves me"

God says: I love you (John 3:16 & John 13:34)

You say: "I can't go on"

God says: My grace is sufficient (II Corinthians 12:9 & Psalm 91:15)

You say: "I can't figure things out"

God says: I will direct your steps (Proverbs 3:5-6)

You say: "I can't do it"

God says: You can do all things (Philippians 4:13)

You say: "I'm not able"

God says: I am able (II Corinthians 9:8)

You say: "It's not worth it"

God says: It will be worth it (Roman 8:28)

You say: "I can't forgive myself"

God says: I FORGIVE YOU (I John 1:9 & Romans 8:1)

You say: "I can't manage"

God says: I will supply all your needs (Philippians 4:19)

You say: "I'm afraid"

God says: I have not given you a spirit of fear (II Timothy 1:7) You say: "I'm always worried and frustrated" God says: Cast all your cares on ME (I Peter 5:7)

You say: "I don't have enough faith"

God says: I've given everyone a measure of faith (Romans 12:3)

You say: "I'm not smart enough"

God says: I give you wisdom (I Corinthians 1:30)

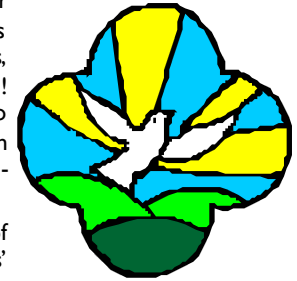
You say: "I feel all alone"

God says: I will never leave you or forsake you (Heb.13:5)



Whit Sunday – 11th June

Which is it? Whitsun or Pentecost? Two names for one important occasion - a problem which causes some confusion and irritation among Christians, whom on this day of all days are meant to be united! Whitsun is a vernacular nickname, thought perhaps to refer to the 'white' of the robes of those baptised on this day in centuries past. 'Pentecost' has more world-wide support.



Pentecost's celebration focuses on the outpouring of the Holy Spirit in Jerusalem shortly after Jesus' Ascension into heaven. Jesus has completed his earthly ministry, died on the Cross, and thus finished his work on earth. God has raised him from the dead, thus completing the divine purpose, and has taken him back into heaven. Christ's work on earth is completed, now it is the turn of the Holy Spirit.

Pentecost comes from the Greek, meaning 'fiftieth' - the day when, in Luke's account, the Holy Spirit descended on the disciples in Jerusalem who were gathered there to observe the Jewish 'Feast of Weeks' on the fiftieth day after the Passover (Acts 2.1).

The Feast of Weeks was when the Jews presented the first-fruits of the corn harvest (Deut. 16.9), and commemorated the giving of the Law by Moses. The Christian Pentecost, therefore, fulfils the old: the first-fruits of the harvest and the giving of the Law are united now when the Holy Spirit descends on the disciples.

The story of Pentecost is told in Acts 2:1-11, when on that morning in Jerusalem the Spirit descended upon the disciples like a wind and in tongues of fire. They praised God for his "mighty works" in many languages, known to the many visitors to Jerusalem, who had come from all corners of the known inhabited world.

The languages mingled and chaos seemed to reign, so that the disciples were accused of being drunk at 9 a.m. - but really it was just holy excitement. One writer has put it: "The Holy Spirit comes from above, for the purposes of what might somewhat baldly be called Christian communication. It is not to create a babble, but to create coherence. Pentecost is thus a reversal of the Tower of Babel."

The story is found in Acts 2 1-21.

Rosanne interviews



Like many people who are good at what they do, Una is a self-effacing person. She makes light of the fact that she is a most efficient Parish Treasurer. I am glad that she agreed to this interview as it offers us a chance to recognise the many hours she spends managing the finances of our parish. Not

only is this an important service but for a person with failing sight, it is a particularly demanding one.

She is a local girl, almost as local as it's possible to be. Born and brought up in Ridgefield Road, she left there on her wedding day to set up home with her husband, Gordon, in Fernhill Road. She still lives in theirsame house and has no intention of moving. Her early school years were spent at St Mary and John Primary School where, she says, maths were her downfall! After passing the 11+ she went on to Milham Ford School and soon found herself shining in the sciences. She grew up with two brothers, one older, one younger. Her parents held the opinion that whilst there was a future in educating boys, there was none in educating girls. She was expected to leave school at 16 and find a job. As you chat to her you soon discover - she had to fight for her achievements and seldom received the praise she deserved.

Una moved from Brownies to the Girl Guides (5th East Oxford) several months earlier because she was a bright child and 'could cope'. She went on to become a Queen's Guide, Lieutenant, Captain, Commissioner and County Secretary of the Movement. She is very proud that she was chosen to represent England at an international camp in Holland. This was her first ever journey abroad. She was sent off, a young teenager to make her own way to London to meet her group with £5 in her pocket to last for three weeks. What an adventure!

She is now an active member of the local Trefoil Guild and has recently published a book on Guiding in Oxfordshire. She speaks warmly of the lifelong friendships she has made through the movement.

Her first post, on leaving school, was at Harwell Research Establishment. Whilst travelling to work on the bus each day she struck her a friendship with a young man who lived just round the corner. He obviously had designs on her but she was only sixteen he waited for four years before inviting her to the cinema. Four years does seem a remarkably long time to wait but according to Una he was a remarkable young man. They were married just before her 22nd birthday at St James Church in 1959.

After the birth of her children, Simon and Rachel, she decided to take A-level exams and to qualify to teach. She then taught Business Studies, English and typing at Oxford College of Further Education. She gave up her career when Gordon lost his sight and nursed him at home until he died.

Una's interest, apart from her Guiding, focuses on her five beloved grandchildren; but if you want to know anything about recent social history in our area I suggest you have a word with her!

Was there one person who had a strong influence on your early life?

Molly Axtell, my Guide Captain. She encouraged and inspired me. She could get furious but never bore malice. I've always tried to be like that.

Can you remember an incident in your childhood which held special significance for you?

Passing my 11+. I so much wanted to go to Milham Ford and I had triumphed. Also I remember when the war ended saying "thank you" to God on my knees by my bed.

What sort of child were you?

Not really a happy child. I was teased and I didn't like it. I felt aggrieved over my brothers. I was sad that my homework wasn't considered important.

Has your Faith been with you since child had or did you find it later in life?

I was brought up within the Church, confirmed at St Luke's.

Which period of your adult life has given you the most satisfaction?

When the children were small and depended totally on me.

Are there any aspects of modern life which you dislike?

Adults riding bikes on pavements. They are old enough to have a more sense.

What's best about today?

Computers. They have increased my contact with people. I use e-mail a lot. Even my grandchildren have their own Internet addresses.

How do you like to spend your leisure time?

In my garden, visiting National Trust places, travelling, walking in the country, writing (at the moment I'm working on a short guide of St James Church) and listening to talking books.

What makes you laugh?

Old Comedies "Fawlty Towers", Hancock and "dad's Army" (which is so true).

If you had a magic, or holy wand, what would you change?

Clear away all health problems, destroyer all pain and illness in the world.

If you are not doing what you are doing now, what would be the alternative?

Travelling more especially to Nepal or Sri Lanka but now I need someone to travel with.

What do you hope to be doing in 10 years' time?

I hope I'll still be able to see and then I could still be Parish Treasurer. Perhaps I'll write another book.

Una Dean

