

Parish Directory

THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST JAMES

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

October 2000

Lost the Plot?

At the end of a working day I love collapsing on the settee with a cup of tea (or a glass of wine), newspaper on my lap and the television on as background. In such a state I am most reluctant to get up again.

If I had been the shepherd that Jesus spoke about in Luke's Gospel, chapter 15, I think I would have been satisfied with 99 sheep back in the fold. The other one would surely be OK if it was left out for one night, it might find its way back on its own, and the price of lambs is such that it's not much of a loss anyway! Besides it serves it right for getting lost; I want my evening meal.

Not so with the shepherd in Jesus' story, not so with Jesus, the good shepherd who "came to seek and save the lost", not so with God whose heart is reaching out in love to all people.

The other stories in Luke 15, the Lost Coin and the Lost Son, show that lost people matter to God. Indeed the pattern of lost and found is the overall plot of the Bible.

The human race lost possession of the Garden of Eden, perfection, unspoilt communion with God and in Jesus it can find or regain all those again, and enjoy them in eternity.

Have we lost the plot? Do we think of people as lost? When I look at our society and the people in it I see lost people everywhere, sometimes happy, achieving, likeable people, but lost just the same. Unsure of who they really are, why they are here, where they are heading - and the new "spiritualities" that are emerging seem unable to answer these questions. Sheep without a shepherd.

Why do we put so much effort into Alpha and Emmaus courses? They are one way in which we seek to reach out to lost people to tell them of a God who awaits them with out stretched arms - running to welcome them, dying on a cross for them.



Vernon

The monthly magazine of the Cowley Team Ministry

Chronicle

HARVEST THANKSGIVING

HARVEST SUPPER

Friday 6th October
The Parish Hall

Tickets: £2.50 from Gwen or Clare



HARVEST FESTIVAL - Sunday 8th October

ST JAMES CHURCH

ST FRANCIS CHURCH

10.00 am Family Eucharist

10.30 am Family Eucharist

Sugar, coffee, tea, hot chocolate biscuits, cake, Cuppa-Soups, orange juice and squash, canned meat and tuna, rice, pasta, flour, tinned tomatoes and pulses, tomato puree, sauces and mustard will be collected for the *Porch* to feed the city's homeless

The Church notice that didn't quite make it....

Ladies, don't forget the jumble sale. It's a chance to get rid of those things not worth keeping around the house. Don't forget to bring your husbands.

Healing Service

Wednesday 25th
October 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 5th
November
6 o'clock**

Speaker: Revd Penny Joyce



St Luke the Evangelist—18th October

To St Luke we owe the beautifully written Gospel of Luke, and the Book of Acts. He was a Greek physician, a disciple of St Paul, a companion on some of his missionary journeys, and an inspired writer.



Luke's gospel focuses on the compassion of Christ. His gospel contains some of the most moving parables such as the Good Samaritan and Prodigal Son. This, with his emphasis on poverty, prayer and purity of heart, make up much of his appeal to the Gentiles, for whom he wrote.

Women figure more prominently in Luke's gospel than any other: look out for the extended story of the Virgin Birth, and stories of Mary, Elizabeth, and the woman who was a sinner.

In Acts, Luke is remarkably good at linking sacred and profane history, as subsequent archaeology has shown. A principal theme of his Acts is the how the early Christian moved away from Jerusalem into the pagan world, and especially on to Rome.

Luke is the patron saint of doctors, surgeons and artists (due to his picturesque style of writing). His symbol is an ox, sometimes explained by reference to the sacrifice in the Temple at the beginning of his Gospel. In England 28 ancient churches were dedicated to him.

Another Church notice that didn't quite make it....

The new loudspeaker system installed in the church has been given by Mr Jones in memory of his wife.

Memorial Services for the Departed

Sunday 5th November
St James at 4.00 o'clock
and St Francis at 5 o'clock



During this simple service, we shall sing a few well-loved hymns and pray by name for your loved ones. Lists will be available in both churches to record names to be remembered

St James Home Groups



For the past few months over 30 St James people have been involved in Home Groups. The aim is to strengthen our faith in Christ and our love for each other in a relaxed and informal setting. And, as we grow together we

may find others who do not attend church wanting to join us.

One meets weekly, some fortnightly, and some as and when. You can come and you don't have to read, pray aloud, or contribute if you prefer not to.

The groups will be starting a new Autumn course of study soon and if you would like to join one please speak to Vernon or a group leader.

Wednesday afternoon 13 Clive Road Fortnightly **Eric Uren**

Wednesday evening 66 Fernhill Road Fortnightly **Una Dean**

Wednesday evening 58 Lytton Road Weekly **Jenny Orr**



St Francis Church

COMMON WORSHIP

7pm, Tuesday 17th October

An evening to experience and discuss the new services soon to be introduced all welcome

ST LUKE'S DAY

Patronal Festival

Wednesday 18th October

7.00 pm

St James' Church

Sung Eucharist

Guest Preacher: Canon John Fenton

Formerly Principal of Lichfield Theological College, St Chad's College, Durham, Canon of Christ Church, New Testament Writer and Theologian

Wine and Nibbles to follow



Coming to Cowley

RIDING LIGHTS THEATRE COMPANY

present

"FRIENDLY FIRE"

Cowley Parish Hall, Wednesday 6th December. 7.30pm

Riding Lights are a Christian Theatre Company with a national reputation - and they have accepted our invitation to perform in Cowley. This is not to be missed! - put the date in your diary, book your ticket, invite family and friends. Further information from Gwen Ranklin, Margaret Chapman or Fr John.



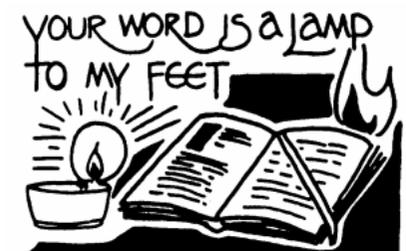
morning prayer & Breakfast

St Francis Church

Saturday Mornings

9.15 am

all welcome



Rosanne interviews



If Canon John Goodwin were to be interviewed for Desert Island Discs and asked which of his books he would take, apart from the Bible and Shakespeare, it's my guess, and I wish I'd asked him, that his answer would be "All of them!" As a small boy growing up in Cumbria and Yorkshire his favourite occupation was reading and has remained so throughout his life. Not that he is, in any way, a couch potato. He enjoys a brisk walk and is a

willing "labourer" in his and Millicent's pretty flower-filled garden.

With their two daughters living in East Oxford, and Cowley being Millicent's childhood home, it seemed an obvious decision to retire to this area three years ago. John is used to settling into new neighbourhoods. He's been doing it all his life. With a clergyman of for a father, he and his family lived in a variety of parishes, mainly in the North of England while he was still a younger boy. He began his education in a small village school in the West Riding of Yorkshire. Then, at eight, he went on to West Leeds High School. Another parish meant another school - this time Cheadle Hulme School. From there he qualified to read classics and theology at Cambridge. Though his interests were predominantly academic he did play rugby for his school. "To make

up the numbers," he smiles in his self-effacing way.

Because his home life was loving and stable he declares that moving a number of times as a youngster made no impact upon his sense of security. He explains that he enjoyed the constant companionship of a younger

brother and a baby sister who was born when he was eleven. He received what he describes as a conversion experience at eighteen and just before the Second World War was working towards Ordination. Throughout the war he did a great deal of voluntary work. He was ordained in 1945 and took up his first curacy in Southall, Middlesex. It was amongst that first congregation that a pretty young lady caught his eye. Millicent taught in a secondary school nearby. When their wedding was planned she brought John back to Oxford and they were married in St

Aldate's Church.

Another curacy in Hull followed but by this time the young couple were thinking of missionary service abroad. India was John's first choice. However in 1950 an opportunity arose to go to Nigeria to prepare a young African man to enter the ministry. With their first baby on the way they made the move and within a few weeks of their arrival their daughter, Ruth, was born. Leaves at home, the birth of two more children, Janet and Michael, together with challenging

work in Africa, made the next seven years a very happy time.

On returning to the UK an appointment as Vice-Principal of Ripon Hall theological college in Oxford presented a new dimension to John's career. Whilst there Bishop Stephen Neill asked him to edit a series of theological books for World Christian Books. The evangelical bishop was publishing these to help people in the Third-World whose first language was not English and who were preparing for Ordination. John succeeded the bishop as Chief Editor and so it became necessary to make another move. The small village of Merton in Oxfordshire became his parish for the next eight years. When the W.C.B. project came to an end the Bishop of Derby invited him to work in his diocese. His first living was in Heanor, a mining conurbation on the Nottinghamshire/Derbyshire border, and then, to complete his fifteen years in that area, he took on the care of two small rural parishes near Belper.

John G

As if all these projects were not enough to keep him more than busy, he and Millicent became long-term foster parents to two small children. They came into their care at the ages of three and four and are now grown up and married, much to the pride of their loving "Mum" and "Dad". Finally John has made his home in our parish and gives us the impression that his roots are firmly fixed. I'm inclined to wonder...

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

My mother had the most influence when I was at school. And though I never met him, Albert

Schweitzer became a role model. He was an inspiration.

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

When I got my scholarship to Cambridge - a joyful experience and a liberation.

What sort of child were you?

Shy (as my brother was the outgoing one). I did mix and play with other children but I was bookish and sometimes enjoyed reading rather than play.

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

My time in Nigeria. I had long dreamed of the adventure of opening the minds of mature and intelligent people in other countries to the truths of Christianity and the facts of civilisation.

Are there any aspects of modern life which you dislike?

I suppose pollution and global warming. I don't worry about the changes of modern life because things have always been changing.

What is best about life today?

I think pensioners are having a better deal, better than they had when I was young, certainly.

How do you like to spend your leisure time?

Reading, obviously; current affairs, philosophical works, biography, some fiction (mainly social and psychological). I also enjoy the open air, especially walking.

What makes you laugh?

All sorts of things. People do say funny things, especially children! Anything humorous that's good of its kind such as "Goodness Gracious Me" and "Have I Got News For You".

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

I'd go for something world shaking - I'd devalue the importance of money in people's minds.

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

An alternative would be to live in New Zealand - an alternative, not better. (John's son lives in New Zealand)

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

I hope to be in heaven, so I must leave that to God.

