

Parish Directory

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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 <i>[1st Sunday of the month]</i>

ST FRANCIS' CHURCH, HOLLOW WAY

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

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>
	12.00 pm	St James Prayer Group – <i>Benson Cottage</i>
	5.00 pm	Evening Prayer – <i>St James</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>
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.

chronicle

Making the Right Choice

This month is a very important one in the life of our country as we go to the elections.

The surveys tell us, apparently, that the great majority of younger electors do not plan to vote; for other people too there seems to be a great deal of apathy towards the election and those who will be appointed to Parliament.

It is most important however that we do exercise our rights and vote; for it is surely not just a right, but a responsibility that we all have. And so we will all be faced with making our choice about who we consider is the person, or party, best suited to be elected and represent us in Parliament.

In making this choice, as in the many other choices we make as Christians, it is appropriate not just that we make best use of our own intellect and reason, but that we also ask for the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

At the beginning of this month we celebrate Pentecost - and remember God's Spirit coming in power on the first disciples and followers of Jesus. This occasion that we celebrate is not just a single historical event; God's Holy Spirit has breathed power and new life into the Church throughout the centuries; and God's Spirit continues to do this today. Part of what it means to celebrate Pentecost is to open ourselves afresh to God's Spirit and to seek the Spirit's power and vitality, gifts and fruits in our own lives.

We also have another great celebration this month - The Holy Trinity. We are reminded that God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit do not live and work in isolation to each other. Here, there is no competition but rather Three Persons united in a perfect relationship of love, cooperation and harmony. And it is into this perfect relationship that God invites us to share.

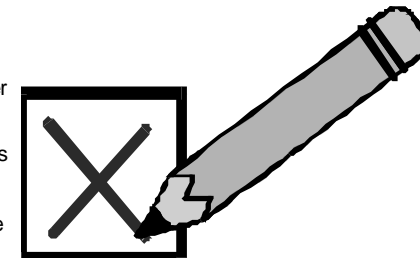
As we are guided and led by the Spirit to draw ever closer, ever deeper into God's love, so we are also drawn ever deeper and closer into

relationship with others in the church and around us.

And it is in this relationship with God and others that we find the choices that we make are not governed by selfish gain or advantage, but by the needs and concerns of others too.

Pentecost, The Trinity and, yes, the Election are all therefore intimately linked.

May God fill us with new life in the Spirit; may God enrich our own relationship with him and with others; and may God help us to use the choices we have wisely and well.



Fr. John

Healing Service

Wednesday 27th 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 1st July
6 o'clock**

**Speaker: Fr
Chris Marshall**



St Francis Church

QUIET DAY

Saturday 30th June

Charney Manor, Charney Bassett

A day for all those who long for the time and space to explore and adventure with God. Look out for leaflets at the back of church. Please speak to Lynn Trainor or Fr. John if you would like to come, or would like a lift.



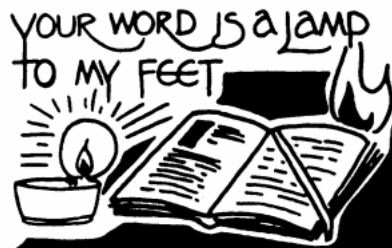
morning prayer & Breakfast

St Francis Church

Saturday Mornings

9.15 am

all welcome



10 FUNNY THINGS

Funny how big a £20 bill looks when we take it to church,
but how small it is when we take it to the shops.
Funny how long it seems when we pray to God for 45 minutes,
but how quickly a team plays 45 minutes of football.
Funny how hard it is to read a chapter in the Bible,
but how easy it is to read 100 pages of a best selling novel.
Funny how long a couple of hours spent at church are,
but how short they are when watching a movie.
Funny how we can't think of anything to say when we pray,
but don't have difficulty thinking of things to talk about to a neighbour.
Funny how we get thrilled when a football game goes into extra time,
but how we complain when a sermon is longer than the regular time.
Funny how people want to get a front seat at any game or concert,
but scramble to get a back seat at church services.
Funny how we need weeks of advance notice to fit a church event into our diary,
but how we can adjust our schedule for other events at the last moment.
Funny how hard it is for us to learn a simple gospel well enough to tell others,
but how simple it is for us to understand and repeat gossip.
Funny how we believe what the newspaper say,
but question what the Bible says.



Monthly Sunday evening service at St Francis Church.

The June service will be:

6.00 pm, 24th June - Taizé worship

Building for the Future



For a number of years now the PCC has been increasingly aware of the state of the Parish Halls and St James' Hut in Beauchamp Lane. The Parish Halls were built in 1934 on land given to Fr Beauchamp for this purpose. St James' Hut was a post war 'temporary school building' erected to serve the growing number of children needing primary school education in the post-war years.

Both buildings are showing signs of age and in need of costly renovation. The Parish Halls, once the centre of parish and community life, now find themselves rather isolated and little used by our congregation.

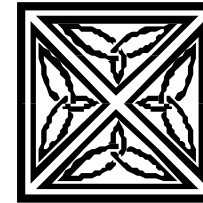
The PCC has taken the decision to seek permission to sell the Parish Halls and to use some of the proceeds to build a new church centre incorporating what was, until recently, the Scout Headquarters in Beauchamp Lane. These old stables are owned by the Diocese and the Diocese has agreed to the PCC having a 125 year lease on the site. It is proposed to add on a suitably sized hall to the rear and to renovate and refurbish the existing old building to provide a second, smaller hall, meeting rooms and a parish office.

The development of this site will be in conjunction with converting Benson Cottage into a substantially larger Rectory. The present Rectory (St James House) site and the adjacent glebe land on which stands Saint James' Hut will be redeveloped by the Diocese for residential use.

The PCC believes that these proposals would greatly enhance our facilities within the parish. The proceeds from the Parish Halls would also enable toilets to be provided within St James Church and the Saint Francis Upper Room refurbished with easier access.

As with all such projects the necessary planning applications and approvals will have to be sought which all take time. When the project is completed the Church in Cowley will have buildings which will be of more practical use for the church and community which we are called to serve.

TRINITY WEEKEND AT ST FRANCIS



**Saturday 9th June
Arts & Craft Exhibition
11am - 4pm
(in church)**

An exhibition to celebrate the skills and crafts of members of our congregation, together with memorabilia from the life of our church.

**Saturday 9th June
Family Fun Afternoon
2pm - 4pm
at St Francis School**

Everyone is welcome for this afternoon of fun and games for all the family, and to enjoy one another's company. Bring sausages and buns for barbecue.

**Sunday 10th June
'Songs of Praise'
6pm in church**

A service of favourite hymns chosen by different members of our church family. Come along for a good sing and to hear why these hymns are special to the people who have chosen them.

Rosanne interviews



His father was studying at theological college in Cuddesdon when Philip, the youngest of three boys, was born. The family moved to Catford in south-east London while he was still a baby and then to nearby Forest Hill where his father took up his first parish. Here Philip attended primary school deciding quite early on that it wasn't for him. The feeling persisted right through secondary school to the point where he

deliberately began to 'wind up' his teachers and parents with his reactionary ideas. Soon our 'difficult teenager' was an active member of the Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament. He was doing as little work as possible at school (ignoring homework too) and was a ready and controversial debater. Apart from cricket on fine summer days he disliked sports too, though he did learn to scuba-dive. His says that at this point in his life he found it difficult to be the son of a clergyman.

Leaving school with predictably poor exam results and after a few aborted attempts at further education he was accepted by Portsmouth University. "This was not a good idea either", he told me. Next he decided on voluntary work and spent two years working in a hospice in London. This, at last, proved a good experience. He grew up quickly when he found himself away from home having to fend for himself and with a responsibility to the hospice. He made the decision to go on to study for a nursing degree which brought him to Brookes University in Oxford.

In 1992 on his very first day at Oxford Brookes, during a fire drill, he spotted Lorna and was hooked. However, the attraction was not mutual at first and he had a tough time of it even trying to find out where she lived! Find out he did and five years later they were married by his father who was, by then, the Bishop of Gibraltar and Europe.

Philip graduated after four enjoyable years. Not ready yet to settle into a job, he spent a further year at Brookes researching. He needed clinical experience and worked at the Warneford Hospital and in Littlemore in a small, secure ward. He found his personality was not suited to the work and after a couple of years he'd had enough.

Whilst at University he took up an interesting hobby. His grandfather gave him a book which contained a chapter on the sinking of 'The Titanic'. Philip became so fascinated that he spent hours researching the details. He is now an authority on the subject and has set up a Titanic website. This is visited by people from all over the world, and he has become an international expert. The computer skills resultant from this are such that he is now employed at Church House, Hinksey, where he has set up the diocesan website and spends three days per week keeping it updated – an enormous task. He works on computers for the Oxford Centre for Mission Studies on the other two days of the week and explains that a split working week suits his restless nature.

He and Lorna are the curators of a magnificent cat and are living happily in Rose Hill. Philip now has a home and garden which require his attention. Gardening is not one of his first loves though a neat and tidy garden is. Throughout all his changes of direction he will tell you that his mother has been his constant support. You even get the impression that he might be rather proud that his father is about to be enthroned as Bishop of Chichester. In about a couple of years' time he's pretty certain that he'll get fidgety for another change. "Where to next?" one wonders...

Was there one particular person who influenced your early life?

When I think back it must be my paternal grandfather. I didn't really know him well but I'm interested in things because of his influence.

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

I was about six when I was hit by a van. It upset my father to see me flying through the air. I felt guilty and now feel I shouldn't inflict any more pain on him.

What sort of child were you?

A nice, sociable little kid, always independent but at secondary school more self-conscious.

Has your faith been with you since childhood or did you find it later in life?

For years and years I was all against it. I put that down to being the son of a clergyman. After I'd done my own thing for a while I began my journey of discovery. I'm still on it now.

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

Now. I'm happily married to Lorna, we've got somewhere nice to live and I've got two jobs I enjoy.

Are there any aspects of modern life you dislike?

Yes, we live in a very commercialised, blame-oriented society and it's difficult to get a pint of real ale in a quiet pub!

What's best about life today?

There are lots of opportunities to train to do anything you want and to travel where you want.

How do you spend your leisure time?

Going into the countryside, finding new places. Researching for my website and my family tree, DIY, reading non-fiction. Meeting up with friends and cooking – I love recipes.

What makes you laugh?

I have a dry sense of humour. When I meet up with my American friends it totally confuses them – great

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

Have a family.

Phil Hind

