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# From the Editors

*Sally Hemsworth and Nicki Stevens*

Autumn is here – and harvest festivals are taking place. Leaves on the trees are changing colour and the weather is cooler than it has been for a long time. Just the time for a walk! Parish walks are continuing and the last one was a lovely stroll through Hinksey Park and South Hinksey, across the railway line (by bridge!), across the southern by-pass (by bridge) and up to Hinksey Heights, where a welcome cup of tea was had at the nearby nursery.

The Christmas craft fair will be with us shortly – 3 November 2018. You may be able to help by manning a stall, or baking cakes and biscuits, etc. as plenty of these will be needed – just see Chris or Margaret for details.

The Eastbourne holiday was a great success, as you will see from Pat's report. The driver and tour operator, Gordon, was extremely helpful telling us a lot about the area and arranging trips to lovely places. He was always about at meal times in case anyone needed any help and did all this with a marvellous sense of humour.

We hope you enjoy this month's Chronicle. If you have seen this, enjoyed it, and have not yet subscribed, please consider doing this. You can contact us or the Parish Office and this will be arranged. As always, our usual plea is for contributions – hope to hear from you with articles or ideas.

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## THE 'IT'S NOT COWLEY FESTIVAL OF CHRISTMAS TREES' ARTS EVENT 2018

We are working towards a 'Cowley Christmas Arts Festival' or just 'Cowley Christmas Days of Song' with several choirs and schools – and would like to hear from any others who would like to contribute. Dates and times will be ready next month!

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## Prayer Space

You are holy, Lord, the only God,  
and your deeds are wonderful.  
You are love, you are wisdom,  
You are humility, you are endurance.  
You are rest, you are peace.  
You are joy and gladness.  
You are all our riches, and you suffice for us.  
You are beauty, you are gentleness.  
You are our protector,  
You are our guardian and defender.  
You are courage,  
You are our haven and our hope,  
You are our faith, our great consolation.  
You are our eternal life, great and  
wonderful Lord, God almighty,  
merciful saviour.

Francis of Assisi  
(abridged)

## A word from the Rectory

Do you have any favourite Bible readings that link with times of the year? At Harvest one of mine comes from Paul's letter to the Galatians (chapter 5).

"But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law."

As we sow Christian love into our homes, places of work, study, and recreation, the fruit we expect to see will be shaped by these.

We remember God giving the people of Israel a set of 10 rules: I wonder if you can remember them? They were seeds to shape the community. And a community that lives by such values should bear good things. In a very real sense they were the first attempt at showing us what love will look like.

When Jesus came to live amongst us, he went a step further. These 10 rules became the barest minimum of what we should do. He explained that what was in our minds was as important as what we did. He said that yes, killing someone was wrong, but ... well how did he put it?

'You have heard that it was said to the people long ago, "You shall not murder, and anyone who murders will be subject to judgment." But I tell you that anyone who is angry with a brother or sister will be subject to judgment. (Matthew 5)

As we journey through life with Jesus, we see the 'Fruit of His Spirit' growing. The fruit is all of the characteristics listed in Galatians 5. But the list is not exhaustive. Just as the

People of Israel were called to live by all 10 commandments, so we are called to show all of these characters of the fruit of the Spirit. The Israelites had to love God as much as they had to avoid coveting what their neighbour owned. And we have to show patience as much as gentleness and self-control. Not on a 'Oh it's Sunday basis', but in every avenue of our lives. It is a tough call, but the good news is that God sends his Spirit into those who ask. His Spirit encourages the Fruit to grow. He provides the energy and resources to go alongside our hearts desire to become more Christ like.

May you know his help on the journey

The 10 commandments in simple terms  
I am the Lord your God, you shall have no other gods before me.  
You shall not worship false Gods.  
You shall never take my name in vain.  
You shall keep the Sabbath day Holy.  
Honour your Father and Mother.  
You shall not murder.  
You shall not commit adultery.  
You shall not steal.  
You shall not lie  
You shall never want what belongs to others

Confirmations.

We have confirmation date coming up vary soon. I need to know if anybody wishes to be included ASAP



A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Paul Dyer'.



Benson Cot-

# Parish Jaunt

Very happy to say our little time away together went with a swing, it's my belief that a happy time was had by all those who joined us.



We spent our time visiting Battle, Rye and Worthing, rounded off by a short tour around Beachy Head.

Some of us went to see a very good show at the Hippodrome Theatre in Eastbourne. The next day there was a tour round this dear little one hundred and thirty five year old theatre where the staff are continually raising funds to ensure it is able to stay up and running. Some of the holiday folk took an open top bus ride. So quite a lot happened in our four day holiday.

Let us hope this will create some good memories and set folk up for the coming winter months.

More importantly we were all able to enjoy some of our Lord's wonderful creations.

Pat Chambers



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# THE REAL ADVENT CALENDAR

We don't really want to talk about Christmas yet but we already have our stock of the calendar. Please sign on the list in church or St James Centre if you wish to order yours.



THE REAL ADVENT CALENDAR was created in 2013 following surveys showing that 36% of 5-7 year olds did not know whose birthday is celebrated at Christmas. In the same year, 51% of adults said that the birth of Jesus was irrelevant to their Christmas. The Real Advent Calendar is a great way to reverse this tipping point and put Christ back into the hearts of those who no longer know the full Christmas story. To help with this the Real Advent Calendar comes with a free 24 page Christmas story-activity book.

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David Marshall, from The Meaningful Chocolate Company, said: 'We are delighted that sales of the calendar have meant that half a million copies of the Christmas story have been shared around the UK while raising money for good causes.'

The Real Advent Calendar still costs just £3.99. Churches, schools and groups can buy direct from

[www.realadvent.co.uk](http://www.realadvent.co.uk) and take advantage of a free delivery offer. Retailers stocking include larger Tesco stores, Traidcraft, Eden, Shared Earth, CLC Bookshops and a number of cathedrals. Details can be found at [www.realadvent.co.uk](http://www.realadvent.co.uk)

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# St Christopher's

The term has got off to a very busy start with the school almost full as we have welcomed a number of new families as well as our new Reception children. We are also now delighted to be able to offer 30 hours nursery placements to working families who qualify for this, as well as continuing with our 15 hour placements. Children can enter our Nursery in the term after they are 3 years old (for the free placements), or they can enter on their 3<sup>rd</sup> birthday for payment of £5 per hour. Please contact the school office if you are interested in registering your child for one of our nursery places, as these are limited and filling up fast!

It is the time of year when parents are choosing schools for Reception entry next September. We held an open morning at the end of September, which was well attended, and we also have an open morning on the 12<sup>th</sup> October at 10am. Interested families are most welcome to join us for a tour of the school and information about Reception classes at St Christopher's. We are particularly keen to show off our large leafy site, set well-back

from the busy-ness of the Cowley streets, and the super facilities we have on offer. We are an Ofsted rated 'Good' school and the catchment school for most of the Temple Cowley area. We are delighted to welcome visitors to the school at other times if more convenient. Do please call the school office to arrange a time for a tour if you are interested. The office phone number is 01865 779772.

Our new Twitter page is now up and running, with regular tweets about daily life in the school. Please follow us on @StCowley for updates on our school.

Our Harvest assembly will be taking place on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> October, led by Rev Geoff. Once again, we will be donating a large collection of tins, packets and jars to the Food Bank at St Francis Church.

As always, we are very grateful to the members of the parish who join us on a Monday morning for the 'Open the Book' sessions. All of our children love to hear the Bible stories which are retold in an engaging way each fortnight.

Sheenagh Broadbent  
Headteacher

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## PERSONALLY SPEAKING

Many congratulations to Thelma Telling who has recently celebrated her 95<sup>th</sup> birthday.

# Cowley Women's Institute

After hearing about all the fun and laughter that was had on our last social outing, which took our WI to Didcot, I hope I shall never miss another trip again. However, my sadness need not last too long, as early in October we are returning to Yarnton to visit the garden and shopping village.

Melanie King gave us an interesting talk on Tea, Coffee and Chocolate at our September meeting. We all went home with many facts to share.

We are not having an official speaker at our October meeting, as two of our members are going to share the knowledge and skills

they gained on a Needle felting workshop. We hope all members will be able to make a flower fit to wear, but overall this session is about enjoying making.

It would be lovely to have more members in our WI. We welcome women over the age of 18. If you would like to find out more, please come and have an enjoyable afternoon with us. We meet from 2pm to roughly 4:15 pm in St James Church Centre, Beauchamp Lane, Cowley, the third Wednesday of each month.

Sarah Lawrence, Secretary to Cowley WI  
[cowleywi@oxfordshirewi.co.uk](mailto:cowleywi@oxfordshirewi.co.uk)

## PARISH MISSION AND SOCIAL PLANNER

OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
SUN 7th <i>Harvest thanksgiving</i> (F)	SAT 3rd 10:00-2:00 <i>Christmas gift &amp; craft fair</i> (CC)	SAT 1st 10:00-11:00am <i>Advent candle painting &amp; wreath making</i> (F)
MON 8th 7:30 pm <i>Mission &amp; Social planning meeting</i> (88 Temple Road)	SUN 4th following 10:30 am worship <i>Bring &amp; share lunch</i> (F)	SUN 2nd <i>Advent bring &amp; share lunch</i> (F)
MON 22nd 10:00-11:30 am <i>Messy Church – St Francis</i> (F)	SUN 11th 6:15 pm <i>National WW1 remembrance service</i> (J) 7:05 pm <i>bells to ring nationwide</i> (J)	FRI 7th 7:00 pm <i>Christmas dinner</i> (CC)
	SUN 18th 12:45 pm <i>Sunday lunch</i> (CC)	SAT 8th 10:00-4:00, SUN 9th 2:00-4:00 pm <i>Get in the picture</i> (TS)
		SUN 9th 10:30 am (F), 4:30 pm (J) <i>Christingle services</i>
		FRI 14th 3:00 pm <i>Set up Nativity festival</i> (F)
		SAT 15th 10:00-3:00 <i>Christmas Nativity festival with Messy activities</i> (F) & take down
		SUN 16th 4:00 pm (J), 6:00 pm (F) <i>Carol services + refreshments</i>
		MON 24th 6:00 pm <i>Carols in the pub</i> (CH)
		<i>may be Christmas arts festival –concerts + ArkT + TS + choirs</i>

(CC) - St James Church Centre - Beauchamp Lane (J) - St James Church - Beauchamp Lane  
 (F) - St Francis Church - Hollow Way (A.A.L.C) - Anglican Asian Living Church (J & CC)  
 (TS) – Templars Square (CH) – Corner House pub

# SAMARITAN'S PURSE OPERATION

This is the world's largest children's Christmas project and in 2017 the Samaritan's Purse was able to deliver 678,942 shoebox gifts to children in 13 countries around the world.

This Parish has participated fully in the past through Joyce Titchell, but last year under the Parish initiative about 50 boxes were sent, thanks to members of the congregation of both churches.

Boxes are available for 2018, and are on display in both churches and St James Church Centre. The filled boxes need to be returned to churches/Parish Office by 6 November 2018 to allow us to get the boxes to the collection point.

There are various ways to participate:

- ∅ Make a donation - it costs £5 to send each box so donations are a great help to cover this cost
- ∅ Fill a box, either by yourself or in a group
- ∅ Donate gifts for the boxes (see below for gift suggestions)

Boxes have been purchased and will be available in both churches and the Church Centre from the 10 September. A leaflet setting out what is required will also be available. Sally Hemsworth will be co-ordinating the "operation", and

**PLEASE TAKE PART IN THIS VALUABLE PROJECT – WORK ON YOUR OWN, WITH A FRIEND, OR A GROUP OF FRIENDS.**

Suggested gifts (make it clear whether it is suitable for a boy or girl in age range 2-4, 5-9, 10-14 years):

**TOYS:** Include items that children will immediately embrace such as dolls or stuffed toys (with CE label), toy trucks, harmonica, yo-yo, skipping rope, ball, small puzzles etc.

**SCHOOL SUPPLIES:** Pens, pencils & sharpeners, crayons or felt pens, stamps & ink pad sets, writing pads or notebooks & paper, solar calculators, colouring & picture books etc.

**HYGIENE ITEMS:** Toothbrush and toothpaste, bars of wrapped soap, comb or hairbrush, flannel. *Please note: 2018 will be the last year that toothpaste can be included, due to increasing customs regulations.*

**OTHER ITEMS:** Hat, cap, gloves or scarf, sunglasses, hair accessories, jewellery set, wind up torch, wrapped sweets (best-before-date must be at least March of the following year). *Please note: 2018 will be the last year that sweets can be included, due to increasing customs regulations.*

**WE ARE ASKED NOT TO INCLUDE:** Used or damaged items, war related items such as toy guns, play soldiers or knives; chocolate or other food items; liquids or lotions of any type including bubbles; medicines; hand-made or knitted stuffed toys; anything of a political, racial or religious nature; sharp objects; glass containers, mirrors or fragile items; playing cards of the 4-suit variety; clothing other than as listed above. Items packed from this list will be removed from shoeboxes.

## OPEN DOORS

If you have not yet been seduced by the glories of Open Doors day in our area you don't know what you have been missing. It will happen again next year so it is a good idea to keep a look out for the comprehensive booklet next summer which gives times and places to visit. For instance how about taking a look round BBC Radio Oxford?

That is exactly what one of our young parishioners did with his dad and what fun they had. He went into the radio studio and was offered the chance to actually broadcast (live) the motoring news – what a thrill. Then they were taken through to the television studio and, although he did not do a live broadcast from there he did sit behind the desk where Geraldine sits for our transmission for South Today and had his photograph taken.

There are loads of things to do and one of the most pleasing things this year was that we welcomed to St James Church more visitors than ever before (and I don't mean the many Ride'n'Striders who looked in as well). A fun day it most certainly was, helped by some gorgeous home-made cakes from Mary Bayliss and June Smith. The visitors who came loved our church. How could they do otherwise. Also the welcome they received. One young man whom I taught at the old school (now aged 66!) was visiting his elderly mum and on passing by saw the Open Doors notice and looked in. He lives in Australia so he was our furthest flung visitor this year. He, I and his mum had a great time reminiscing about old school days, teachers

and friends.

Another visitor who lives down Meadow Lane turned out to be an authority on church architecture and is also a retired professor of art history at the university. It was with some pride that we received from him compliments on our church brochure which he endorsed as very authentic.

Many other people "found" us and Sally and I were kept busy from 10 am until 6pm chatting, serving tea and coffee and some of those lovely cakes. We had a really great day and enjoyed showing visitors what an exceptionally interesting and beautiful parish church we have.

Rosanne Butler



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# Film Club at the Centre

The September club night was involved in a clash which nearly turned into a crash. But a guardian angel came to our rescue. And who was that guardian angel? None other than Geoff!

Let me explain – the clash occurred to begin with in that our regular Friday night coincided with Dave Stanley’s late summer holiday and Dave is our regular projectionist. Our willing back-up person in that role is Sally Hemsworth. But what happened last month? Well the parish “jolly” to Eastbourne also clashed with film club and Sally went on that trip. Come the evening and we had no-one to show the film. Except that our lovely rector (who had just spent his day off visiting his mum) arrived back in the car park at the precise moment that I was beginning to panic. Even though, by rights, I should not have bothered him he came to our rescue, set up the film and all with a “Don’t worry, Rosanne” and a smile. Thank you Geoff.

We must also thank Delphine Loveridge and Freda Yates who did sterling work serving cake and drinks in the kitchen replacing Chris Woodman and Margaret Weller who also went on the trip to Eastbourne.

And what of the film? Well despite a slightly depleted audience those members who

turned up declared the film “My Old Lady” to be a jolly good story much enhanced by an excellent performance by Maggie Smith.

This month we celebrate our sixth birthday. I can hardly believe that it is six years ago that we tentatively set up our little club but here we are seventy-two films later still going strong. Film number seventy-three this month is “Shall We Dance?” starring Richard Gere, Jennifer Lopez and Susan Sarandon, chosen to deliberately coincide with the BBC TV series “Strictly Come Dancing”. It is a light-hearted comedy and should brighten up a forthcoming dark evening on 12 October.

Next year’s programme has been drawn up. It will be available for all present members (and prospective members too) on the 12<sup>th</sup>, and we hope it includes something new to entertain and something old to be a welcome revival.

Rosanne Butler



# FLO'S – THE PLACE IN THE PARK

[www.floxford.org.uk](http://www.floxford.org.uk)

This is a real good news story: Flo's, the place in the park – the former Florence Park Children's Centre – reopened on Saturday 22 October as a beautiful community hub

Flo's – The Place in the Park is a genuine community initiative. A campaign by local people to take over the running of a former children's centre convinced Oxfordshire County Council to award the contact to the community-backed local charity Aspire.

The story: building is owned by Oxford City Council and has a long history of serving the local community. In its early days it was a family centre run by social services. In 2007 Oxfordshire County Council secured Sure Start funding and a brand new building was built in 2008. The county council has long-term tenure of the building.

The children's centre offered families with young children services provided by many different agencies. The announcement of its closure in 2016 due to budget cuts was deeply sadening for many, and one which posed serious challenges for families, parents, carers and children living in the area.

Following several months of negotiations, and expressions of interest, the local campaigners formed a steering group to support the vision for a locally-managed project initiated by the Nature Effect Community Interest Company. Led by local charity Aspire, the community group developed its business plan to create a community-run, enterprise-funded centre that would continue to support families and be sustainable in the longer term.

In September 2017, Oxfordshire County Council awarded the contract to the community-backed local charity Aspire, to work with the community to incubate a welcoming, community-led and managed space in this fantastic building in the heart of Florence Park. Then there was a long period of negotiating the lease and contract and access.

Now 'Flo's – The Place in the Park' (or just 'Flo's' for short) has reopened its doors to local families and other members of the local and wider community. There's a wholesome café open to the whole community, run by the people behind the Vaults café at St Mary's Church in High Street - a nature-focused nursery opening 1 January 2019 - open-access spaces for family drop-in, the continuation of the community midwife service - crafts and training open to all – and more.

You can find updates on what we are up to now in the website news page

If you'd like to be involved please visit the volunteer page

The next event 'Flourish at Flo's' is for the families of under 5s, on Friday 19 October , 11.00-3.00 - a free day of taster activities, indoor and outdoor play, food, connection, organised in association with OxNEST

[/www.floxford.org.uk/events/](http://www.floxford.org.uk/events/)

## RECIPES

### Spiced Butternut Squash Soup (serves 8)

#### Ingredients:

- 1.5kg butternut squash, halved and seeded
- 50g butter
- 1 medium onion, sliced
- 1 leek, sliced
- 2 cloves garlic, sliced
- 1litre chicken stock
- 2 large potatoes, peeled and quartered
- 1/8 teaspoon cayenne pepper
- 1/8 teaspoon ground allspice
- 1/8 teaspoon ground nutmeg
- 1/8 teaspoon ground ginger
- salt and freshly ground black pepper to taste
- 125ml sherry
- 125ml double cream
- 125ml milk
- 125ml cup soured cream (optional)

#### Method:

- ∅ Preheat the oven to 190 C / Gas mark 6. Pour a small layer of water in a baking dish, or a swiss roll tin. Place the squash halves cut side down on the dish. Bake for about 40 minutes, or until a fork can easily pierce the flesh. Cool slightly, then remove the peel. Set aside.
- ∅ Melt the butter in a large pot over medium heat. Add the onion, leek and garlic, and saute for a few minutes, until tender. Pour the chicken stock into the pot. Add the potatoes, and bring to the boil. Cook for about 20 minutes, or until soft. Add the squash, and mash with the potatoes until chunks are small. Use an immersion hand blender to puree the soup, or transfer to a blender or food processor in batches, and puree until smooth. Return to the pot.
- ∅ Season the soup with cayenne pepper, allspice, nutmeg, ginger, salt and pepper, then stir in the sherry, cream and milk. Heat through, but do not boil. Ladle into bowls,



and top with a dollop of soured cream if desired.

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The following is from Cakes, Bakes, Puddings and Prayers by Susan Over.

Welcome Rock Cakes (makes 18 cakes)

#### Ingredients:

- 225g (8oz) self-raising flour
- 110g (4 oz) margarine
- 110g (4oz) granulated sugar, plus extra for dusting
- 175g (6oz) mixed dried fruit
- 1 egg
- Milk to mix

#### Method

- ∅ Preheat oven to 220°C / 180° Fan / gas mark 7. Grease two baking trays
- ∅ Sift flour into mixing bowl and rub in the margarine.
- ∅ Add sugar and fruit. Make a well in the centre
- ∅ Beat the egg, then add to the dry ingredients with a little milk to make a stiff consistency.
- ∅ Place the mixture in rough heaps on both baking trays and dust with granulated sugar (for cakes with a more golden-brown "finish", dust with demerara sugar instead of granulated)
- ∅ Bake for 10 minutes until golden brown.
- ∅ Cool on a wire rack

He is the Rock, his works are perfect, and all his ways are just. A faithful God who does no wrong, upright and just is he.

Deuteronomy 32:4 (NIV)

I want to sing praises to you, Lord, because you are the Rock of my salvation. I want to be a rock for others too, Lord, in your strength. Help me to build my life on your strong foundation so that the storms of life will never shake my faith. Amen

## GARDENING PARTY

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## AN APPEAL FROM THE FOOD BANK

Another plea for support - if you are able to help with any of the following there are collection boxes at both churches and the Church Centre for donations. Please help.

Tins of Fruit  
Tins of Puddings  
Tins of meat  
Tins of veg, not baked beans  
and Tomatoes  
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## UNA'S CORNER

### COMMENTS

I was very interested in David's article about the Congregation church. It played a big place in my life as it brought my parents together in a roundabout way.

My mother was brought up in Luton and when she was about seventeen or thereabouts my grandfather got the push from Vauxhall - I suppose today he would have been classified as redundant. He obtained a job at Morris Motors. He was a painter in the days when the cars each received twelve coats of hand painted colour, often black. He was foreman in the original paint shop which was just about at the bottom of our garden. The shop was still there when we married and moved into this house 59 years ago. They used it for burning off unwanted paint and it used to smell horrible.

We live at no 66 Fern Hill about half way down.

Grandpa cycled from Luton to Oxford every Sunday evening and cycled the other every Friday evening - he did this for about a year. He bought a house in the Garsington Road just about where the slip road to the retail park near the by-pass bridge is. This house was not as good as the Luton house - no electricity for example. It had a long garden as Grandpa bought a patch end of the bottom with fruit trees. I remember a plum tree with delicious plums called Black Diamonds.

So the family were all together again

Early in their residence here my grandmother, a very pious lady, met the vicar in the street. The vicar at that time was the Rev George Moore. Grandma asked if my mother could be confirmed. The vicar asked

my mother one or two questions and then asked her to come out on the river with him that evening. Grandma was so shocked that she went to St Aldates church. The family went to St Aldates for some years and then when my mother was confirmed she began to attend the Congregational Church with a friend and they were both in the choir. My mother was born in 1906 so this must have been when she was about twenty or thereabouts. My mother's name was Edna and her friend had the same name. Edna had a brother called Clifford, Cliff had a step on the back of his bicycle, attached to the rear wheel axle, my mother used to stand on the step and Cliff would take her wherever they were going. Although no one was linked to the factory they used their sports ground, Edna, Edna and Cliff used to play tennis a great deal. Then one day Cliff said to Mummy that he had an older brother whom he would like her to meet. One day at some special function on the sports ground the older brother came as well. His name was Reginald Smith, known as Reg, and they clicked at once. Reg and Edna were engaged for 3 years but they were married in 1931 in St James Church.

Incidentally when grandpa had completed his first day's work at the factory he asked around for anyone who could give him lodgings. He was sent to Crescent Road to the Johnson family. Stephen Johnson was always called Stiv or Stivvie. And his sister Maggie kept house. She had a twisted leg and used one crutch. She broke a leg as a small child and it was never treated, somehow the leg seemed to wrap itself round the crutch and she moved very fast and efficiently. Also in

the house was their great nephew, a small boy. Much later my elder brother married the daughter of that little boy. At the wedding Mr Johnson said in his speech he remembered a gentleman called Mr Thomas lodging with them and now Mr Thomas' grandson was marrying his daughter. Stivie was buried in the churchyard in St James, I think his grave is one with the stone laying on top of the grave.

A great many of our family are in that churchyard.

So to go back to the beginning if the Vicar of Cowley had not upset Grandma, if Mummy had not chosen to join the choir of the Congregational – well who am I to say what might have happened, indeed I would not exist.

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## Funerals

If you have to organise a funeral for someone and there are no clear instructions in the will, bear in mind that you can organise the procedure without using the services of a funeral director. The Cemeteries and Crematorium Department of your local authority can offer help and guidance, and there are many sources of help online, for instance the Natural Death Centre at [www.naturaldeath.org.uk](http://www.naturaldeath.org.uk) At the current time, when the high prices charged by funeral companies are under government investigation, an alternative funeral can also cost much less. If you're on certain benefits you might be able to get help paying for the funeral.

Citizens Advice has guidance for people planning a funeral for themselves or their near ones:

- Shop around and get quotes from local funeral directors. These quotes can vary surprisingly, sometimes by as much as £2,000. Also, try asking for a "basic funeral" and get the costs itemized so you can see what you are paying for.
- Choose "direct burial" – that way, there is no need to pay for embalming or visiting rights.
- Purchase a biodegradable cardboard or cloth-covered coffin, or a wicker basket.

A woodland or "natural" burial site is an option. There are 200 of them around Britain and several in Oxfordshire.

For more help, contact Citizens Advice on Adviceline 03 444 111444, or drop in to your nearest Citizens Advice. For locations and opening hours see [www.citizensadvice.org.uk/local/oxfordshire](http://www.citizensadvice.org.uk/local/oxfordshire)

# What is the money you give to the parish used for?



- Pre school groups
- Sunday clubs
- Youth groups
- Confirmation preparation
- Baptism preparation



## Discipleship

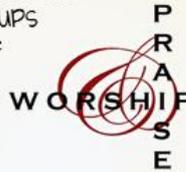
- Teaching about the Christian faith
- Alpha Courses
- Pilgrim courses
- Confirmation courses
- Bible study groups
- Preparation of materials



- Church repairs
- Heating (£6000)
- Getting rid of waste (£700)
- Musicians (£1500)



- School Assemblies
- Open the Book
- Prayer spaces
- Governance



- Praying for the parish and people
- Leading and preparing for services
- Sermon preparation
- Choosing hymns
- Working with the choir and other musicians



- Supporting the wider church
- Training the future ministers of the kingdom
- Supporting brother and sister churches



- Back ground administration (£6000)
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- Pastoral visiting
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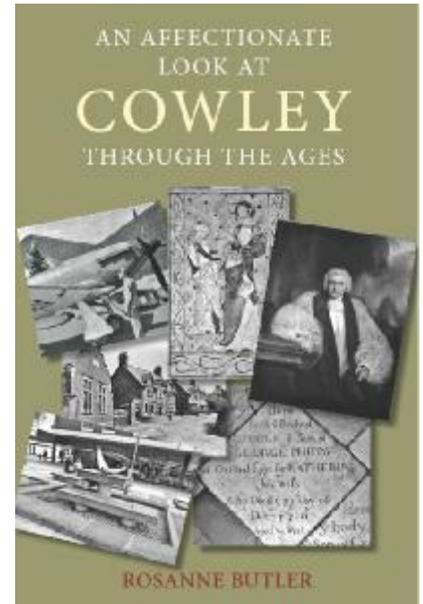
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## BOOK LAUNCH

On Tuesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2018, there was a splendid occasion at St James Church Centre when people gathered for the launch of Rosanne Butler's book "An Affectionate Look at Cowley Through the Ages".

Rosanne introduced the book thanking those who had helped with its production. She indicated that the book had resulted from the series of 33 articles she had produced for The Cowley Chronicle from 2010 when she had become the Editor, and the many requests she had received since then to put these into a book.



After reading one of her favourite stories from the book, Rosanne then settled down to sign copies for people wishing to buy, during which others were able to enjoy a drink with nibbles, and spend an enjoyable evening meeting others who had attended the launch.

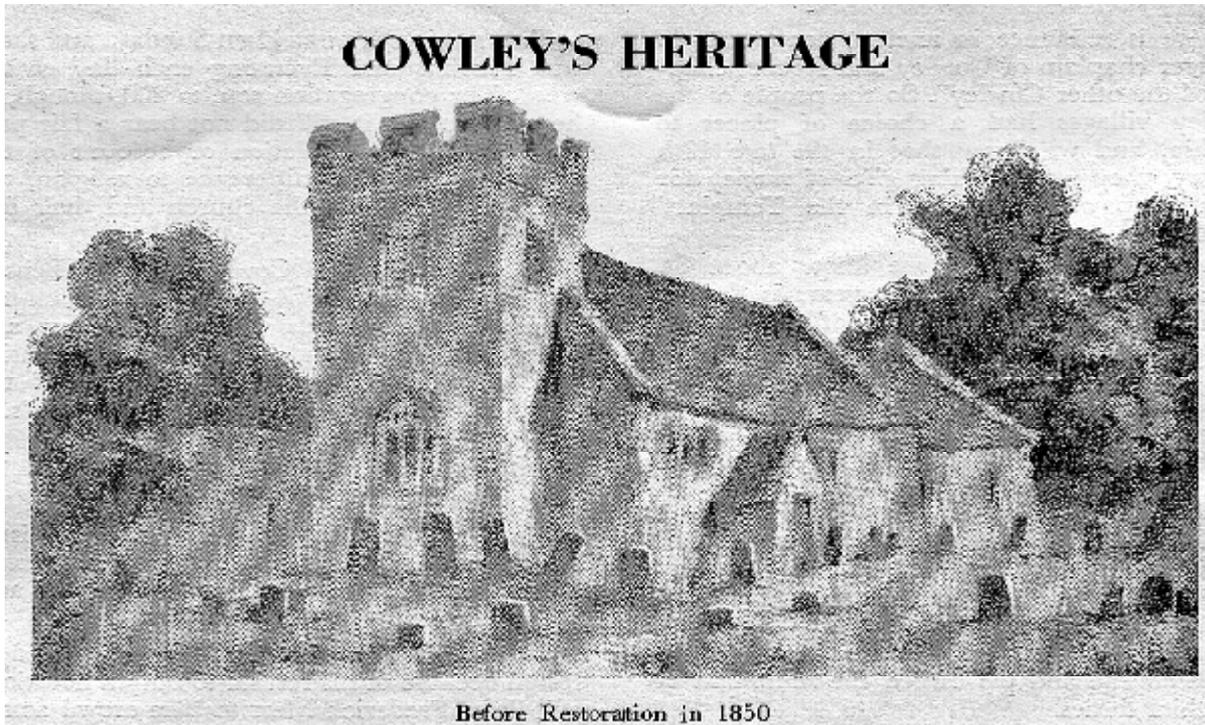
The book has been produced with funding from the 'Friends of St James Old School', and money from any purchase will be paid back to this fund before being distributed to St James Church and the author. The book is selling at £8 per copy. We hope you will be thinking of this when planning your Christmas presents.

Books are available at the Parish Office, St James Church Centre – see Sally Hemsworth or one of the other volunteers and they will make certain you get a copy. Cheques, made payable to 'Friends of St James Old School' or cash will be accepted.



# From the Archives

Year Book 1967



## 1066 And All That

Last year, 1966 was kept by all English people as the 900<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Norman Conquest. It is fitting that here in Cowley, our year-book for 1967 should be a reminder to us of our links with the past and, in particular, of everything that the ancient parish church of St. James' has meant to past generations in this place and to this present generation in the life of Cowley.

The hymn writer, H.F.Lyte, gave us these words:

"Change and decay in all around I see,  
O Thou that changes not, abide with me."

Modern man feels a great need for a sense of changelessness and security, and while the Christian can say, on the one hand, that God is He "who makes all things new," on the other hand, we need the assurance that Jesus Christ is "the same yesterday, today, and forever."

Cowley is fortunate that its three Anglican churches express both these truths. St. Luke's and St. Francis' have been built within the last 40 years to meet the needs of a rapidly expanding suburb. St. James' speaks of the continuity of Christian worship in Cowley for over 800 years.

## The First 300 Years

The exact date when St. James' was built is not known. Ancient records say that before 1127, Roger D'Ivry, who held the manor of Temple Cowley from the Bishop of Bayeux, gave both the land and the church - which was evidently already in existence - to the church of St. George in Oxford Castle. A few years later, Henry D'Oilly of Oxford Castle was persuaded by his wife Editha, to found an Augustinian priory at Osney, and to endow it, he gave six churches, including St. James', and their tithes, as well as other of his property to the monks. St. James' remained the property of the Abbey of Osney until the Dissolution, when the advowson of the church was given by Henry VIII to his new college, now known as Christ Church. Of the history of the church between 1149 and the Dissolution we do not know very much. Chaplains were provided by the abbey and in the orders drawn up by Bishop de Welles, the vicar was to have two marks for his clothing, a share in the offerings, a clerk, a boy and a horse when he went on the canon's business, while the canons were to bear all his expenses. Between 1450 and 1480, the chaplain was getting 26s. 8d. There were, in fact, two "chaplains" in Cowley after 1139, when the chapel of the Knights Templar in Temple Cowley was dedicated, and even after the Templars removed to Sandford, this chapel remained in use in Temple Cowley. There is mention in ancient documents of "Rodger chaplain of Cowley and Robert chaplain of the other Cowley". So the people of Cowley had a choice of where to worship, and we know that in the late 13<sup>th</sup> century, they were making gifts of money for the upkeep of the lamps in the Templar's chapel. The only other thing we know about St. James' Church in these early years is that in the accounts of the Visitations in the Diocese of the Bishop of Lincoln - in which diocese Oxford was at this time - there is a record of neglect between 1570 and 1520, when the chancel was reported ruinous, the choir stalls broken and the divine office not held at customary hours.

## The Lean Years

The transfer of the church to the college of Christ Church did not benefit the people of Cowley. Chaplains were normally provided from among the students, and most of them had little to do with their parishioners, for they lived in the college and performed the minimum of parochial duties.

There would be the services of Morning and Evening Prayer on Sundays, and Communion services six times a year for the "solemn festivals". They would catechise the children in Lent and occasionally on Sundays. Among those who ministered in St. James' were Richard Robinson (instituted 1737), later Bishop of Armagh, William Coleridge (1815) later Bishop of Barbados, and Charles Langley (1823), later Archbishop of Canterbury. Partly as a result of this pastoral neglect, the number of communicants fell and in the first part of the 18<sup>th</sup> century there were between 30 and 50, and only about 20 in the latter part of the century. In 1774 the curate reported that there were too many who absented themselves from public worship through negligence, chiefly servants and children. An entry in the Churchwardens' book in 1783 that people were not to be buried without leave of the minister and payment of a

fee of 5/-, suggests past negligence. In 1808, the incumbent estimated the congregation between 120 and 180.

### The Saintly Years

Under the devoted and saintly ministry of Father Benson, things took a turn for the better. By 1854 he was living in Cowley among his people, and had an assistant curate. Two services were held on Sundays, and there was Mattins and evensong each day of the week. The congregation rose to 200, though, as he commented, it still did not bear a fair proportion to the population or the account of the "people's extreme indifference to religion, the want of comfort in the church and their distance from it". Unfortunately for Cowley, Father Benson left the village in 1864 to concentrate on the needs of the suburb between Cowley and Magdalen Bridge, and in 1868 the new parish of Cowley St. John was carved out of the parishes of Iffley, Cowley, and St. Clements.

### The Troublesome Years

Father Benson's successors tried to enforce Church discipline and to administer the church charities strictly. This led to a period of bitter strife between parishioners and their parson. In 1875, the Rev. James Coley was forced to resign because of his refusal to bury a notorious evil-liver, Frederick Merritt. The crowd at the funeral, which eventually took place 11 days after the death, included 40 or 50 navvies who broke into St. James' with their picks.

Some of the trouble seems to have been due to the character of the Rev. Coley, but by 1875 the congregation had nearly disappeared, the school was closed and the church was in debt. Coley's successor was The Rev. George Moore. With his prestige as a boxer for the University, he was able to deal with the opposition. In 1884 and 1885 there was more serious trouble over the Poor Charity and the Bread Charity, and the "pugilistic parson" was summoned for a second time for assault in the churchyard. Many are the stories and legends told about "Georgie Moore", but one thing is certain; he restored the position of the parson, and his long ministry of over 50 years, gave a much needed stability to the parish of Cowley.

### The Last Years

In 1929, Father Beauchamp was instituted as vicar, and with the devoted partnership of himself and Father Whye, the church in Cowley met the challenge of the new industry and the vast growth in population. It was not until Father Betton became Vicar in 1959, that the parish church no longer had the Vicar living near it.

*(With acknowledgements to the Victoria County History)*

Compiled by Les Hemsworth

# DIARY DATES TO REMEMBER

## Mothers' Union

Monthly Meeting on 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of month  
from 2.15 pm

BUT in October it is on the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday

22 October 2018

Meeting at St James Church Centre at 2.15 pm

Talk by The Revd Mark Oxbrow "Digging up  
the Past"

## Women's Institute

Monthly Meeting on 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of month  
from 2 – 4.30 pm

17 October 2018 – Needle Felting

St James Church Centre

## Gardening

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

## Parish Walk

Mondays, 15 and 29 October 2018 – details of  
each walk will be in The Link

## Film Club

Friday, 12 October 2018 – "Shall We Dance?"

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

## Mission and Social Planning Meeting

Monday, 8 October 2018 at 7.30 pm

88 Temple Road

## Parochial Church Committee

Sunday, 14 October 2018, 12.15 pm at St

Francis Church

## Mothers' Union Wine, Cheese and Poetry evening

Friday, 19<sup>th</sup> October 2018

## Sunday Lunch

Sunday, 21 October 2018, 12.30 pm

St James Church Centre

## Messy Church

Monday, 22 October 2018 10.00 – 11.30 am

St Francis Church

## Christmas Gift and Craft Fair

Saturday, 3 November 2018 10 – 3 pm

St James Church Centre

REMEMBER: Tuesday lunches at St James

Church Centre from 12.30 pm

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November 24th: [Tommaso Starace](#)

December 1st: [David Gordon Trio](#)

Tickets: £15 standard, £12 - concessions (over 65 and disabled), £8 - students with ID, £5 - under 18 and carer for accompanied disabled person, booked on Eventbrite. There are usually tickets available on the door but some concerts are fully booked.

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## JOIN US FOR THEATRE VISITS

Riding Lights Theatre Company: GOSPELSTREET

St Barnabas Church, Horton-cum-Studley

Sunday 28 October, 7:30 pm

£10/£8

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## Creation Theatre: PETER PAN at the North Wall, Summertown

Saturday 5 January 2019, 2:00 pm

[www.creationtheatre.co.uk](http://www.creationtheatre.co.uk)

"All children, except one, grow up."



A shadow at the window, a sprinkling of fairy dust and then straight on till morning; the Darling children are off on an adventure. Can Peter lead the Lost Boys to victory, or will Hook win Neverland?

This winter, pull up a chair for Creation Theatre's eighth family Christmas show at The North Wall. From the team behind last year's anarchic 'A Christmas Carol' comes a new adaptation of this much loved J M Barrie story, full of songs, sword fights and awfully big adventures. As with all Creation's productions, it's not a pantomime! So the recommended age is 7+

Cabaret style tables are back around the stage this year or there are also traditional seats up in the gallery.

**Ticket prices** will be negotiated, depending on group size but the maximum will be £19-£25 for adults, £17-£20 for children (up to 16) or there are just a few in the backrow of the gallery for £13/£11

**Sign the list** at church/St James Centre or contact Lesley Williams giving your booking by Sunday 21 October. Payment will be taken later....

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## MOTHERS' UNION NEWS

The most important news for October as far as our branch is concerned is that our monthly meeting will be on the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday, that is 22<sup>nd</sup> October. Please will members pass on the news to each other so that we don't have disappointed people arriving at the Church Centre a week early. Our speaker for this month is Revd Mark Oxbrow. Members and friends know that he is an exceptional speaker so please don't miss it.

Our annual wine, cheese and poetry evening will be on 19<sup>th</sup> October at 7 pm in the Church Centre. As usual this is open to everyone in the parish so we encourage members to bring along friends and family. It always proves to be a "fun" evening with a really good supper. We ask £4 from anyone who brings a poem to read or £5 to those who come along to be entertained.

Last month's speaker, Gilly Burn, was an enormous success. She spoke for almost an hour about her amazing work on palliative care mainly in her beautiful clinic in India. She held us enthralled and, I am sure, could have done so for even longer. We hope to enlist her again at a future date to keep us updated on her work.

Members are asked to ensure that they fill in the forms sent personally from the Diocese concerning their subs payments. The forms are to be posted before the end of this month.

Five bags of beautiful knitted baby garments and cot blankets, together with a wide selection of toiletry essentials have been sent to the John Radcliffe Special Baby Unit. Gail, the link person for the charity, wanted me to thank you all for your magnificent efforts. I promised I would and also, promised that there would be further donations just before Christmas.

Rosanne Butler



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# Temple Cowley United Reformed Church

Wartime was another phase in the life of Temple Cowley and in 1940 we welcomed another 'special' minister character. He was Rev. Rees-Tyrer. He was Welsh, and had to learn English to attend training college because he originated from North Wales. Not only was he married to a teacher like his predecessor, but she was a Welsh Bard and could make the organ really 'sing'. Although they had no children of their own she could take control of 200 eager youngsters when special children services were held each year. The church was packed to overflowing with parents and friends and the children loved it. This surge of young families also helped to maintain a full scout troop and guide company with junior groups of brownies and cubs, so the premises were in use every evening throughout the war years. Sadly, in 1948 the Tyrers moved on to another church, but their ministry had a profound effect on me. They were real servants to the community with Rees-Tyrer accepting an invitation to be an Independent Councillor.

In 1948 I was required to do my National Service for two years in the RAF but was lucky enough to get posted to RAF Benson. It was about an hour's cycle ride or you could hitch a lift in those days quite safely, especially in uniform. This meant that there was no real loss to my link with Temple Cowley, but the periods of training away from the Oxford area allowed me to experience other parts of the U.K. and other congregations and attitudes. It showed me that staying local could cause you to live in a bubble and that is what seemed to happen so that each church was deemed 'self sufficient'. After all, we were known as the Independents and responsible for all church and ministerial costs. Most ministers stayed for eight to ten years but due to misunderstandings and some drastic unnecessary decisions the youth club was closed by the

Deacons (the Elders of the Church), and on another occasion the Minister was dismissed, also by the local Elders. No misdemeanour had occurred but no appeal was allowed in either case.

However, we were blessed with many leaders in the widest sense who helped to shape better understanding of the Word. All had been employed in a 'day job' before following a call to the ministry. Each contributed towards the better understanding between Free Church links culminating in the amalgamation of the Presbyterian Church and the Congregational Churches, who were largely still Independent Churches to become the United Reformed Church. Unfortunately, following these historical events, Mansfield College, although raised in status in recent years to full membership of Oxford University, ceased to be a college devoted solely to training Congregational Ministers.

During one of the interim periods between resident ministers we received a request for assistance for accommodation for a Minister who shared the ministry at the Circular Church in Charleston, South Carolina, Bert Keller. He was on sabbatical for a year and would be studying at Green College, Oxford and Birmingham University. Sounded simple BUT he was married with three young children and required a house or flat for the university year and he had limited funds. We had an empty manse but no furniture but after several discussions agreed to loan the manse and accept an agreed number of 'Sunday duties' in return. Before they arrived we were able to completely furnish the manse with all their requirements, using labour provided by Mansfield students, a large van and a generous charity in the south of England providing the furniture. During the night soon after arrival, Mrs. Keller phoned the church treasurer's wife

to ask for advice about their young baby son who was ill. She was told that she should ring the doctor and found out then how helpful the NHS can be, even for a visitor. And it was free!

Several students from Mansfield College found their way to Temple Cowley as part of their training, including Elizabeth King. She was an American and later became our minister as Rev. Elizabeth Gray-King. She wowed the younger element and was a hard nut to crack for the older ones. But there was a sad side to her ministry. With an ageing population almost a third of the congregation was buried during her tenure. Sadly, the youth organisations did not return when they dwindled, with the exception of the Brownie pack, which still exists but is now relocated. Betsy inspired many new ideas including the sale of the old church hall, modernisation of the present building internally and personally showed her artistic talent by painting two of the plain glass panels on the folding divider in the church which was a remodelling of the wooden divider in the old church hall. The simple wooden cross is also a 'relic' from the past made from two floorboards from the hall lashed together and decorated at Easter. A second floor was added to the rear of the church 'sanctuary' for letting or multiple use. Income from the lettings supplemented member's giving, and the premises were in use most days and some evenings supporting the view that we should use our facilities for the use of all. Meanwhile, the Cowley Community Centre was condemned and destroyed, reducing the available space for recreation in Cowley.

With so many children passing through the Sunday school and youth organisations over the years we did have a couple of 'get-togethers' meeting up in our middle years. On one occasion, we placed a memorial in the South transept dedicated 'to those who have gone before' in memory of parents and friends

who gave us the opportunity to worship at Temple Cowley. Locally it was the best place to find your future wife, it seemed. Fifty percent of the group met their partner at the church group. I had to stray to meet Audrey Denny from St. Francis Church, who eventually joined the Temple Fellowship Young People's Group. I was persuaded to join a Barn Dance group that met at the Pressed Steel Social Club, and my friend from Temple Cowley said it was difficult to do the dances properly with very few men. And of course, in those days, afterwards, you politely walked, or cycled, the young ladies to their home. The rest is history. Audrey lived at the top of the road!

More recently, before the decision was taken by the church members to close the church, Dick Wolff has been the Minister and like some of his predecessors, offered himself as a councillor, albeit supporting the Green Party. During the period of 13 years with us he shared his ministry with the URC church at Collinwood Road in Headington, which was initially a satellite church of Temple Cowley. He has now retired from the ministry and the council duties.

This has not been a full history of the church at Temple Cowley, those details are available elsewhere, but a record of the background and history as I have seen it happen. It is sad when a phase of history changes, but Temple Cowley is still there in bricks and mortar and is to become another Christian Place of Worship in the near future. Emmaus is operating on part of the original site of the main buildings and many people have gone forth from those buildings with their faith strengthened. We must have done something right for the ministry in my lifetime to produce seven free church ministers, a Moderator of the United Reformed Church, several teachers and head teachers and countless Christian People of faith who have left Oxford to live all over the world.

David Cook

27 With acknowledgement to Jim Hansford



## Online Thames Valley Burglary Forum Invitation

Now that the leaves are starting to fall, Thames Valley Police will be hosting an online Burglary Q&A Forum for residents living across the Thames Valley, ahead of the darker nights.

You are invited to join our live web chat on Thursday 11 October between 7.30pm and 9pm from the comfort of your own home.

Our panel of detectives will be standing by to answer your questions about burglary while providing crime prevention advice to help protect your property this winter.

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If you are unable to join us on the evening, you can reduce the risk of becoming a victim of burglary by taking a few simple steps:

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- ∅ Move bins away from any side gates to prevent easy access into your property.
- ∅ Lock any tools away to prevent them being used to break into your home.
- ∅ Consider fitting a motion activated external light or installing a CCTV system.
- ∅ Finally, mark your valuables using a UV pen and register them on the national property register at [www.immobilise.com](http://www.immobilise.com).

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## Autumn Programme 2018

# The Bible Course

Wednesday 9 October  
Creation and Covenant (Bible Course session 2)

Wednesday 23 October  
Exodus and the Promised Land (Bible Course session 3)

Wednesday 7 November  
Judges and Kings (Bible Course session 4)

Wednesday 21 November  
Exile and Prophets (Bible Course session 5)

Wednesday 5 December  
Jesus and the Gospels (Bible Course session 6)

Wednesday 19 December  
*Christmas Party* and "Your favourite Bible passage"

Wednesday 9 January 2019  
Acts and the Church (Bible Course session 7)

Wednesday 23 January 2019  
Revelation and Review (Bible Course session 8)

Enquiries 07985 631816



# *LIGHT: A Spiritual Journey*

**Multi-media art installation**

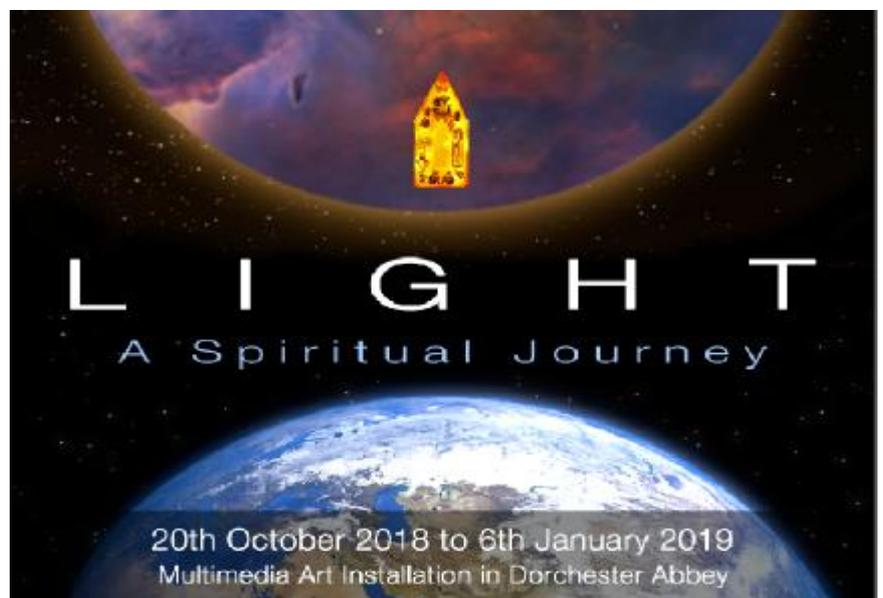
**Opening soon at Dorchester Abbey!**

Mark Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> October in your diaries! This is the date when this much awaited art installation opens to the public in Dorchester Abbey's Cloister Gallery. This is a first for Dorchester!

This exhibition will give you the opportunity to wander through a stunning new display of globally inspired art by local artist Adrian Brooks, in the context of projected images from outer space, whilst listening to the awe-inspiring music of Tim Cook. There are a series of 6 internally lit shrines of differing heights and colours which will be placed in the Cloister Gallery. As you enter the Gallery Tim Cook's music will begin to play and as you proceed down the space, each shrine will light up and enable you to study it more closely. You will be able to see how Adrian has been inspired by a wide range of sources, from the Abbey's own shrine history, to different types of religious shrines across the world, to even more contemporary commemorative 'shrines' signifying where people have lost their lives. You will enjoy exploring the rich imagery Adrian has created, whilst being moved by Tim's musical score.

This exhibition has been many months in planning, preparation and completion. We are very much looking forward to welcoming visitors, groups and schools to have guided tours of this awe-inspiring exhibition. But we also have a special event linked to this next month on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> November! We are staging an evening event entitled *The Science and Spirituality of Light* to explore some of the 'big ideas' this exhibition touches upon, with important speakers from science and the arts.

Don't forget that accompanying LIGHT will be a thematically linked education programme exploring the areas of history, RE, science, literacy, and design. As well as a guided tour of the exhibition, planned workshops will include themes such as *Pilgrimages and Shrines, Creation Stories in Science and Faiths, Shadow Puppets and Stories of Light*, amongst others. Adults can also arrange to have specially guided tours of the exhibition, to explore the iconography in more depth. Please contact the Abbey's Education Officer, Margaret Craig, for further details or to make a booking: [education@dorchester-abbey.org.uk](mailto:education@dorchester-abbey.org.uk)





**L I G H T**  
A Spiritual Journey

**ADULT GROUPS:**  
**COME to Dorchester Abbey**  
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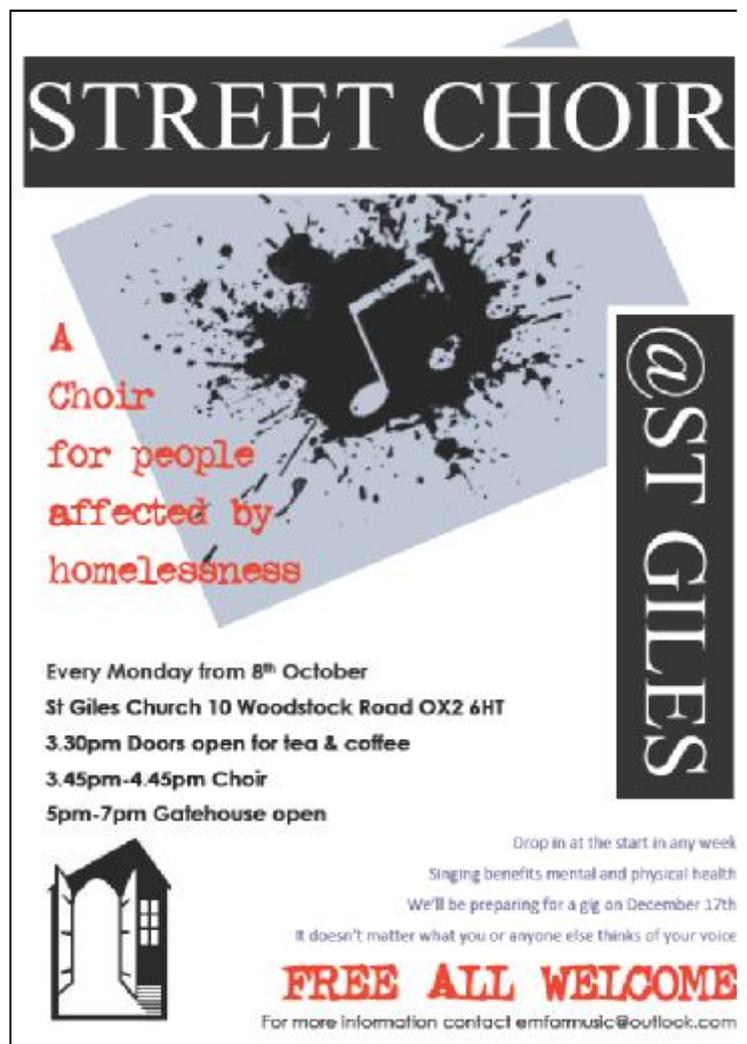
We can arrange special guided tours of the *LIGHT: A Spiritual Journey* exhibition exploring the range of iconography and meaning represented in the various shrines and cultural traditions embodied in Adrian Brooks' creations.

**Adult Group visits available** (with optional extras of tea/coffee and/or biscuits/scone/cake):

- Exhibition tour only
- Exhibition and Abbey Tour
- Special Artist led Exhibition Tour

Register your interest as soon as possible to ensure a place for your group by contacting either Margaret Craig, Education Officer at Dorchester Abbey: [education@DorchesterAbbey.org.uk](mailto:education@DorchesterAbbey.org.uk) or Events Officer Gabriella Purman: [events@DorchesterAbbey.org.uk](mailto:events@DorchesterAbbey.org.uk)  
Or call 01865 340007 for further details.

20th October 2018 to 6th January 2019  
Multimedia Art Installation in Dorchester Abbey



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## SAFEGUARDING IN COWLEY PARISH

As a Parish, we are committed to:

- ∅ the care, nurture of, and respectful pastoral ministry with, all children and all adults
- ∅ the safeguarding and protection of all children, young people and adults when they are vulnerable
- ∅ the establishing of safe, caring communities which provide a loving environment where there is a culture of 'informed vigilance' as to the dangers of abuse.
- ∅ the careful selection and training of all those with any responsibility within the Church, in line with safer recruitment principles, including the use of Disclosure and Barring Service criminal records checks
- ∅ working with anyone who has suffered abuse, developing with him or her an appropriate ministry of pastoral care
- ∅ challenging any abuse of power, especially by anyone in a position of trust
- ∅ offering pastoral care and support, including supervision and referral to the proper authorities, to any member of our church community known to have offended against a child, young person or vulnerable adult.

In all these principles we will follow statute, guidance and recognised good practice.

Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility

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# 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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