



the second Sunday of Epiphany

16 January 2022

GREETINGS with this communication from St James and St Francis churches in the Parish of Cowley

Dear Friends *peace be with you*

The Parish of Cowley welcomes you to worship, whether in person at St James or at St Francis church or at home watching live or later recorded or you are just reading this Link

the Eucharist is with 'simultaneous administration' of the bread and wine

St James services will be streamed live; St Francis service will be recorded

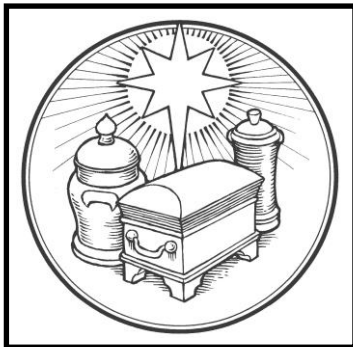
<http://www.cowleyteamministry.co.uk/Facebook-Live>

TODAY'S SERVICES

Sunday 16 January – the second Sunday of Epiphany

preacher : Alison Lockhart

8:00	Holy Communion	St James
9:30	Family Communion	St Francis
11:00	Family Communion	St James
1:30	Anglican Asian Living Church	St James



there are colouring activities for children at the back of the church and a creche area with toys for little ones

we request that you still maintain social distancing & commit to no close mingling between households – but we may sing, albeit in a mask!

MASK WEARING IS NOW OBLIGATORY AGAIN

if watching at home, you may like to gather around you things that will assist you to know our Lord as we meet together virtually around His table.

Sunday 23 January – the third Sunday of Epiphany

preacher 8:00 Max Butron others : Geoff Bayliss

8:00	Holy Communion	St James
9:30	Family Communion	St Francis
11:00	Family Communion	St James
1:30	Anglican Asian Living Church	St James

Creator of the heavens, who led the Magi by a star to worship the Christ-child : guide and sustain us, that we may find our journey's end in Jesus Christ our Lord AMEN



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WHAT'S ON AND INFORMATION

hands – face – space – fresh air – mask up – persevere – open the windows – and pray

COWLEY FESTIVAL OF CHRISTMAS TREES 'Shine a light'

We reviewed the festival at a meeting on Wednesday 12 January, enjoying many successes and noting new ideas for the 2022 festival – in the diary for **9-18 December**, with the first planning meeting on **Thursday 5 May, 9:00**

With the help of several very generous personal donations, we are delighted to have raised **£2,500**, shared between **ROSY** and **SeeSaw** - **£1,250** each

THANK YOU to all who donated, participated and helped in any way

www.cowleyteamministry.co.uk/Festival-of-Christmas-Trees

CONTINUING COVID-19 PROTOCOLS

We are still taking care : please continue to **record your presence in Church** as you enter for Track & Trace – **be sure to let us know if you experience any symptoms or test positive up to a week after you have attended church or been to any of our events/groups**

Wear a mask – it is required again under the plan B regulations, unless you are exempt, even when singing

Distribution of Communion will follow the pattern we have been using over the past months, with 'simultaneous administration,' and Clergy continuing to mask at the time of distribution

SINGING AT ST JAMES Can you help us restart a singing group? We will have some fun and focus on new songs and Easter material. **There's a list available** to indicate **which days/times** are best for you – we hope to find one that suits all those who will join! *talk to Geoff*

PARISH WALKING GROUP Monday 24 January, 1:30 meet at Magdalen College to walk in the grounds and deer park. Reserve option : Christchurch meadow

Please let **Sally Hemsworth** know whether to expect you sally.hemsworth@outlook.com 01865 774 776

FOR YOUR JANUARY 2022 DIARY

BIG BRUNCH last Sunday 9 January only 10 of us enjoyed the feast but we raised **£115** for **Christian Aid** – **THANK YOU!** The next will be on a Saturday morning – **Saturday 14 May**, just prior to **Christian Aid Week 15-21 May**

DAY OF PRAYER AND FASTING next **Saturday 22 January 9:00-9:00** **St Francis Church** with readings, music, discussion – come all day or for as long as you can fit in, to pray for Cowley and Oxford
Volunteers are still needed, please, to lead an hourly short prayer slot with a reading or music or activity
contact Elwira Lubos 07971 942 914 elubos42@gmail.com

ON INTO FEBRUARY

SNOWDROP SATURDAY Saturday 5 February 11:00-3:00 **St James Church** as usual we welcome home made cakes and signed up stewards/welcomers to cover an hour – the list is in church today or *contact Chris Woodman*

FILM CLUB Friday 11 February 6:30 for 7:00 **The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society** free membership – donations – new members welcomed and encouraged!
contact Rosanne Butler 01865 453 257

VALENTINE'S PUDDINGS AND QUIZ AFTERNOON Saturday 12 February 3:00-5:00
St James Centre *more details next week*

MESSY CHURCH Tuesday 22 February 10:00-11:30 **Super heroes** **St James Centre**
contact Mary Bayliss m.bayliss41@btinternet.com 01865 778 596

FAIRTRADE FORTNIGHT Monday 28 February to Sunday 6 March
more details to come

OUR WEEKDAY ACTIVITIES

LITTLE STARS Mondays at St Francis, **SEASHELLS** Tuesdays at St James Centre, both 10:00-11:30

LUNCH CLUB Tuesdays 12:30 still by invitation on a rota with around 10 guests each week
contact Chris Woodman if you are not on the list and wish to be added **01865 778 078 07923 964 025**

RE:FRESH Wednesdays NEW TIME 9:30-11:00-ish a lovely midweek time for coffee, chat, a short Bible Study and prayer. We welcome anyone who's available during the day. Why not drop in on Wednesday and give it a try?

For more info contact **Mary Bayliss** m.bayliss41@btinternet.com **Chris Woodman or Jill Ling**

PRAYER AND FELLOWSHIP IN ST JAMES CHURCH Wednesdays 2:00-4:00 with tea and cake and a chance to chat! *but more volunteers are urgently needed for this to continue*
Speak to Chris Woodman

PRAYING WITH THE BELLS – LOCAL HOUSE OF PRAYER NEW TIME Thursdays 7:00-8:00 pm in St James Church praying for Cowley and Oxford *contact Jill Ling 01865 778 243*

HOME AND STUDY GROUPS

Friends of St Francis @ St Francis church second and fourth Tuesdays, so next is Tuesday 25 January, 2:30-4:00-ish New friends are welcome to study the Bible, enjoy fellowship and, of course, a cup of tea....and cake.

Home group hosted by Mark Oxbrow @ 13 Annesley Road alternate Wednesday evenings, 7:30 pm *contact Mark 07985 631 816 markoxbrow@aol.com*

Alpha course @ Cowley Rectory Wednesdays 7:15pm pudding, 7:30pm course starts asking the big questions of life – *restarting later in January*
more details from Geoff 07759 393 023

COFFEE BEFORE THE 11:00 SERVICE AT ST JAMES We serve **coffee and tea** in St James church from about 10.30am, providing an opportunity for us to chat before the 11:00 service begins. **BUT for this to continue, we need more volunteers, please, for the rota to set up, serve and clear up**
Please chat to Christine Woodman. We'd really like to maintain this fellowship opportunity

CHRONICLE The double December/January edition and previous editions are available to download from <http://www.cowleyteamministry.co.uk/The-Parish/The-Cowley-Chronicle>
February edition material deadline : Monday 24 January

SUBSCRIPTIONS you can still subscribe - only £4 for an A5 size, £5 for A4 (now pro rata for February onwards) There's a copy to view as a taster in both churches and St James Centre, as well as subscription forms *contact Sally Hemsworth 01865 774 776 chronicle@cowleyteamministry.co.uk*

OWNS = Oxford Winter Night Shelter The Oxford Winter Night Shelter is delighted to be working with St Clement's Parish Property to set up a new day support centre called the **Living Room** to offer respite, hospitality and encouragement to those who are homeless and vulnerably housed.

If you are interested in **volunteering** there, please use one of the forms on the website. The project manager will then be in touch with you. If you are a new volunteer, you will need to provide contact information for **two referees.** <https://www.ownsoxford.org.uk/register>

If you have any questions about volunteering for OWNS, try visiting the **Volunteering FAQ** page :

<https://www.ownsoxford.org.uk/faq>

or you can call : **07522 774 162** or email : april.hall@ownsoxford.org.uk

TWO VACANCIES WITH THE ARCHWAY FOUNDATION

Job descriptions and application forms for both are available on the website www.archwayfoundation.org.uk

Service Development Worker (35 hrs a week Monday – Friday)

An opportunity to help shape and develop services to alleviate loneliness for adults of all ages, many with complex mental health needs. If you have experience of working in mental health/social care, have skills in facilitating groups, supervising/ managing staff and would enjoy the challenge of a busy emotionally demanding and rewarding role, we would love to hear from you. **closing date: 26 January 2022**

Services Support Worker (6 hrs on Tuesdays)

Providing telephone support and assisting with the Supportive Social Group support. Good listening skills, experience of working with vulnerable adults/in mental health an advantage **closing date: 24 January 2022**

Send us out in the power of your spirit to live and work to your praise and glory

EPIPHANY

The kings, Lord, brought myrrh, frankincense, and gold.
Lord, we have nothing of our own to bring;
we bring you what you have given:
our lives for your life.
AMEN



DAILY PARISH WORSHIP ON LINE: except during the holiday period, there is a **daily act of worship** – you can join live or catch up any time later on our **Facebook page (Parish of Cowley)** and via our **YouTube Channel**

for a prayer : prayer@cowleyteamministry.co.uk
you can also phone us on: 01865 778 596 07759 393 023

I have come that they may have life and have it to the full



There's a donation button on our web site. Our supporters can now easily make a one off payment online. It will take you to the 'give a little' web site where you can decide how much you would like to give. You can also scan this image and go straight there!

<https://givealittle.co/campaigns/49eef694-09d1-4ee3-8810-6ac86d972e6c>

SUNDAY READINGS

Isaiah 62 1-5

16.01.22

Psalm 26

second Sunday of Epiphany

5-10

John 2 1-11

Nehemiah 8 1-3, 5-6.8-10

23.01.22

Psalm 19

third Sunday of Epiphany

Luke 4 14-21

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