



# WHAT'S ON AND INFORMATION

*please stay safe – stay well – stay alert – stay sensible – protect the NHS – and pray*

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**PARISH BUSINESS :** The APCM (Annual Parochial Church Meeting – the Parish AGM – reports and elections) was held yesterday Saturday 10 October.

The Parish Annual report is still to be circulated by email and delivered with Link.

The result of elections of Church Wardens and the 5 vacant places on the PCC will be announced here next week

**ELECTORAL ROLL :** The abbreviated display version of the revised roll of 115 is in both churches. Now the APCM has been held, it is open again so if you meant to register and haven't, it's still possible *please contact Lesley Williams, Electoral Roll Officer see details on back page*

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**RICHARD AND REBECCA CHAND** Richard's last Sunday in Cowley, before his move to be priest in charge at St Paul's Church, Braintree, will be Sunday 25 October You can still contribute to a farewell gift for him and Rebecca – please give cash or cheque [Cowley (Oxford) PCC] contributions to Geoff, Gemma, Joan Coleman or Chris Woodman or pay into the Parish account : Cowley (Oxford) PCC sort code: 30-12-51 account number: 01000840 with the reference : your name and 'Chand gift' and then e-mail or call Joan to say you have done so. Joan Coleman [ojcoleman@btinternet.com](mailto:ojcoleman@btinternet.com) 01865 770 865

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**SERVICES and PRIVATE PRAYER** For our time in church to be Covid-19 safe we must :

- stay 2 metres socially distanced
- leave no paperwork/books in the chairs
- use hand sanitizer on arrival - hot water/soap/paper towels are also available
- wear a face covering unless we are exempt
- give our name and contact number on the list provided for the track and trace system AND if you have the NHS Covid-19 app on your phone, scan the QR code which is displayed at both churches and at St James Centre
- receive communion in one kind only
- clean the seats between services
- abstain from singing

The rule of 6 happily does not apply to worship.

We wish to enable you to feel loved, safe and welcome

Sadly there can be NO socially distanced TEA AND CHATS in the churchyard, on Sundays and Wednesdays, while the rule of 6 applies

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**ONLINE ACTIVITIES : EDWARD BEAR CLUB :** songs, stories and some silliness for pre-schoolers is on Facebook – and you can catch up with earlier episodes there

**COFFEE CHATS Tuesdays and Saturdays at 11:00am :** join us on Zoom – find the link from the Parish website or Facebook page

**DWELLING IN THE WORD** simply reading a passage from the letter to the Galatians and discussing what thoughts go through our minds - using Zoom on Thursday evenings between 7:00 and 7:30 pm *see the website for a link*

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**REAL EVENTS : MACMILLAN CAKES AND COFFEE** Sunday 4 October Margie and Doug Craig's front garden in the rain event raised £435 from the family's amazing cakes and take away drinks. They thank all who attended and donated.

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**PARISH WALKING GROUP** Correction : next walk is TOMORROW, Monday 12 October, through the University Parks - meet at the gate on Parks Road, opposite Keble Road, at 2:00. Take the bus to High Street and walk up through Radcliffe Square and Parks Road or there's 3 hour parking on Norham Gardens, Norham Road, Crick Road for £4.20 *contact Sally Hemsworth to let her know to expect you 01865 774 776 [sally.hemsworth@outlook.com](mailto:sally.hemsworth@outlook.com)*

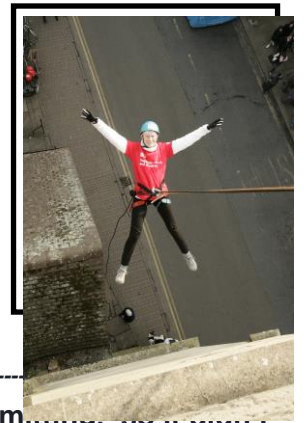
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**ABSEIL FOR CHRISTIAN AID** next Saturday 17 October - St Mary Mag's church tower, Magdalen Street. Lesley Williams will be descending at 10:30 – you could still join her or watch and cheer &/or sponsor her – there's a paper form in both churches or online target - £500, £100 so far. <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/lesley-williams-abseil-oxford-2020>

But if both those methods are impossible too, **ring or email** Lesley and she will add you to the sponsor form and collect the donation by arrangement later.

As we've had only one **Big Brekkie** this year, a minimal **Christian Aid Week** virtual coffee morning in May and no **Quiz Aid** evening in June, we hope you may use this opportunity for your **annual Christian Aid giving**.

**And also Christian Aid is still appealing for ON STREET COLLECTORS** from the awestruck onlookers by the tower and at the bus stops opposite, for an hour or so at any time during the day  
*please talk to/email/phone Lesley for more information*



**ART AND FAITH GROUP** continues to meet fortnightly outdoors – weather permitting, so it didn't happen in the rain last week – in the churchyard; the next time on **Saturday 17 October, 10:00-12:00** Join us with your own creative project – lace, knitting, embroidery - or to sketch/ paint/sculpt what you can see.  
*contact John Booty 01865 770 836 if you have any questions.*

**CHRONICLE for October was published last week** – printed subscription copies are in church for those who are attending and have been delivered with Link to those still benefiting from that service. It will soon be available to download from the **Parish website**, even if you don't subscribe! *tab The Parish/ Cowley Chronicle* But if you would like a paper copy and haven't yet subscribed, we can print to order. Annual subscription is **£4 for an A5 size copy; £5 for A4** Please post/deliver an order form or just write your name, address and contact details + cash or cheque payment [Cowley (Oxford) PCC] to St James Centre, 13 Beauchamp Lane, OX4 3LF or bring it to a service or pay on line (*account details on the Richard Chand piece above*) giving **Chronicle + your name** for the reference and then also email **[chronicle@cowleyteamministry.co.uk](mailto:chronicle@cowleyteamministry.co.uk)** to say you have done so

**URGENT HELP NEEDED WITH RECORDING KEYBOARD MUSIC FOR OUR WORSHIP** Geoff's son in law had been helping with this but, as he has become a new dad again, we need someone else to take over.  
**If you know a pianist or keyboard player who might be able to record hymns and songs for us, please put him/her in touch with Geoff**



**PATHWAYS**, the seasonal Diocesan magazine, is available on line – you can read it on screen or download a pdf <https://www.oxford.anglican.org/pathways> The theme of this excellent edition is 'Time to act - on the climate emergency'  
**Lesley Williams has received 10 copies and has 2 left : contact her if you would like to read one**

**PARISH HOLIDAY Weymouth 2021** The Crown Hotel, situated on the river 5 to 10 mins from the sea. **Monday 5th – Friday 9th April 2021 at a cost of £389 pp** - four days, half board. 12 single rooms are included in the price. **We need a few more to make it viable.** Please commit and **SIGN UP NOW** [pat.silverpolo@gmail.com](mailto:pat.silverpolo@gmail.com) 01235 799 717 07929 879 104

**REAL ADVENT CALENDAR from the Meaningful Chocolate Company ORDER NOW**

This year more than any other we need to share the joy of the Nativity story with our children – and even with grown-ups! The calendar contains high quality Fairtrade chocolate with lines of the Christmas narrative behind each door and includes a 24 page booklet with the story, games, puzzles and a challenge.

There's been no price rise over the ten years that the Real Advent Calendar has been produced : **just £3.99 (or £4.00 if you wish!)**

It will be available in some larger Tesco stores, in Fairtrade shops, online from several charities and.....**here in the Parish of Cowley.**

There are **order forms in both churches or contact Lesley Williams by phone or email by 25 October** and arrange payment later  
**[www.realadventcalendar.co.uk](http://www.realadventcalendar.co.uk)**



**PRISONS WEEK – You are not alone 11-17 October [www.prisonsworld.org](http://www.prisonsworld.org)**

**Lord, you offer freedom to all people. We pray for those in prison.**

**Break the bonds of fear and isolation that exist.**

**Support with your love prisoners and their families and friends, prison staff and all who care.**

**Heal those who have been wounded by the actions of others, especially the victims of crime.**

**Help us to forgive one another, to act justly, love mercy and walk humbly together with Christ in his strength and in his Spirit, now and every day. AMEN**

## COLLECTS FOR THE EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY 11 October

God, our judge and saviour, teach us to be open to your truth and to trust in your love, that we may live each day with confidence in the salvation which is given through Jesus Christ our Lord.

AMEN

Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us your gift of faith that, forsaking what lies behind and reaching out to that which is before, we may run the way of your commandments and win the crown of everlasting joy; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever AMEN

### Post Communion prayer

We praise and thank you, O Christ, for this sacred feast: for here we receive you, here the memory of your passion is renewed, here our minds are filled with grace, and here a pledge of future glory is given, when we shall feast at that table where you reign with all your saints for ever.

AMEN



We have put a new 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>

<b>TODAY'S READINGS</b>	11.10.20	eighteenth Sunday after Trinity	<i>proper 23</i>
Exodus 32 1-14	Philippians 4 1-9	Matthew 22	1-14
<b>NEXT WEEK'S READINGS</b>	18.10.20	nineteenth Sunday after Trinity	<i>proper 24</i>
Exodus 33 12-23	1 Thessalonians 1 1-10	Matthew 22	15-22

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