



Sunday 14 November 2021

Remembrance Sunday

the second Sunday before Advent

GREETINGS with this communication from St James & 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 church at 8:00 or 11:00 or at St Francis at 9:30 this morning or at home watching live or later recorded or just reading this Link

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

both St James services will be streamed live; St Francis service will be recorded
<http://www.cowleyteamministry.co.uk/Facebook-Live>

SERVICES today Sunday 14 November

8:00 am St James Holy Communion *celebrant and preacher : Geoff Bayliss*

9:30 am St Francis Family Communion *celebrant and preacher : with the Act of remembrance Geoff Bayliss*

11:00 am St James Family Communion *celebrant and preacher : with the Act of remembrance Geoff Bayliss*
led activities for children at the back of the church



the 11:00 service will be recorded onto dvds for those who have let us know that they wish to continue to receive them

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

mask wearing is optional but encouraged

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.

1:30 pm St James the Anglican Asian Living Church
live and streamed from St James

SERVICES Sunday 21 November

Sunday next before Advent – Christ the King - praying for the persecuted church

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address – prayers : Mark Oxbrow, Alison Lockhart

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WHAT'S ON AND INFORMATION

hands – face – space – fresh air – don't give up – open the windows – and pray

EVENTS on the next two Saturdays

- Saturday 20 November 10:00 – 1:00 **Craft and Gift Fair** *St James Centre car park and hall cakes, raffle prizes and help needed – and fair visitors with cash – please tell your friends*
- Saturday 27 November 10:00 – 11:30 **Advent Messy Church – Advent candles** *St Francis all ages encouraged and welcome – as is help!*
- 11:00 – 2:00 **Pop up stall** *outside St Francis selling small gifts, books and seasonal refreshments*
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COFFEE BEFORE THE 11:00 SERVICE AT ST JAMES We are now serving coffee and tea in St James church from about 10.30am, providing an opportunity for us to chat before the 11:00 service begins. We feel that after the service would make it quite late for those clearing up and for cooking Sunday lunch! Now that we have certain extra facilities, it will be so much easier for us all.

BUT for this to continue happening, we need volunteers, please, to set up, serve and clear up. We know some of those who might have offered to do so will be busy on sidesperson's duty, giving people lifts or receiving lifts themselves.

There will be a rota so even if you are doing one of those, perhaps you could offer on an occasional basis?

Please chat to Christine Woodman. We'd really like to maintain this fellowship opportunity

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD this week 15-22 November is the collection week. Pack a real shoebox or provide some gifts to add to a Parish one. Or for a donation of £20, you can cleverly pack a box on line <https://shoeboxonline.samaritans-purse.org.uk/step/1>.
contact Sally Hemsworth sally.hemsworth@outlook.com 01865 774 776

ROADMAP OUT OF COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS

We are still taking care : please continue to **record your presence in Church** as you enter for Track & Trace

Wear a mask if you wish but if not, please be sensitive to those around you. Those choosing not to wear masks and to sing should sit closer to the front of the church.

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

PARISH WALKING GROUP next on **Monday 22 November** : meet at 1:30 to walk along the river to Sandford Lock – and back or there's a bus if preferred or needed!

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

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 with just 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, 10:00-11:15-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 now with tea and cake and a chance to chat! **BUT VOLUNTEERS ARE URGENTLY NEEDED FOR THE CHURCH OPENING TO CONTINUE – see last week's Link Extra (copies still available)**

PRAYING WITH THE BELLS – LOCAL HOUSE OF PRAYER Thursdays 7:30-8:30 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 on Tuesday 23 November, 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 led by Mark Oxbrow @ 13 Annesley Road, behind the Rose Hill Coop
alternate Wednesday evenings, 7:30 pm, next on 17 November Reading and discussing 'Bouncing forwards' by Patrick Regan *contact Mark 01865 461 953 07985 631 816 markoxbrow@aol.com*

Alpha course @ Cowley Rectory now moved to Wednesdays
7:15pm pudding, 7:30pm course starts – asking the big questions of life
more details from Geoff 07759 393 023

CHRONICLE The November edition was published last week and should have been delivered, if applicable, or is available for collection in church Past copies are available to download from :
<http://www.cowleyteamministry.co.uk/The-Parish/The-Cowley-Chronicle>

SUBSCRIPTIONS you can still subscribe - only £4 for an A5 size, £5 for A4 (now pro rata for December onwards) *We'd love to expand the printed circulation* . 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*

WALKING THE CAMINO DE COMPOSTELA FOR TRAIDCRAFT EXCHANGE 2-9 October
Lesley Williams has lots to tell about the 114 km experience – **see the article in the November Chronicle**
She is still welcoming sponsorship for **Traidcraft Exchange**, aiming for £2,500 – currently on £2,220 + gift aid – cash, cheque or *<https://www.gofundme.com/f/traidcraft-exchange-camino-de-compostela>*

YCCN RELAY G7 - ST IVES (June) to COP 26 - GLASGOW (November)

Rise to the moment The relay members, along with the boat 'Pilgrim', were part of the faiths bloc in the **Global day of climate action march and rally on 6 November**.
Lesley Williams was there too and was delighted to see the boat 'live' and meet some of the YCCN team. There was an inspiring **Christian Aid 'The time is now'** service in Glasgow Cathedral on Monday evening, with Rowan Williams, John Bell, The Kingdom Choir and others
You can catch up on
<https://www.christianaid.org.uk/get-involved-locally/scotland/cop26>



and also there you will find the **Faith in Action for Climate Justice service on 2 November** when representatives from faith communities handed over **150,000 actions and prayer boats**

and **BBC Songs of Praise 'God's planet' on Sunday 7 November** included the YCCN relay near the Angel of the North

<https://www.yccn.uk/rise-to-the-moment>

We must keep praying daily for the outcome of the COP26 commitment to climate justice and the future of the Earth

REAL ADVENT CALENDARS are sadly not stocked by any supermarkets this year **but luckily the Parish order has arrived** : a case (18) of calendars **£4.50** and a box (12) each of milk and dark **'Christmas blessings'** chocolate bars **£3.00** *If you hadn't already done so, contact Lesley Williams if you wish to claim one/some. They will otherwise be on sale at the Gift and Craft Fair next Saturday*

See *<https://meaningfulchocolate.co.uk/pages/real-advent-calendar>*

FREE WILL WRITING SERVICE

This autumn, the Church of England has partnered with **Farewill, the National Will Writing Firm of the Year 2020**, to offer an online will writing service, which can be completed from the comfort of one's home in less than 30 minutes.

Farewill's specialist team is available to help clients over the phone or live chat seven days a week, 9am–7pm. There is a limited number of wills available on a first-come, first-served basis.

There is no obligation for anyone to leave a gift in their will to their church but it is hoped that this service will encourage some to do so. *<https://farewill.com/parish-buying>*

SIGNING UP

(1) to support Christmas prayer spaces for schools : December Wednesday 1 – St Francis Church; Monday 6 – Grace Church; Thursday 9 – St Francis Church; Wednesday 15 – St James Church
6 people needed for each of 6 time slots each day - volunteer on the doodle poll or let Geoff know when you can be there

(2) to enjoy a Christmas meal – the offer of several smaller gatherings instead of one big one – look for the sign up sheets in church

O God of the nations, as we look to that day when you will gather people from north and south, east and west, into the unity of your peaceable Kingdom, guide with your just and gentle wisdom all who take counsel for the nations of the world, that all your people may spend their days in security, freedom, and peace, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. AMEN



DAILY PARISH WORSHIP ON LINE: there is a **daily act of worship**, released at around midday – 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>

TODAY'S READINGS 14.11.21 the second Sunday before Advent, Remembrance
Daniel 12 1-3 Hebrews 10 11-14 Mark 13 1-8

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS 21.11.21 the Sunday next before Advent, Christ the King
Daniel 7 9-10, 13-14 Revelation 1 4b-8 John 18 33-37

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