

Towards the end of the film 'The Wizard of Oz,' the wizard tells the Tin Man that a heart is not judged by how much you love, but by how much you are loved by others and judging by the lovely warm messages I have received in countless numbers of cards, Frank truly was loved. That is why we chose that beautiful reading from the letter to Corinthians – which my daughter Helen read just now.

Frank had a lot of love in his heart – love for his family (though he did often describe his sisters as 'crazy'), for his son, daughter, and their partners and also for me, which he told me less than two hours before he died. Basically, and I know that you will find it hard to believe, he was a shy man and did not always wear his heart on his sleeve.

Yes, when I first met him, he was the most shy, retiring lad in our village and I didn't think much of him. Born in Minster Lovell, as a little boy in 'Hitler's war' (as he always described it), he and his mother moved to Oxford so that she could, as a state registered nurse, care for injured service men in the military hospital in Cowley Road. They moved into number 20 Southfield Road with his big sister, grandparents, and an aunt and I can only imagine it was a squeeze. Meanwhile his dad was serving in the Royal Tank Regiment.

Towards the end of the war, with a new baby sister in the family, his mum took up the option to move out into the country to look after land girls who were working on the farms. From then on, Frank became a country boy.

His dad came home at the end of the war to take up a post as a dairyman on one of the big farms in the area. They moved into the village where I grew up and Frank was one of the village boys. We met for the first time when I was nine and he was eleven.

A couple of years later we would travel with the other village children, each day on the

school bus to secondary school in Witney and we got to know each other a little better. However, when he was fifteen, Frank left his secondary school to further his education at Army Apprentice College in South Wales. During his time there he became a successful boxer and was part of the college's gymnastic team. He also learnt the trade of sheet metal working which gave him the opportunity at eighteen to join the Royal Engineers as a regular soldier.

Whilst he was at college, he found out that some of his fellow students had letters from girlfriends at home and he didn't. He told his mum and she decided to do something about it.

At this point, I must pay tribute to Frank's mum as she was a most astute lady and had already singled me out (I have recently realised) as a suitable girl for her Frank. Well, how right she was! At a W.I. meeting she gave Frank's address to my mum and asked her if Rosanne would like to write the occasional letter to him. Well, I did. Then in the holidays we would meet up and enjoy each other's company – long walks, riding our bikes to the cinema in Witney and endless days by the river. Frank would fish, I would take a book and there was usually a picnic. Our friendship grew but it took two years before he held my hand and another six months before he kissed me. (Boy, was he shy!).

After basic training in the army he was deployed with his unit to Kenya, originally for one year. But that year turned into three. He was in charge of a section of soldiers who cleared tracks through the jungle to build roads and bridges in order to facilitate military movement during the Mau Mau uprising. Frank often explained to me the skill gained in using high explosives to blow up large trees. He had the time of his life!

JOHN SHREEVE ARTICLES FROM PAST CHRONICLES

A Date from the Past

October 2008

Scientists in Jerusalem have managed to germinate a date Palm seed which has been carbon dated as being just over 2000 years old. If it grows to full stature and bears fruit, they are going to name it 'Methuselah'.

How wonderful to think that this seed from a tree that might well have been growing when Christ was alive in the Holy Land, could be flourishing now. It was found in the Dead Sea area – so *that* may not be so dead after all!

We ourselves have come across a Yew Tree in Kent which was officially authenticated as being over a thousand years old. This had a signed certificate from the Archbishop of Canterbury and David Bellamy, no less.

There's a movement at present throughout the country to identify and protect old and special trees. And why not? – for they are as much a part of our heritage as are old buildings. The 'Parliament Oak' under which King John convened a special meeting of Parliament is still there. The tree which Elizabeth I was sitting under when she received the news that she was to become Queen is still to be found near Hatfield House. If we are at all keen on our country's history, we should support such movements.

CEF

Our harvest thanksgiving services may be over but CEF still needs stock; keep an eye out for BOGOF offers for any of these when you are shopping:

- tins of meat
- tins of vegetables - sweetcorn, peas, carrots etc (*not tomatoes and beans*)
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- hot chocolate *not tea*
- tinned and packet puddings
- tinned fruit
- jams and other spreads
- sugar
- cereals
- biscuits
- practical toiletries for men & women

Please ensure that all items are well within their sell by date – 3 months preferred

<http://cexford.co.uk/foodlist.asp>



SUPPORT PHONE NUMBERS

NEEDING ADVICE OR HELP? or just want to talk?

SOME USEFUL LOCAL NUMBERS:

Citizens Advice:	08082 787 909
Oxford City Council:	01865 249 811
Oxfordshire Mind:	01865 247788
Red Cross <i>coronavirus support line</i> :	08081 963 651
Samaritans <i>available 24/7</i> :	116 123
The Archway Foundation:	01865 790 552
Mental Health helpline <i>available 24/7</i> - NHS Oxford Health:	
Adults:	01865 904 997
Children/young people:	01865 904 988
Age UK—new telephone service for older people	01865 411288

Have you been receiving a lot of scam calls on your phone, some of them quite scary? If you are concerned about them, you can obtain help by:

- phoning 03450 700 707 – that’s a special department set up by the police *OR*
- Silver Lines, open 24 hrs for assistance on 08004 708 090 - this is a charity set up by Esther Rantzen, primarily to assist those elderly people in need of assistance and who live alone and are in fear of being abused.



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From the Archives

LOCAL HISTORY CENTRE OPENS



Cowley Past & Present

An exhibition during the month of October 1984 at St. Luke's Church, Oxford Road, Cowley. A look at the growth of Cowley, its people, shops and industry to show how it changed from a rural community to an industrial one.

ENTRANCE FREE!

Contents of Exhibition :

Community: How Cowley changed from a village to a town.
Oxford/Welsh Male Voice Choir - history and recordings.
Group photographs from past years.
Temple Cowley School history.
History of the co-operative Movement 1860 – 1984.
Temple Cowley Pool.

Churches: Development of Cowley churches.
Banners of Churches and other organisations.

Industry: 'Video' The history of Cowley car industry.
Lord Nuffield's Board Room.
How cars were made in the war and now.
Cowley Airfield in the war and now.
History and exhibits of John Allen's.
History of Church Army Press.

Many other exhibits

Editors' note:

It looks as though the exhibition was very interesting. We wonder if many people saw it and where all the information and exhibits have gone now?

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REAL ADVENT CALENDAR from the Meaningful Chocolate Company

The Real Advent Calendar is the UK's only Fairtrade chocolate Advent calendar, which comes with a free 24-page Christmas story-activity book and supports charitable causes.

The 2021 Real Advent Calendar has a new design and is a fun way for parents, grandparents and godparents to share the Christmas story. There is a fairtrade chocolate and a line of the Christmas story behind each of the 25 windows. The book has a page for every day of Advent, expanding on the Christmas story and includes some fun challenges.

In addition, the support of a children's hospital from sales profits, a schools and youth competition included in the book, and free online all-age worship material make The Real Advent Calendar something special - a great resource.

No other calendar enables parents and children to experience the Christmas story for 24-days, and be challenged to do some good during the season. The Real Advent Calendar is designed to share and celebrate the true meaning of Christmas so that Christ is not written out of Christmas.

It's just £4.50. There will be a Parish order, the deadline for which is Sunday 31 October. There is a signing list in each church or you can speak to/phone/email Lesley Williams

Also available are:

chocolate orange Christingles
£3.50

'Christmas blessings' chocolate bars – milk, dark and orange chocolate, all £3.00.

They don't feature on the order list so just add them.

<https://meaningfulchocolate.co.uk/collections/christmas>



GIVE A REAL ADVENT CALENDAR

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WHAT IS A REAL ADVENT CALENDAR?

The Real Advent Calendar was created in 2013 in response to surveys which revealed that 36% of 5-7 year olds did not know whose birthday was celebrated at Christmas.

To help spread the Christmas story the Real Advent Calendar has a line of the Christmas story behind each of the 25 doors and a corresponding page in the Christmas story-activity book which expands the story.

Kids love the Fairtrade chocolate and they love the book. Parents enjoy reading it with their kids and learning more about the Christmas story and traditions.

Where to Buy

The calendar is no longer available in supermarkets so please order direct from

WWW.REALADVENT.CO.UK

RRP £4.50

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SAFEGUARDING IN COWLEY PARISH

You will have noticed that this piece is in Chronicle every month..... because it is so important.

As a Parish, we are committed to the Christian care, nurture of, and respectful pastoral ministry with, all children and all adults but particularly those who are vulnerable in any way.

So we ensure that our policies and practice on the selection and training of all those staff and volunteers with any responsibility within the Church are in line with safer recruitment principles, including the use of Disclosure and Barring Service criminal records checks where applicable.

We intend that St James and St Francis churches will be safe, caring communities which provide a loving environment where there is a culture of 'informed vigilance' as to the dangers of abuse, including domestic violence and bullying.

We will challenge any abuse of power, especially by anyone in a position of trust in our churches.

We follow statute, guidance and recognised good practice in all our safeguarding procedures and check that all users of our premises agree to do so too.

It is now 3 years since the Diocesan training programme was introduced for all those Parish volunteer roles requiring it - and that training must now be refreshed. Several people have followed the courses individually at home on-line but others are awaiting our offer of group training at St James Centre, both for the Basic Awareness course, which I, as Parish Safeguarding Officer, can deliver, and Foundation, which requires a Diocesan trainer. The first will be planned for later in October.

There's still quite a bit of nudging to do of those volunteers who have not yet said how they will undertake the training.

Following completion of my own 'Leadership' refreshed training, I am committed to raising the safeguarding profile and awareness further by establishing a group to meet 2 or 3 times a year, with clergy, church wardens and leaders of all our Parish groups. The first will happen soon.

Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility – *please be sure to report anything you observe that worries you about someone's safety or wellbeing whilst at church or on line.*

It is just as important during this strange part virtual, part reality time; the situation throws up its own safeguarding and welfare issues. Please remain vigilant.

Lesley Williams 01865 779 562 07982 439 828 safeguarding@cowleyteamministry.co.uk

BIBLE SOCIETY 'MORE THAN A BOOK' REGISTRATION



If you order anything on-line or by phone from the Bible Society, please use the unique Parish reference number 12044 or select the 'Parish of Cowley' from the drop down menu when placing the order and we will benefit from the 'More than a book' cash back scheme. It's that easy! We earn a little from our 'Open the Book' resources orders but a top up from some personal shopping would be useful. Do look at the on-line shop for Bibles, prayer books, cards, stickers, courses, fiction, dvds etc. <https://www.biblesociety.org.uk/products/>



Do you shop on-line with Amazon? If you do you may be able to help us raise a bit of money towards the toilet in St James Church.

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ST FRIDESWIDE PILGRIMAGE to Christ Church Cathedral Saturday 16 October



Christians have felt drawn to pray at the Shrine of St Frideswide for many centuries. Indeed, the Priory on which our Cathedral was built was an important destination for medieval pilgrims. The Shrine is the oldest monument in the Cathedral, though what remains is only the platform on which the actual Shrine rested. Many came to pray for healing in the belief that the saint could cure them of a wide variety of complaints. In the 16th century Catherine of Aragon prayed at the Shrine in the hope of giving birth to a son. Today, people remain drawn to the Latin Chapel and the Shrine it houses because they sense this is a place where the veil between our earthly life and the Kingdom of Heaven is very thin. It is a place that has been soaked in prayer over the centuries.

Following the success of the pilgrimage in 2019, its cancellation in 2020, this year there will be a slimmed-down St Frideswide Pilgrimage on Saturday 16 October.

There will be five guided walking routes, ranging from 1.5 miles to 9 miles, for a maximum of 25 people in each group, to the Cathedral, where there will once again be prayer stations. Tea will be served in the Great Hall before a special service at 5:00 pm.

The organisers also hope to be able to accommodate a limited number of pilgrims who are unable to walk and just wish to attend the tea and service, but this will be confirmed nearer the time according to COVID conditions.

Please note that [booking is essential](#). Details and free tickets are available [on the website](#).

Check chch.ox.ac.uk/pilgrimage for updates.

<https://www.chch.ox.ac.uk/visiting-cathedral/pilgrimage>

<https://www.chch.ox.ac.uk/oxford-cathedral/st-frideswide-pilgrimage>

The poster features the St Frideswide Pilgrimage logo at the top left, followed by the title 'St Frideswide Pilgrimage' in large green letters and the date 'Saturday 16 October 2021' in orange. Below the text is a grid of six photographs: a group walking in a field, the exterior of Christ Church Cathedral, a child in a yellow raincoat by a tree, the interior of the cathedral, and a person walking on a path. At the bottom, there is text describing the walks, booking information, and contact details, along with the logos for Christ Church Cathedral and the Diocese of Oxford.

Join one of five guided walks from 1.5 to 9 miles long to Christ Church Cathedral in the heart of the city of Oxford. Refreshments in the Great Hall and reflection at the Shrine of St Frideswide.

Come on your own or bring a group. Booking essential.

Find out more at www.chch.ox.ac.uk/pilgrimage or call 01865 286165

CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL

DIocese of OXFORD

LATEST NEWS FROM COWLEY WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Our meetings are in full swing now. We had a brilliant speaker at our September meeting, the talk was called Glorious Coloured Gemstones by Helen Plumb. Helen is a Geologist and really knew her stuff, she was also very entertaining.

Our next meeting is on Wednesday 20th October at 2pm in St James Church Centre. The Incredible World of the Honey Bee with Steve Moll. It will be great to get an insight into those busy little creatures. Followed by Tea, Biscuits, Chat and Raffle.

We are also continuing with our outings, we had a boat trip in August which was very relaxing. On 6th October we will be going to Yarnton Garden Centre by bus, to do some shopping, and enjoy a Coffee and Cake with friends.

Please come along and see what we do , we are always very happy to welcome new Friends.

Kathy Hulcup Secretary Cowley WI.

Someone knows how to grow sunflowers!



CAMINO to Santiago de Compostela, Galicia – the Way of St James

2-9 October with and for Traidcraft Exchange

Lesley Williams

When you read this, Lesley will hopefully, PCR test permitting, be walking the way in a group of 15 from all around the country.

Here's the itinerary, walking 112 km/70 miles over 5 days

Saturday 2 October fly Stansted to Santiago – bussed to Sarria

Sunday 3 walk Sarria to Portomarin 22 km

Monday 4 walk Portomarin to Palas de Rei 24 km

Tuesday 5 walk Palas de Rei to Arzua 29 km

Wednesday 6 walk Arzua to Amenal 21 km

Thursday 7 walk Amenal to Santiago 16 km

pilgrims' service in the cathedral, at the shrine of St James the Great, where tradition holds that the remains of the saint (our saint) are buried.

Friday 8 a day in Santiago – or a trip to Finisterre

Saturday 9 fly back

I plan to post updates and photos on facebook during the week.

Because my COVID-19 vaccine was in the trial for Novavax, which is still not approved for release and therefore, although accepted and recorded on the NHS app, is not recognised internationally, I have had to take a 'fit to travel' PCR test and must do an antigen test before returning, as well as the day 2 test on return, but thankfully do not have to quarantine on return.

My 250.5 mile walk during April raised an amazing £1,375, and with some other donations, I have now donated £1,875 to Traidcraft Exchange, which I have discovered has hit the requested target as I am paying my own transport and cost of living fees. But I will hope to top it up to a tidy £2,000 when I return with my stories.



YCCN RELAY

Members of the Young Christian Climate Network, joined along the way by many who are not so young, are walking a 750-mile relay from the G7 summit in Cornwall in June to the COP26 conference in Glasgow in early November.



In the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic, there has been recognition that “We’re in the same storm, but not in the same boat”. As young people under 30, YCCN members are mindful that we are on the course of another storm too; over half of all emissions have been released in our lifetimes, and global average temperatures are set to rise by several degrees over the decades ahead. The consequences of this storm will not be felt equally, but they will be felt acutely.

The climate crisis is a reflection, and a cause, of deep injustice in the world. This crisis arises from our abuse of God’s creation, and our broken relationship with our neighbours worldwide who suffer most from its consequences. The biblical mandate is to care for creation, and lament its exploitation. YCCN demands systematic change on a global and a local scale

YCCN is urging the UK government to:

1. reinstate foreign aid budget to pre-COVID levels
2. secure agreement from rich countries to at least double the decade-old promise of \$100bn a year for climate finance
3. ensure finance for climate-induced loss and damage
4. push for debt cancellation so climate-vulnerable nations can better confront the climate crisis and other urgent priorities

The route during October :

1 October	Durham
3 – 7 October	Newcastle residency
12 October	Bamburgh
13 October	Lindisfarne, Holy Island
14 October	Berwick
15 October	Dunbar
20 -24 October	Edinburgh residency
28 October	Motherwell
30 October	Glasgow



YCCN Aims: Connect – Act – Grow

To connect young Christians into an inclusive community engaged with climate justice.
To take and facilitate collective action towards climate justice, motivated by faith.

To see ourselves and our communities grow in passion and understanding, learning with humility and reflection

Please pray for the walkers, the relay coordinators, hosts on the route, financial supporters – and the impact of the relay

Prayer for the COP26 climate summit

Loving God,

We praise your name with all you have created.

You are present in the whole universe,
and in the smallest of creatures.

We acknowledge the responsibilities you have placed upon us

as stewards of your creation.

May the Holy Spirit inspire all political leaders at COP26 as they

seek to embrace the changes needed to foster a more sustainable society.

Instil in them the courage and gentleness to implement fairer solutions

for the poorest and most vulnerable,

and commit their nations to the care of our common home.

We ask this through Our Lord Jesus Christ your Son.

Amen



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

DATES TO REMEMBER -

Covid-19 restrictions dependant

Sunday, 3 October 2021

10 am St Francis Day celebrations; bring and share brunch

Followed by PCC meeting

Saturday, 16 October 2021

9.30 am Parish Vision morning, St James Church/Church Centre

Monday, 18 October 2021

2.15 pm Mothers' Union
Ranklin Room, St James Church Centre

Wednesday, 20 October 2021

2 – 4 pm Cowley Women's Institute
St James Church Centre

Tuesday, 26 October 2021

10.00 – 11.30 am Messy Church, St James Church Centre

Sunday, 31 October 2021

All Souls Remembering Loved Ones Service
Plus remembering tee and tea/cake at St James Church

SUNDAY SERVICES

ST JAMES CHURCH, BEAUCHAMP LANE

ST FRANCIS CHURCH, HOLLOW WAY

8.00am	St James
9.30am	St Francis
11.00am	St James

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Please leave a message and someone will get back to you.

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MID-WEEK SERVICES & MEETINGS

Monday	10.00-11.30am	Little Stars Playgroup— St Francis
Tuesday	10.00am	Seashells Toddler Group— St James Church Centre
	12.30pm	Tuesday Lunch Club, St James Church Centre (numbers limited—booking essential. If interested con- tact Chris Woodman)

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HOME GROUPS

Leader	Time/Venue
Friends of St Francis	2nd & 4th Tuesday afternoons at 2.30pm at St Francis Church
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

Hall Bookings:

St James Church Centre, St James Church, St Francis Church: Please contact the Parish Office Tel: 747680

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