

Parish Directory

THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST JAMES

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Sunday Services

ST JAMES' CHURCH, BEAUCHAMP LANE

8.00 am Holy Communion
10.00 am Sung Eucharist
6.00 pm Evening Praise
[1st Sunday of the month]

ST FRANCIS' CHURCH, HOLLOW WAY

8.00 am Holy Eucharist
10.30 am Parish Eucharist
[Family Eucharist - 2nd Sunday of the month]

Mid-Week Services & Meetings

Monday	9.00 am	Morning Prayer – <i>St James</i>
	5.00 pm	Evening Prayer – <i>St James</i>
Tuesday	9.00 am	Morning Prayer – <i>St James</i>
	5.00 pm	Evening Prayer – <i>St James</i>
	8.00 pm	St Francis Discussion Group – <i>4 Long Close</i>
Wednesday	9.00 am	Morning Prayer – <i>St Francis</i>
	9.30 am	Eucharist – <i>St Francis</i>
	10.10 am	Mothers and Toddlers – <i>St Francis</i>
	10.30 am	Pram Service – <i>St James</i>
	5.00 pm	Evening Prayer – <i>St Francis</i>
Thursday	9.00 am	Morning Prayer – <i>St James</i>
	9.30 am	Eucharist - followed by coffee – <i>St James</i>
	11.00 am	St Francis Prayer Group
	5.00 pm	Evening Prayer – <i>St Francis</i>
	7.00 pm	Eucharist – <i>St Francis</i>
	7.30 pm	St James Prayer Group – <i>Benson Cottage</i>
Friday	9.00 am	Morning Prayer – <i>St Francis</i>
	5.00 pm	Evening Prayer – <i>St James</i>
	7.00 pm	Friday Club – <i>alt Fridays at St Francis</i>
Saturday	9.00 am	Morning Prayer – <i>St James</i>
	9.15 am	Morning Prayer & Breakfast – <i>St Francis</i>
	9.30 am	Eucharist – <i>St James</i>

Arrangements for Baptisms, Banns of Marriage, Weddings, Confessions and Home Communion can be made with any of the clergy.

Days Off

Fr John, and Vernon have Monday as their day off; Stephen and Fr Peter have Friday off. Except in emergency, please try and respect these days of rest.

April 2000

The Work of Christ or.....

Such is the world today that a decision in a Munich boardroom on a Thursday afternoon can have altered Cowley workers' shift patterns and income the very next Monday morning. The BMW Rover decision has highlighted how very fragile is the job security and livelihood in the motor industry.

Christianity has a very high view of work and its importance; Genesis shows us a creator, and the Gospels point to a carpenter, and whilst the Bible does not endorse any one economic system, the teaching of Jesus challenges every system.

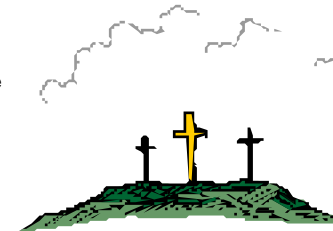
Global capitalism our present system, and one from which most of us in our part of the world have benefited materially in recent decades, is a fierce master if it is allowed to run unchecked - it permits the sudden devastating decline of industries and the resultant effects on people. Yet it also enables the creation of new opportunities as the new "dot com" technology companies have shown.

Norman Mailer, the hard bitten, even cynical, New York novelist surprised many when he said that in his view, Jesus Christ was the only person that could confront global capitalism; indeed one third of Jesus' teaching is on the subject of money.

However the issues are complex, we cannot simply pick a verse from the Bible and post it to Munich, and yet the Easter message does speak into our situation. In the Cross, we see how much people matter to God, we have all been "bought at a price" (1 Corinthians 7:23) and therefore must never be thought of as "things" that can be lightly dispensed with. Furthermore, human sinfulness means individuals, and the structures they create, need to be challenged - to examine themselves, and to repentance. In the Resurrection of Jesus we see that beyond the tragedy and pain of this world, which includes the "painful

toil" (Genesis 3: 17) of work there is God's promise of a transformed world where the children of God will inhabit a city in which "they will not toil in vain" (Isaiah 65: 23)

So at this time we pray for the continuing economic prosperity of our city, thanking Him for the low unemployment, and still remembering the plight of the world's poor, who are so much more worse off than we are.



Vernon

The monthly magazine of the Cowley Team Ministry

Chronicle

CALLED TO SERVE

At the Annual Parochial Church Meeting last month the following were elected:

- * *Churchwardens:* John Shreeve and Gwen Rankin
 - * *Deputy Wardens:* Rosanne Butler and Pat Chung
 - * *Deanery Synod:* Gwen Rankin, Rosanne Butler, Pat Chung, Crystal Hewlett
 - PCC Members:* Ruby Archer, Margaret Chapman, Iain Johnson, Rosemary Marshall, Norah Shallow, Marlene Shreeve, Thelma Telling and Lynn Trainor
- * *also PCC members.*

Healing Service

Tuesday 19th April

7.30 pm.

St James Church

Receive Jesus' promise of healing through personal prayer



Sunday Evening Praise

Worship, teaching, prayer ministry in an informal setting.

Sunday 14th May 6 o'clock

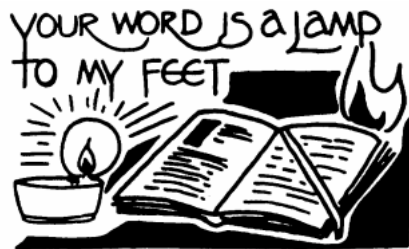


morning prayer & Breakfast

St Francis Church
Saturday Mornings

9.15 am

all welcome



Holy Week at Saint Francis

Holy Week is a vital part of the Church's year. The whole congregation is encouraged to share with us as we recall, encounter, and seek to enter deeply into the events of this critical period of our Lord's life and work.

PALM SUNDAY

8.00 am Holy Eucharist

10.30 am Parish Eucharist and Procession

Monday in Holy Week

9.30 am Holy Eucharist

8.00 pm Night Prayer & Address

Tuesday in Holy Week

8.00 pm Night Prayer & Address

Wednesday in Holy Week

9.30 am Holy Eucharist

8.00 pm Night Prayer & Address

MAUNDY THURSDAY

10.00 am Children's Activity Morning

7.30 pm Sung Eucharist followed by The Watch until midnight

GOOD FRIDAY

10.00 am Children's Activity Morning

11.15 am Way of the Cross

2.00pm An Hour at the Cross

HOLY SATURDAY

9.15 am Morning Prayer (followed by breakfast)

7.30 pm The Easter Vigil

EASTER DAY

8.00 am Holy Eucharist

10.30 am FAMILY EUCHARIST



I ASKED GOD... AND HE SAID NO.

I asked God to take away my tension.

God said, No. It is not for me to take away, but for you to give it up.

I asked God to make my handicapped child whole.

God said, No. Her spirit was whole, her body is only temporary.

I asked God to grant me patience.

God said, No. Patience is a by-product of tribulations; it isn't granted, it is earned.

I asked God to give me happiness.

God said, No. I give you blessings. Happiness is up to you.

I asked God to spare me pain.

God said, No. Suffering draws you apart from worldly cares and brings you closer to me.

I asked God to make my spirit grow.

God said, No. You must grow on your own, but I will prune you, to make you fruitful.

I asked for all things that I might enjoy life.

God said, No. I will give you life so that you may enjoy all things.

I ask God to help me LOVE others, as much as He loves me.

God said... Ahhhh, finally you have the idea.

WHY EASTER EGGS?

An old Russian Easter Carol begins like this:

Easter eggs! Easter eggs!
Give to him that begs!
For Christ the Lord is arisen

In those centuries when Lent was strictly kept, eggs were forbidden food. But hens did not observe Lent! So there were plenty of eggs by Easter. In 1290 King Edward bought 450 eggs as presents for his household. The entry in the royal accounts tells us that they cost 18 pence. But they were destined to become very special eggs, for they were to be covered in gold leaf.

Painting eggs is an ancient custom. They were often painted red - probably to recall Christ's blood. The most famous eggs were sumptuously decorated by the goldsmith Faberge for Czar Alexander III and other royal clients. Altogether he decorated 57 eggs - all different, and now treasured in palaces and museums around the world.

Eggs continue to be an appropriate symbol for Easter, for they remind us that Jesus rose to new life from his dark tomb.



Holy Week and Easter at Saint James

PALM SUNDAY – 16th April

10.00 am Palm Sunday Procession and Eucharist - meet in The

Hut

MONDAY IN HOLY WEEK

**8.00 pm Holy Week Act of Devotion
Rose Hill Methodist Church**

TUESDAY IN HOLY WEEK

7.30 pm Holy Week Healing Service

MAUNDY THURSDAY – 20th April

**7.30 pm The Maundy Supper
followed by The Watch in St Luke's**

Chapel

GOOD FRIDAY – 21st April

**10.00 am Family Service –
followed by Hot Cross Buns**

2.00 pm The Last Hour –

music, readings and address

HOLY SATURDAY – 22nd April

**8.00 pm EASTER VIGIL, BAPTISM AND CONFIRMATION
St Michael's New Marston
Doris Halton and Mary Alderson to be confirmed**

EASTER DAY – 23rd April

8.00 am Holy Communion

10.00 am Family Eucharist

11.30 am Planting of Millennium Yew



Rosanne interviews



I don't know about you but to me Lynn comes over as a go-getter. Go-getter? She's the girl who, the first time she saw Nick, her husband, across a crowded Church, thought, "he's the one," and pursued him till he was caught! But more about that later.

Lynn is sure that she and her family are here in Cowley because God wants them to be.

She knows that after her Ordination in 2002 she will have to move on. She will find that hard. She loves the area because there is a strong sense of community here and she regards her friends and neighbours as real people.

Born in Lancashire her parents moved to Cheshire while she was still quite young and she and her elder brother and sister grew up in Knutsford. She gained a scholarship to the Queen's School, Chester, where she began to shine in the sciences and mathematics. During her time in the 6th form she developed a strong sense of social justice and "wanted to make a difference" in the world.

So, at 17, she went to Kenya through a scheme called The Project Trust and taught in a secondary school. With 40 pupils (some as old as Lynn herself) and two other teachers she tackled such subjects as maths, science, Kenyan (!) history and games. She looks back on this year as pivotal in her life. She knew God had plans for her. She went to Church those services were conducted in a foreign language. She also became frustrated because she realised that she wasn't really making a difference. It was through an elderly man, Geoffrey, that she began to learn about true contentment.

He was poor, had a big family, lived in a simple hut and spent his whole life close to God. She often visited him and through him saw that the answer to misery lay in hope, contentment and Christian commitment.

She came home, did her physics degree at Bristol University and had a fantastic time. Just when she had decided that men were "a waste of time" Nick walked into church on that fateful day. A year later they were married and moved to Exeter where she did her teacher training and he took his degree at the University.

So what brought them to Oxford? Lynn took up a post as Head of Physics at Marlborough School, Woodstock, and Nick did his D.Phil at Linacre College. At every turn of the road they asked God to guide them. They found their little house in Lytton Road and settled down to family life. I used the word "little" with care as, with Abi (8), Eden (6), Rosie (4), and Ruth (2), it must at times feel pretty small. She has a pleasant study in the loft where, from 5:30pm onwards each day, she leaves domestic responsibilities to Nick and becomes a hard working student.

Her Christian faith has for a long time been paramount in her life. She and Nick became members of the House Church movement and then, a few years ago, looked for an alternative form of worship. They found St James' which filled that need. Now they are regulars at St Francis as part of Lynn's pre-ordination training. God knows what He has in store for her and she is happy to leave it to Him as her future unfolds.

Was there one particular person who had a strong influence on your early life?

My sister in the sense that she always was there. It was never, "Go away little sister." She gave me complete, permanent, faithful love. She enabled me to do things - we were very close.

Can you remember an incident in your early life which held special significance for you?

I was walking by Geoffrey's house and he invited me in. We sat in the kitchen of his straw hut in Kenya. I joined a family meal. His eight children sat on large stones. I was offered two potatoes in water. God was vividly real in that hut - there was so much love.

What sort of child were you?

Headstrong, adventurous, independent, always on the go. I loved silent walks with my Dad.

Has your faith been with you since childhood?

One of my earliest memories - lying in a double bed with my sister talking about God. Later, at my Confirmation, I turned and walked down the aisle into a bright light which I'm sure all was an encounter with the Holy Spirit.

Which period of your adult life has given you the most satisfaction?

The last two years have been the most exciting and the most difficult.

Are there any aspects of modern life which you dislike?

That society is so achievement driven. If people were more relationship orientated, a lot of pain and heartache could be addressed.

And what is best about life today?

I find the increasing power of non-violent protest so encouraging. Look at the huge changes in South Africa and the Eastern bloc for example. This power is central to the gospel.

When you find time for leisure how do you like to spend it?

Walking - with friends anywhere and everywhere. The Alps are best but the River Thames will do.

If you had a magic wand what would you do?

I'd dynamite the multi-storey car-park! (*Roseanne agrees!)

What makes you laugh?

My husband and children. Nick especially, he is so outrageous.

What do you hope to be doing in 10 years' time?

To be a faithful and loving parish priest.

Lynn Trainor

