



Sunday 12 September 2021

the fifteenth Sunday after Trinity

the season of Creation

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*, as we end the holiday break and enter the Season of Creation

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 Sunday 12 September

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| 8:00 am | St James | Holy Communion | <i>Max Butron Geoff Bayliss</i>
<i>preacher : Geoff Bayliss</i> |
| 9:30 am | St Francis | Family Communion | <i>Geoff Bayliss</i>
<i>preacher : Erik Heemskerk</i> |
| 11:00 am | St James | Family Communion | <i>Alison Lockhart Mark Oxbrow</i>
<i>preacher : Erik Heemskerk</i> |

the 11:00 service is 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 at last we may sing!
mask wearing is optional but encouraged

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.

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| 1:30 pm | St James | the Anglican Asian Living Church | <i>live and streamed from St James</i> |
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SERVICES Sunday 19 September

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<i>Harvest thanksgiving preacher : Geoff Bayliss</i>
<i>followed by a bring and share lunch</i> |

Cowley parish link

WHAT'S ON AND INFORMATION

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

HAPPY BABY NEWS FROM THE HARTLEY FAMILY We're delighted to share the good news that **Timothy Lawrence Owen** was born on Tuesday morning, 7 September, at about 1:00 am! He weighed 7lb 15oz; Caroline and Timothy were able to come home on Wednesday afternoon and are doing very well. Daniel seems to be enjoying having a baby brother and helping out with nappy changing (for now!)

ST JAMES CHURCH - FLUSH FUND the toilet is installed! **THANK YOU** to those who have given generously. We still need around another £8,000 to complete the project with the audio-visual equipment. If you missed the chance, donations are of course still invited : **cash or a cheque** [payable to Cowley (Oxford) PCC] donations – gift aided if possible.

Or you can transfer your contribution **on line** : Cowley (Oxford) PCC 20-12-51 01000840 giving 'Gift Day' as the reference

contact **Joan Coleman Parish Treasurer 01865 770 865 ojcoleman@btinternet.com**

ROADMAP OUT OF COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS

Please continue to record your presence in Church as you enter. This will allow us to comply with the 'Track and Trace' requirements that remain in place.

Social distancing Please look after each other and check if others are happy with your sitting on chairs close to them.

Masks. Be aware that some people will continue to wear mask whilst others choose not to. Please be sensitive to those around you. Those choosing not to wear masks should sit closer to the front of the church.

Singing Hurrah! Yes, we are now able to sing if we wish; if you are going to do so, please sit towards the front of the church.

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

Streaming of services We will stream the services in the same pattern as we have used in recent months.

RECTORY GARDEN TEA PARTIES **Thursdays 2:30-4:00** with the lifting of restrictions, **ALL ARE WELCOME**, and without booking - enter through the churchyard gate

PARISH WALKING GROUP **tomorrow Monday 13 September** meet at St James Centre, 2:00 pm – possibly taking cars to Chilswell Valley Please let Sally know if you plan to come
Sally Hemsworth sally.hemsworth@outlook.com 01865 774 776

REOPENING TIME!

LITTLE STARS and SEASHELLS Little Stars will resume tomorrow Monday 13 September at St Francis. Seashells is already underway on Tuesdays at St James Centre, both 10:00-11:30

RE:FRESH Wednesdays, 10:00-11:30 Bible study and discussion for all ages, with facilities for very little ones

for more details on all three activities, please speak to **Mary Bayliss** or email **m.bayliss41@btinternet.com**

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**

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 alternate Tuesdays, starting Tuesday 14 September, 2:30-4:00-ish New friends 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, starting 15 September Reading and discussing 'Bouncing forwards' by **Patrick Regan** contact **Mark 01865 461 953 07985 631 816 markoxbrow@aol.com**

Held together in the love of Christ - pastoral principles for living well together @ St James Centre 5 Tuesdays starting 28 September, time to be confirmed contact **Geoff**

CHRONICLE The September edition was published last week and is available to download from the Parish website <http://www.cowleyteamministry.co.uk/The-Parish/The-Cowley-Chronicle>

SUBSCRIPTIONS are due for the new Chronicle year, starting with this September edition – still only £4 for an A5 size, £5 for A4. *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 or **contact Sally Hemsworth 01865 774 776** chronicle@cowleyteamministry.co.uk

Next copy deadline – Monday 20 September

EVENTS OXFORD OPEN DOORS and RIDE AND STRIDE yesterday 11 September sponsored for the *Oxfordshire Historic Churches Trust, shared 50:50 with the Parish*

THANK YOU to all who volunteered time and contributed cakes and have already sponsored our St/Riders! You can still do that.

Lesley Williams decided to **stride** this year, aiming at her first **20+ mile walk** for several years – she will report her achievement at St James. Her starter target was **£250** – currently on £150. There's a paper form and a Virgin Giving on line page <https://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/LesleyWilliams-StRide-Cowley>

Joan Coutanche cycled for St Francis; her paper form is there **THANK YOU for support**

BIG BRUNCH for Christian Aid today Sunday 12 September 9:15-10:45 St James Centre

If you read this at the 8:00 am service, please stay and join us. If you read it at St Francis at 9:30, we regret there's a time clash. If it's now 11:00, sorry but you missed a delicious brunch and happy occasion.

HARVEST THANKSGIVING @ St James next Sunday 19 September 8:00, 11:00 followed by a bring and share lunch – please bring what ever you fancy sharing, savoury or sweet.

tinned and packeted gifts for CEF – see the requested items list on the last two weeks readings sheet – spare copies available donations for Water Aid – envelope enclosed today

QUIZ AID for Christian Aid - postponed from June – now Friday 24 September 7:00

St James Centre £5 per person – start your team training....

ST FRANCIS DAY CELEBRATIONS Sunday 3 October 10:00 joint Parish service, followed by a bring and share brunch – NO 11:00 SERVICE AT ST JAMES PCC meeting will follow brunch

MEETINGS

Today Sunday 12 September after the 9:30 am service St Francis committee St Francis Church

Wednesday 15 September 3:00 pm St James committee Ranklin Room, St James Centre

Monday 20 September 2:15 pm Mothers Union St James Centre

You don't have to be a mother to join us, or even female! After a short catch up business meeting, we will be delighted to hear Mark Oxbrow.

Sunday 3 October 12:00 pm PCC St Francis Church
note change of time and venue

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

RISE TO THE MOMENT Members of the **YOUNG CHRISTIAN CLIMATE NETWORK** linking with **CHRISTIAN AID** supporters are walking a relay from the **G7 summit in Cornwall to the COP26 in Glasgow** to lobby for climate justice and a united commitment to address the 'red alert' climate emergency

The relay passed through Oxford on 15 August and, as of 11 September, is now in Manchester for the weekend – thence on to Leeds – York – and north The boat 'Pilgrim' right is also progressing – a representation of our hope, **setting sail towards a more just future**

Have you made or written on a **paper prayer boat**? Please bring it to church; we will be displaying them in St James as a prayer focus during our harvest thanksgiving service and then sending them on to the COP26 Climate conference

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



DO YOU HAVE EXPERIENCE IN DIGITAL MARKETING? If so, **ARCHWAY** would love to have a conversation with you to see if you might be interested in sharing your knowledge and skills as a **DIGITAL TRUSTEE** for The Archway Foundation, a locally founded charity "Serving those hurt by loneliness" in Abingdon and Oxford.

Do call CEO Sheila Furlong on 07703 186 041 or Chair of Trustees Chris Taft on 07860 922 035 for a no obligation discussion.

THE SEASON OF CREATION is the annual Christian celebration of prayer and action for our common home. Together, the ecumenical family around the world unites to pray, protect, and advocate for God's creation. During the **2021 Season of Creation, from 1 September through 4 October**, hundreds of thousands of Christians will be uniting around the theme, **"A home for all? Renewing the Oikos of God."** (OIKOS is the Greek word for home or household) <https://seasonofcreation.org/>

PRIVATE PRAYER IN ST JAMES CHURCH Wednesday 2:00-4:00

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

OPEN THE BOOK TEAM telling scripted Bible stories in our three Parish schools alternate Mondays 9:00, Tuesdays 10:30, Thursdays 10:30 - new team members are urgently needed in each school for the coming term!

to learn more about what's involved, talk to Geoff – Lesley Williams – Joan Coleman – Jill Ling

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 12.09.21 fifteenth Sunday after Trinity *proper 19*
Proverbs 1 22-33 James 3 1-12 Mark 8 27-38

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS 19.09.21 sixteenth Sunday after Trinity *proper 20*
Proverbs 31 10-31 James 3 14 – 4 3, 7-8a Mark 9 30-37

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