



Sunday 17 October 2021

the twentieth Sunday after Trinity

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 Sunday 17 October

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

9:30 am St Francis Family Communion *liturgist : Elwira Lubos*
celebrant & preacher : Geoff Bayliss

11:00 am St James Family Communion *liturgist : Lesley Williams*
celebrant & preacher : Geoff Bayliss
activities for children at the back of the church

the 10:00 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 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.

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

SERVICES Sunday 24 October

8:00 am St James Holy Communion *celebrant : Max Bruton*
preacher : Mark Oxbrow

9:30 am St Francis Family Communion *celebrant : Geoff Bayliss*
preacher : Mark Oxbrow

11:00 am St James Family Communion *celebrant : Geoff Bayliss*
preacher : Mark Oxbrow
sorry - no children's activities this week – just toys and colouring sheets

cowley parish link

WHAT'S ON AND INFORMATION

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

MESSY CHURCH is happening again on **Tuesday 26 October in St James Centre from 10:00-11:30am**. On the day help and prayer support would be appreciated. If you are able to help face to face in any way, please arrive from 9:30am so you can find an activity you would like to oversee. We will be thinking about "**Learning resilience**" with the story from Acts 3:1-12, which tells of Peter and John meeting a man who couldn't walk and how God healed the man through their prayers. We are looking forward to welcoming lots of families to join us. Do invite your neighbours and families

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 pay for the £90,000 project and then lots more for the projection equipment so 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 **30-12-51 01000840** giving 'Flush Fund' as the reference
contact **Joan Coleman Parish Treasurer 07935 963 634 ojcoleman@btinternet.com**

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
We will still social distance from other households - **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
Streaming of services We will stream the services in the same pattern as we have used in recent months.

PARISH WALKING GROUP - usually alternate **Monday afternoons** but the next **date and route are yet to be decided** Contact Sally if you would like to know when and where
Sally Hemsworth sally.hemsworth@outlook.com 01865 774 776

OUR ACTIVITIES UP AND RUNNING!

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!

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, next on Tuesday 26 October, 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, next on 28 October Reading and discussing 'Bouncing forwards' by Patrick Regan contact **Mark 01865 461 953 07985 631 816 markoxbrow@aol.com**

Alpha course @ Cowley Rectory on Thursdays again at the moment but it may change 7:15pm pudding, 7:30pm course starts – asking the big questions of life
more details from Geoff 07759 393 023

CHRONICLE The October edition was published at the beginning of the month and is now available to download from the Parish website <http://www.cowleyteamministry.co.uk/The-Parish/The-Cowley-Chronicle>
Articles for next month should be with the editors by Monday 25 October

SUBSCRIPTIONS you can still subscribe - 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 **contact Sally Hemsworth 01865 774 776** chronicle@cowleyteamministry.co.uk

RIDE AND STRIDE Saturday 11 September *sponsored for the Oxfordshire Historic Churches Trust, shared 50:50 with the Parish* Final chance to contribute : sponsorship will be paid over to OHCT this week for **Lesley Williams** who walked, visiting 47 Oxford city churches and **Jane Coutanche** who cycled to 7, out of town. They have raised more than £500 with gift aid between them. There are paper forms and Lesley has a Virgin Giving on line page <https://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/LesleyWilliams-StRide-Cowley>
THANK YOU for support

QUIZ AID for Christian Aid Friday 24 September There are spare copies of the warm up round quiz sheet – a mix of logos, dingbats and cryptic television programme titles - which are available for a **minimum £1 donation** to add to the **£115 raised** on the night - and there's a chance of a prize! Take one if you wish to be challenged or ask **Lesley Williams** if you want it to be delivered or e-mailed

WALKING THE CAMINO DE COMPOSTELA FOR TRADCRAFT EXCHANGE 2-9 October Lesley Williams has lots to tell about the 114 km experience and is still collecting for **Traidcraft Exchange**, aiming for £2,500 – cash or <https://www.gofundme.com/f/traidcraft-exchange-camino-de-compostela>

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

The relay passed through Oxford on 15 August and, as of 17 October, has reached Scotland; arriving in Dunbar this evening – a residency in Edinburgh 20-24 October – Glasgow arrival 30 October

The boat 'Pilgrim' *right* is also progressing to each residency – a representation of our hope, **setting sail towards a more just future**

Thank you for the **paper prayer boats** written during the St James harvest service last month. They have been posted off to Christian Aid to join displays at **COP26**.
<https://www.yccn.uk/rise-to-the-moment>



There will be a **NATIONAL DAY OF CLIMATE ACTION** on **Saturday 6 November**. Details on how to be involved will be available next week. **Lesley Williams** will be in Glasgow to join the action there

APPEALS (1) OPEN THE BOOK TEAM telling scripted Bible stories in our three Parish schools alternate Mondays 9:00, Tuesdays 2:45 (*new time*), 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

(2) SCHOOL BOOKS – fiction and non-fiction - and CLASSROOM STATIONERY for schools on the island of St Vincent recovering from the eruption of the La Soufrière volcano in April Please bring them to church or **contact Catherine Sutherland 07957 593 642**

THE FOURTH MENTION OF CHRISTMAS : REAL ADVENT CALENDARS will sadly not be stocked by any supermarkets this year **but luckily there will be a Parish order : fairtrade chocolate – a 24 page Christmas story-activity book** illustrated by Martina Peluso with a page for every day of Advent and some fun Advent challenges along the way – a line from the Christmas story behind each of the calendar's 25 windows - foiled for freshness – palm oil free – recyclable box and tray **only £4.50** **contact Lesley Williams**
Deadline for the Parish order 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** and 'Christmas blessings' chocolate bars – milk, dark and orange chocolate, all **£3.00**. They don't feature on the order list so just add them.

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>

God our Creator, as individuals and groups, may we come together in solidarity to think and act for the future, keeping sincere eyes on Christ.

As you work inside us and in your Creation, may we be alert to the moving of the Holy Spirit, in order to live in ways that will sustain life in the future 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	17.10.21	twentieth Sunday after Trinity	proper 24
Job 38 1-7	Hebrews 5 1-10	Mark 10 35-45	

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS	24.10.21	twentyfirst Sunday after Trinity	proper 25
Job 42 1-6, 10-17	Hebrews 7 23-28	Mark 10 46-52	

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