

## ELECTORAL ROLL – checking and update 2022

This is still ahead of deadlines but is a 'heads up' that the Parish Electoral Roll – the official 'membership list' for our churches - will be reviewed and updated in time for the APCM (Annual Parochial Church Meeting) in May. 'Membership' allows you to stand for election to one of the Church committees and the PCC and to vote.

At this time, we remove any members who, sadly, have died during the year, moved away or with whom we are no longer in contact – and that is quite a few this year. We welcome parishioners who wish to register their commitment to the life of the Parish. It may be that you are newly arrived with us or it's one of those things which you have not got round to over several years.

There's a simple form to complete which is available in both churches and should be returned to Lesley Williams – Electoral Roll Officer at Church or St James Centre.

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## FROM THE OX4 FOOD CREW : MEALS ON MONDAYS

- \* Pay-as-you-feel lunches for all: *Every Monday, 12:00 – 2:00*
- \* First Monday of each month: At the Ark-T Centre, John Bunyan Church, Crowell Road
- \* Along with a Community Hub Day on the same day each month  
U5s soft play 9:30-11:30  
Chat, newspapers and games 2:00-3:30
- \* At The Venue, Barns Road:  
10:00 - 11:00 Dementia information and advice - 1:1 benefits, housing and debt advice
- \* All other Mondays: At Flo's café, the Place in the Park, Rymers Lane.  
Pay only what you feel/can afford, with the option also of donating more 'paying it forward' for those who are able – cash or card. All funds raised go towards helping tackling of food poverty in OX4. No need to book – just turn up!

[www.ox4foodcrew.co.uk](http://www.ox4foodcrew.co.uk)

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## BIBLE SOCIETY 'MORE THAN A BOOK' REGISTRATION

The Bible Society has this month announced THE ENDING OF THE SCHEME, with immediate effect. Of course, you can still order Bibles, prayer books, cards, stickers, courses, fiction, DVDs etc. from the Society but sadly the Parish accounts will no longer benefit.



<https://www.biblesociety.org.uk/products/>

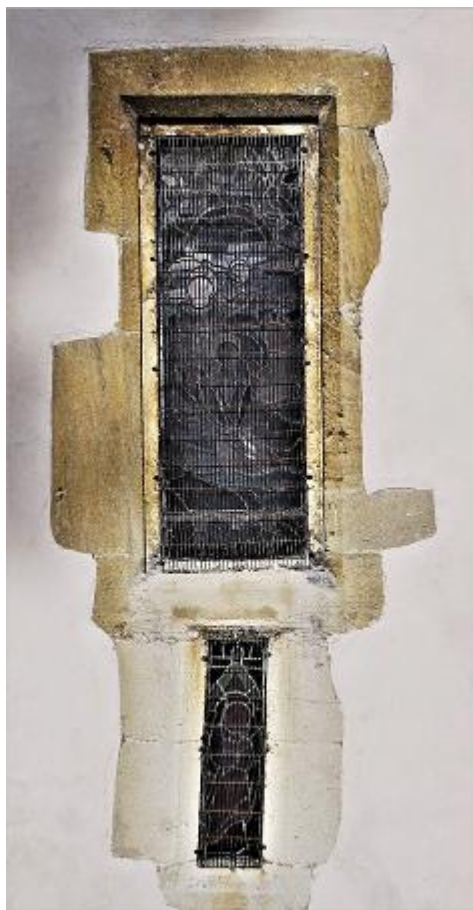
## UNA'S CORNER

Did You Know....

I was surprised to find how many people did not know about the leper squint in St. James' Church. Low down on the outside wall, past the right-hand choir stall in the chancel, is a curved narrow window, originally, this was just a hole in the wall. There are still several churches around with such squints.



Squint Window – Internal View



Squint Window – External View

Many years ago, Shotover Forest started from the East gate in the city wall, just about where Longwall is now and continued along the London route. It took in the villages of Cowley, Headington, Iffley, Wheatley plus all the little villages. The area we now call East Oxford was also within the forest. The students beginning the long vacation used to gather at the Eastgate in a group to ride to London. They stayed together for safety, as in the forest were bands of robbers and highwaymen who attacked the stagecoaches. There was also a colony of lepers.

Leprosy is a horrible disease, it is very, very infectious and kills slowly. Lepers were turned out of towns and villages and used to be completely banned from mixing with the population. This led to the forming of those small colonies in the forest.

I was born in Ridgefield Road in East Oxford and from my bedroom window at the back of the house, I could see across to Bartlemas Chapel – the Leper Chapel and its graveyard.

On Sundays, groups of lepers would come close to villages and wait, watching the churches. When the congregations were safely inside, the lepers would creep down to the church and

crouch down by the leper squint and watch. Through this opening they could see the minister celebrating Communion at the High Altar. After watching the Communion taking place, the lepers would then go back to the forest before the service ended. I can't imagine how much these squint windows were appreciated by the lepers.

My daughter and family live 300 miles north, in Sunderland and I used to drive up there to visit. She was a part-time teacher and my son-in-law worked. One day, when the children were at school, I drove along a country road and there was a turning ahead of me to a village. I passed the turning and noticed a signpost which I thought read 'Pity Me'. I reversed back and checked. Yes – the signpost *did* say that. That evening it was explained to me that in far-off days, the lepers would lean over the walls and say to travellers 'pity me,' and hope for food or money.

Some offshore islands were inhabited by lepers, and people from the mainland would dump food on the beach and then hastily withdraw.

In my young days Father Alec Whye was the vicar of Cowley and he used to bless the communion elements at the High Altar with his back to the congregation. He used to lift first the bread then the chalice of wine above his head. I felt sure that one day he would spill the wine all over himself! The congregation would take Communion kneeling by the altar rail. After we were confirmed, we were taught how to take the elements and were told that although the Communion was celebrated every Sunday, we should only take it every six weeks.

UNA DEAN

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## JOHN SHREEVE'S ARTICLES FROM THE PAST

Lent - a Time for Waiting

March 2010

In this day and age when everything is hustle and bustle and done at speed, we in the church are called to a spirit of repentance, to set aside some time to wait upon the Lord. We were told by our Heavenly Father, "Be still and know that I am God," and the great Old Testament prophet Isaiah told his people, "In repentance and rest is your salvation, in quietness and trust is your strength."

Contrary to the world's thinking we know that being still and waiting upon the Lord is never a waste of time; on the contrary – it is time very well spent. As the good book says, "They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength. They shall mount up with wings of eagles – they shall run and not be weary – they shall walk and not faint."

With all the stresses and strains of modern life we certainly need a renewal of our strength, both physical and spiritual. This is where our Home Study Groups and Lent Courses come in. They give us the opportunity to draw aside for a while and gather our inward resources. We hope and pray that more people will join with us during Lent and learn and prepare ourselves for our glorious Eastertide.

John Shreeve

# FAIRTRADE FORTNIGHT

Monday 21 February to Sunday 6 March 2022

For two weeks each year at the end of February and start of March, thousands of individuals, companies and groups across the UK come together to share the stories of the people who grow our food and drinks, mine our gold and who grow the cotton in our clothes, people who are often exploited and underpaid.

<https://www.fairtrade.org.uk/get-involved/current-campaigns/fairtrade-fortnight/>

<https://traidcraftexchange.org/programmes>

In its simplest form, trade should be beneficial for everyone involved. Goods and money are exchanged and everyone is better off. But global trade doesn't work this way - instead it feeds the rich and exploits the poor. It traps people in poverty.

It is Traidcraft Exchange's mission to challenge the way global trade works - to use the power of trade to create lasting solutions to poverty.

With our support, as a Parish and as individuals, they can work towards a future where everyone gets a fair income for their work, no matter what country they live in.

The difference between Fairtrade and fairly-traded



## Fairtrade

Fairtrade (all one word) refers to products that carry the Fairtrade mark. In the UK, the [Fairtrade Foundation \(fairtrade.org.uk\)](https://www.fairtrade.org.uk) licences companies to use the Fairtrade mark on products that meet the Fairtrade standards. Fairtrade Standards are designed to support the sustainable development of small producer organizations and agricultural workers in developing countries.

The Fairtrade Standards incorporate a holistic blend of social, economic and environmental criteria. The standards contain both core requirements and development requirements aimed at improvements that benefit both the producers and their communities.

Traders are also covered by the standards, underscoring the commitments companies and businesses must make to contribute to sustainability in their supply chains and operations.

## Fairly-traded

Fairly-traded refers to products that don't have Fairtrade certification but which state that they have been traded in an ethical manner. Businesses registered with and listed on the ethical networks [World Fair Trade Organization \(wfto.com\)](https://www.wfto.com) or [The British Association for Fair Trade Shops \(bafts.org.uk\)](https://www.bafts.org.uk) are dedicated to trading fairly. Fair-trading refers to Alternative Trading Organisations (ATOs) - sometimes known as 100% fair traded companies.

## Fair Trade claims

Fair Trade (two words) can be used by some companies on their products but they are without the Fairtrade Foundation mark or are not a member of the World Fair Trade Organisation (WFTO) or British Association for Fair Trade Shops (BAFTS).

To be sure they are trading ethically you would have to ask if they can demonstrate they are

using the principles of fair trading and can prove they are paying a fair price to producers at the end of the supply chain.

Fairtrade and Climate Justice

Do watch this film : <https://www.fairtrade.org.uk/Get-Involved/Current-campaigns/Fairtrade-and-Climate-Justice/>

The world’s wealthiest people caused the climate crisis – 50 per cent of global emissions are the responsibility of the highest-earning 10 per cent. But it’s the communities the Fairtrade movement exists to support who are facing the worst realities of climate change right now.

Increasingly unpredictable and extreme weather is forcing farmers and workers, often already on scandalously low incomes due to deeply unfair global trade, into serious hardship.

In November 2021, 1.8 million Fairtrade farmers and workers challenged world leaders to “Be Fair With Your Climate Promise” at the COP26 UN climate summit. And more than 30,000 campaigners backed their call.

Check out : <https://www.fairtrade.org.uk/cop26-be-fair-with-your-climate-promise/> to hear direct from Fairtrade farmers about the realities of the climate crisis, and what needs to change.

COP26 sadly fell short of what farmers and workers need. But together we can still make a difference - find out how we can stand behind the Fairtrade farmers and workers taking on the climate crisis every day by reading the literature in our churches and at St James Centre or on-line.

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When you read this, our pop up fairtrade stall will have happened at the Big Brew on Saturday 5 March in St James Church – along with a quiz sheet to buy (£1) and a ‘find the queen bee’ game to play (£1) - both with Fairtrade prizes!

The stock for the stall was provided by Headington Fairtrade <https://www.headingtonfairtrade.org.uk> and the Littlemore Road Co-op – to both of whom, many thanks.

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Fairtrade - where are we with it as a Church and Parish?

We are definitely not achieving Fairtrade Parish status at present, even with our basic tea and coffee. St James Church Committee members agreed unanimously at their recent meeting - and will take to the PCC - our determination to work harder at it, if we declare we are living by the Kingdom principles of caring for those who produce our food. So we are rebooting our fairtrade commitment during this Fairtrade Fortnight!

We confirm that we will stock the kitchen with fairtrade products and any donations to kitchen supplies should be Fairtrade if the item is readily available in the shops. Any non-Fairtrade donated items will be graciously received but passed on to the Community Emergency Foodbank.

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## Explore fairtrade

Coffee – tea – sugar – cocoa – chocolate – cotton – oil – flowers – wine – gold – bananas – and more.....

Fairtrade is probably best known for bananas, coffee, tea and chocolate. But the product range has grown tremendously in recent years in response to consumer demand, so that Fairtrade certification now covers dozens of new products including fresh fruit, dried fruit, juices, cereals, vegetables, nuts & oils, herbs & spices and sports balls. This means thousands more farmers and workers have the opportunity to benefit from fairer terms of trade and invest additional income from Fairtrade sales in developing their businesses or improving their communities.

<https://www.fairtrade.org.uk/farmers-and-workers/>



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## ADVERTS FROM OLD COWLEY CHRONICLES

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# REPORT FROM PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

The PCC met on the 20 February 2022. The main item on the agenda was to discuss the draft 2021 Accounts. Joan Coleman went through the details very thoroughly, and the PCC were delighted that, despite all the difficulties over lockdown and the provision of a toilet at St James Church, the Parish was in the “black” at the end of 2021. No changes were needed to the accounts, and it was agreed that the accounts should be submitted for inspection.

The PCC noted discussions at recent Church Committees. St Francis Church Committee are preparing plans to replace the Front Door, Windows and possibly the boiler, so some fund raising will be necessary. St James Church Committee discussed fully Fairtrade and how to improve this in the Parish – this is something which will need to be discussed in more detail at a future PCC meeting.

Both Church Committees decided not to hold Church Annual Meetings this year, but membership of Church Committees will be considered at church services.

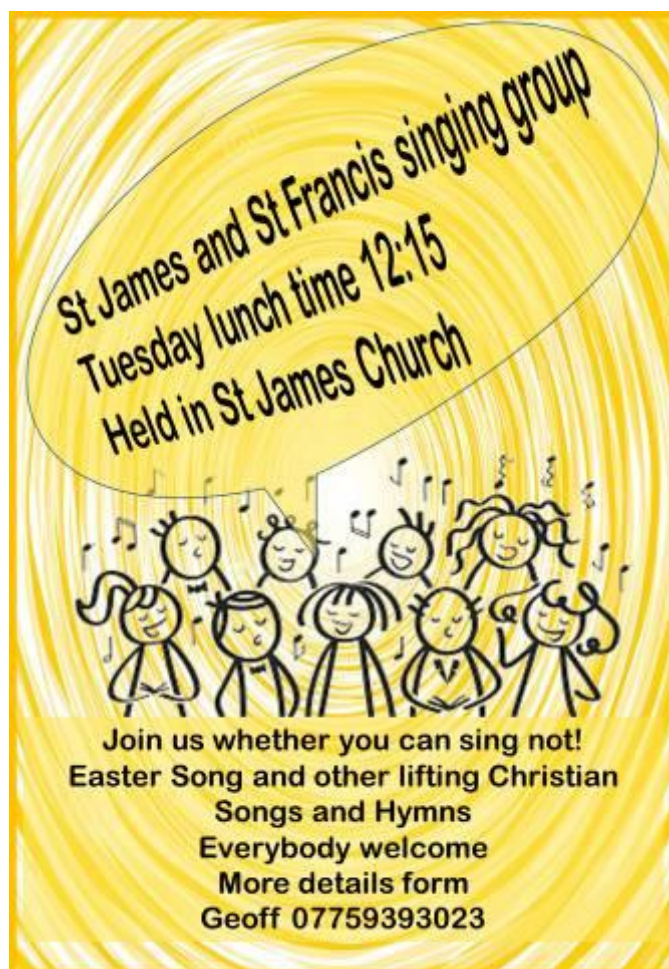
Church Wardens are required by the Diocese to complete Articles of Enquiry annually. One of the questions which has been asked this year relates to action taken by the churches to reduce its carbon footprint and protect biodiversity, and it was good to see that this matter had come up recently at both Church Committees, especially in relation to heating.

The PCC reviewed and accepted the following policies and procedures and agreed that they should be reviewed again in twelve months’ time:

- Health and Safety
- Data Protection policy and Cowley Parish Audit Data

The next PCC meeting will be held on 20 March 2022, specifically to agree the inspected accounts. This may be done by email exchange if there are no other important matters to discuss. Copies of the agreed accounts will be available, with the Parish Report, at the Annual Parish Meeting and Annual Parochial Church Meeting on the 14 May 2022. Copies will also be available in the churches.

Sally Hemsworth  
PCC Secretary



## SAFEGUARDING IN COWLEY PARISH

*Safeguarding features in The Chronicle every month... because it is so important and we must keep telling ourselves we will keep everyone safe in our churches and fellowship and ensure their wellbeing.*

*But there is always some new information each month so please read it right through!*

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 (DBS) Disclosure and Barring Service criminal records checks where applicable. The Church of England has revised its requirements for DBS checks for all those working with children, young people and vulnerable adults, and in positions of leadership, reducing the time between checks from every 5 years to every 3 – so we have started the necessary programme of re-checks and will contact all those who require one.

We intend that St James, St Francis and the Anglican Asian Living Church 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. All PCC members are now required to take a Domestic Violence awareness course.

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 also agree to do so.

Our re-training programme is at last underway: the courses are always available to follow at home on-line, for those able to do that, but group training at St James Centre, for the Basic Awareness course was delivered on Tuesday 1 March and will be repeated as necessary.

<https://safeguardingtraining.cofeportal.org/>

When everyone who requires it has completed that, we will book a Foundation course, to be delivered face to face by a Diocesan trainer – in April or May, probably on a Saturday morning.

We regret to admit that the Parish safeguarding group with clergy, church wardens and leaders of all our Parish groups *still* hasn't happened – it is so difficult to find a date possible for all those people.....

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.*

Lesley Williams 01865 779 562 07982 439 828 [safeguarding@cowleyteamministry.co.uk](mailto:safeguarding@cowleyteamministry.co.uk)



# Film Club at the Centre

Film Club has some very good news! After only two months from relaunching, we have almost filled half of our potential membership and *already*, through the appreciation of members, raised over £100 in donations towards our parish funds.

The February evening was declared a great success, when it was unanimously agreed that the film 'The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society' was a cracking story.

Members were provided with the projected programme for the rest of 2022 and many of them commented on what a nice mixed collection of films we have coming up.

On 11<sup>th</sup> March, the film we are showing is 'A Handful of Dust' and promises to be very interesting. It is a British-made production and includes Dame Judi Dench and Alec Guinness in its cast. The plot centres around a young, privileged couple whose lives seem to be a

bed of roses, until a weekend guest turns up and causes problems – intriguing?

There are still plenty of places to fill on our membership list, so we will be glad to welcome anyone who thinks that an evening at Film Club sounds inviting. If you are not sure about becoming a member, we will be happy to welcome you as a guest.

Last month it was lovely to greet several former members and also enrol new members who came along to give us a try.

In closing, I must mention that we learn as we go along. We now understand that several members are diabetic and until now have been unable to enjoy the cakes which have been on offer on arrival. So we are now promising to provide sugar-free alternatives in future. After all, we are a club and want to make each of our members happy.

Rosanne Butler

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## SNOWDROP SATURDAY AT ST JAMES

Saturday, 5th February was when St James Church opened its doors to welcome all to celebrate Snowdrop Saturday. And what a day it turned out to be. Although a count wasn't taken of visitors coming, we know at least 40 came to have a chat and eat cake with a cup of tea or coffee. The Church was set up in a cafe style with little vases of snowdrops on the tables which looked very welcoming. A craft table was set up for youngsters and many who came said how much they enjoyed their visit.

It is hoped that these open days can be increased to take into account special events in the religious calendar. We have a beautiful church and we want to open it as often as we can to welcome our friends and newcomers. Ideas and suggestions on how we can do this would be very welcome.

Chris Woodman

# THE CHURCH YEAR EXPLAINED

ASH WEDNESDAY

(From March 2000)

Lent is not a time to make yourself as miserable as possible – but from some of the stories that you hear, you would be forgiven if you thought that. People giving up their favourite treats – sugar, chocolate and alcohol, going to hear long devotional addresses, spending time alone soul-searching....So, what is it all about?

Over the last 2000 years, three main elements have gone into the making of Lent. They are:

1. Preparation for Easter Baptism: The early Church (especially in Jerusalem, 4<sup>th</sup> century) came to use the forty days building up to Easter as a time to prepare their new converts for Baptism. For those converts, Lent became a time of great joyful anticipation.
2. Time for penance and reconciliation with the Church: Since early times, Lent has been used as a time when those who had sinned and been debarred from Communion did penance. Forgiveness and restoration brought peace and security.
3. A Fast in preparation for Holy Week and Easter: This, too, has been popular since earliest times, and normally meant giving up food until the evening of each day. The point was not to punish yourself, but to abstain, in order to focus the mind in prayer to God and to appreciate the real value (if any) of what one was depriving oneself.

Lent has become to be 40 days in length, corresponding with Jesus' time in the wilderness (Matthew 4:1-11; Luke 4: 1-13). Lent begins on Ash Wednesday and ends on Easter Eve, the 40 days comprising the intervening weekdays, as Sundays do not count! In the middle-ages unbleached linen vestments were used (as at St. James'); today violet is the liturgical colour.

What about the ashes? The Old Testament has several references to the use of ashes as a sign of penitence. Thus, the early penitents had ash sprinkled over them, but this was such an effective visual aid that soon everyone else wanted to take part in this custom as well. It was a way of saying publicly their response to the prophet Joel's call to 'rend your hearts and not your garments'. Ash Wednesday's Collect stresses the penitential character of the day and the readiness of God to always forgive and renew.

The custom of 'ashing' is where the priest traces an outline of the cross on the forehead of people at the altar. Like processing with candles on 2<sup>nd</sup> February and palms on Palm Sunday, it was abolished at the Reformation, though the old name for the day remained. Since medieval times a custom has been to burn the branches used on Palm Sunday in the previous year in order to create the ashes for today.

## 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 as hens did not observe Lent, 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 eighteen 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 of eggs were sumptuously decorated by the goldsmith, Fabergé for Czar Alexander III and other royal clients. Altogether, he decorated 57 eggs – all different and now treasured in palaces 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.

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## FEBRUARY 2022 EVENTS REPORT

*Snowdrop Saturday – Saturday 5 February St James Church*

The church was open from 10.30 – 3.30 with our usual Cowley welcome and hospitality, along with a range of arts activities, quizzes and information about snowdrops. We must admit we were at least a week too early for our churchyard display to be at its best, but our many visitors were more than happy! It was one of those days that left us knowing our church serves our community

*Family Valentine's puddings and quiz - Saturday 12 February, 3.00-5.00*

*St James Centre*

Well, that was such fun! 45 of us of all ages, 8 teams, 5 quiz rounds, 2 table quizzes, Valentine's crafts and toys for the younger ones – and the most wonderful range of puddings, enough for two or even three helpings.

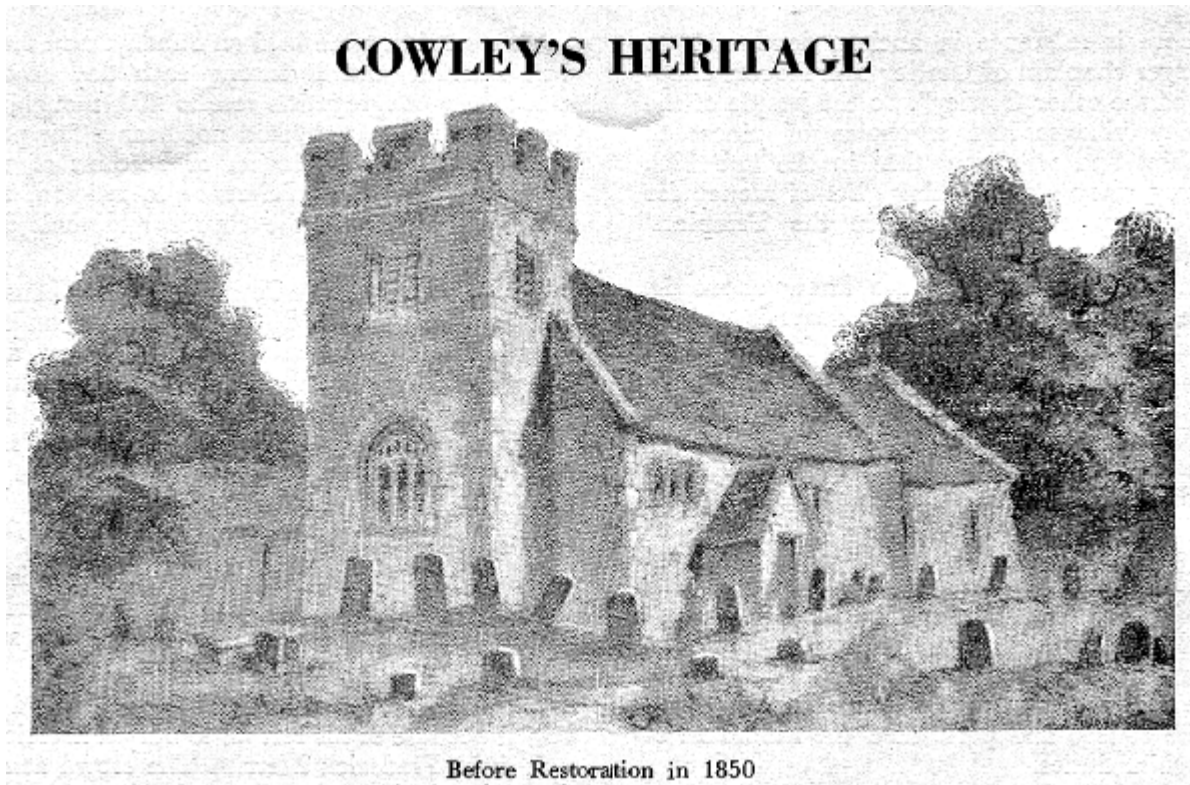
We were challenged on general knowledge, food and drink, nursery rhymes, parliament and famous couples – and only argued with the Quizmaster twice!

Well done to the Silver Foxes with 64 points, including one perfect round, closely followed by the Daffodils, with 60.

Thank you to Rosanne, our quizmaster *par excellence*, all pudding creators, attendees and donors to the cash collection for the MU for the hall booking and the Flush Fund.

# From the Archives

Yearbook 1967 (Part one)



## 1066 And All That

Last year, 1966 was kept by all English people as the 900<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Norman Conquest. It is fitting that here in Cowley, our yearbook for 1967 should be a reminder to us of our links with the past and, in particular, of everything that the ancient parish church of St. James' has meant to past generations in this place and to this present generation in the life of Cowley.

The hymn writer, H.F.Lyte, gave us these words:

*"Change and decay in all around I see, O Thou that changes not, abide with me."*

Modern man feels a great need for a sense of changelessness and security, and while the Christian can say, on the one hand, that God is He "who makes all things new," on the other hand, we need the assurance that Jesus Christ is "the same yesterday, today, and forever."

Cowley is fortunate that its three Anglican churches express both these truths. St. Luke's and St. Francis' have been built within the last 40 years to meet the needs of a rapidly expanding suburb. St. James' speaks of the continuity of Christian worship in Cowley for over 800 years.



## The First 300 Years

The exact date when St. James' was built is not known. Ancient records say that before 1127, Roger D'Ivry, who held the manor of Temple Cowley from the Bishop of Bayeux, gave both the land and the church – which was evidently already in existence – to the church of St. George in Oxford Castle.

A few years later, Henry D'Oilly of Oxford Castle was persuaded by his wife Editha, to found an Augustinian priory at Osney, and to endow it, he gave six churches, including St. James', and their tithes, as well as other of his property to the monks.

St. James' remained the property of the Abbey of Osney until the Dissolution, when the advowson of the church was given by Henry VIII to his new college, now known as Christ Church.

Of the history of the church between 1149 and the Dissolution we do not know very much. Chaplains were provided by the abbey and in the orders drawn up by Bishop de Welles, the vicar was to have two marks for his clothing, a share in the offerings, a clerk, a boy and a horse when he went on the canon's business, while the canons were to bear all his expenses. Between 1450 and 1480, the chaplain was getting 26s. 8d.

There were, in fact, two "chaplains" in Cowley after 1139, when the chapel of the Knights Templar in Temple Cowley was dedicated, and even after the Templars removed to Sandford, this chapel remained in use in Temple Cowley.

There is mention in ancient documents of "Rodger, chaplain of Cowley and Robert, chaplain of the other Cowley" and so the people of Cowley had a choice of where to worship. We do know that in the late 13<sup>th</sup> century they were making gifts of money for the upkeep of the lamps in the Templar's chapel.

The only other thing we know about St. James' Church in these early years is that in the accounts of the Visitations in the Diocese of the Bishop of Lincoln – in which diocese Oxford was at that time – there is a record of neglect between 1520 and 1570, when the chancel was reported ruinous, the choir stalls broken and the divine office not held at customary hours.

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## PERSONALLY SPEAKING

Big 0 birthdays coming up – congratulations!

Sheila Collett	30 March	four score years
Sue Knight	7 April	three score years and ten

**OPEN THE BOOK** telling scripted Bible stories in assemblies for our three Parish schools – an essential part of our mission to the children of Cowley

It's not too late to join the Open the Book team!

We normally have just enough storytellers for our three teams – but not if someone is away, ill or just not available. Joan Coleman, a core member of all three teams, is not with us for the rest of this term so more team members are urgently needed in each school.

The commitment is for alternate weeks in each school but you can do as little or as much as you wish – usually two of us provide continuity by being in all three teams; the others are in just one.

- \* alternate Mondays at 8:45 – arriving at 8:20 – St Christopher's School, Temple Road
- \* alternate Tuesdays 2:45 – arriving at 2:15 – Church Cowley St James School, Bartholomew Road
- \* alternate Thursdays 10:30 – arriving at 10:00 – St Francis School, Horspath Road

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



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## HOME AND STUDY GROUPS

- Friends of St Francis @ St Francis Church led by Katherine Reed second and fourth Tuesdays, so next is 8 March 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 hosted by Mark Oxbrow @ 13 Annesley Road alternate Wednesday evenings, 7:30 pm - next meeting 9 March, studying 'Bouncing forwards' by Patrick Regan. *contact Mark 07985 631 816 [markoxbrow@aol.com](mailto:markoxbrow@aol.com)*
  - Home group hosted by Rosanne Butler @ 18 St Omer Road alternate Thursday mornings, 10:00-11:30 but weekly during Lent *contact Rosanne 01865 453 257*
  - Alpha course @ Cowley Rectory Wednesdays 7:15pm pudding, 7:30pm course starts, asking the big questions of life – *restarting soon, more details from Geoff 07759 393 023*
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## GARDENING PARTY



HELP REQUIRED – COME AND BOOST THE NUMBERS  
LOOKING AFTER THE AREA AROUND ST JAMES CHURCH  
AND ST JAMES CHURCH CENTRE.

LAST SATURDAY OF EACH MONTH (EXCEPT DECEMBER) –  
9.30 AM ONWARDS AT ST. JAMES CHURCH CENTRE.

Come and have fun, fresh air and exercise as we prepare the St. James Church Centre garden for another beautiful spring and summer showing. If possible bring your own tools but some will be available. Both heavy and light work available plus coffee and cake.

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## CHRONICLE

Editorial Team- Sally Hemsworth, Nicki Stevens

Deadline for the next edition: Monday 21 March 2022

If possible, please send entries by email to Sally at [chronicle@cowleyteamministry.co.uk](mailto:chronicle@cowleyteamministry.co.uk).

Paper contributions should be left at Parish Office for the attention of Sally.

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# 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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## 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 AND STUDY GROUPS

Leader	Time/Venue
Friends of St Francis	2nd & 4th Tuesday afternoons at 2.30pm at St Francis Church, led by Katherine Reed
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
Rosanne Butler	Alternate Thursday mornings, 10- 11.30, but weekly during Lent. <i>Con- tact Rosanne 01865 453257</i>

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