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- Archbishop Justin Welby

**6 pm Sunday
28th May 2017
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Chronicle

May 2017

From the Editors

It is with great sadness that we remove May Morgan's name from the membership of the Editorial Team – she will be much missed as a friend and as part of the team in the Parish Office always willing to help even when her health was not good.

The Editorial Team of two soldiers on. Following an appeal at the Annual Parochial Meeting, we have been very pleased to have offers to help with printing. If anyone is interested in joining the team please let Sally or Nicki know – we would welcome more help, particularly with collection of articles and, indeed, ideas for articles. The Chronicle is always available on the 1st Sunday of the month, with the paperwork being collated in the week before this. So if you wish to submit something think 20 something of the month and you will not be far out. Only ten issues a year – so holidays allowed!

CHRONICLE

Editorial Team- Sally Hemsworth,
Nicki Stevens

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email to Sally at
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Appeal

Please will my friends note that I am having trouble with my arms and hands. I cannot lift my right arm without a lot of pain and my left wrist is extremely painful. May I appeal to you all to just touch my left hand during the peace and not grip it tightly or shake my hand. Please leave my right hand severely alone.

I am sorry about this but it has come to the point where I positively *avoid* the Peace because of the pain inadvertently inflicted on me.

I hope you understand - I would not ask if it were not necessary.

Thank you

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A word from the Rectory: Living in changing time!

If you look elsewhere in this month's Chronicle, you will find a script for a very short drama. It is based on part of one of St Paul's first letters. It talks about us being the 'Body of Christ'. In this sketch, a not particularly well working body tries to start a new day. As you will read, things do not go very well! That is just not us. We have just had our Annual General Meetings. When we look through the 'Annual Report' we see a group of people that are working together to be Jesus' family, his body. But as times change, needs also change. With Revd Skye moving on we become a body with a different shape. The valued things Skye did, need to be done by somebody else. These are some words from our diocesan web site.

"All Christians are called to serve Christ in every aspect of their lives – at home, in their work, in the church. Theologians debate at what point discipleship becomes ministry, but we don't need to worry about that here!"

There are a range of ministries which are authorised by the incumbent and/or the local church. These include most work with children and young people, much pastoral work, leading home groups, running the choir or music group, and many other things. It is up to the local church and person concerned whether any training is undertaken."

In the coming months, we are going to explore how this permission to serve each other can work out. It is nothing new. Sitting amongst you are people who have, and still: preach, lead services, visit the sick and house bound, pray for each other and strangers.

We believe in a generous loving God who gives to His Church all the things that are needed not only to survive but to have that life in fullness that Jesus talked about.

As a church, we have so many gifted and talented people. For us the challenge is to recognise the gifts that Jesus has given to each person. We are

then challenged to help them to grow and use them. It is really quite exciting!

So if you see me nudging people to do something differently, don't be surprised. Can I guarantee things will always be perfect? You know me better than that. If we don't make some errors we are probably not pushing the edges hard enough.

What will be helpful is you prayerfully asking where God has hidden the gifts and talents that we need. BUT also talking to me about how you think God wants his family to be like in this part of Cowley and Headington. Whatever we face let's face it together and with a hand held out for Jesus!



Sunday 14th May

**4:30 pm in the Church Centre
Beauchamp Lane**

**A meeting with the Ahmadiyya Muslim
Community**

This community is offering to purchase and develop the Old St James School Site.

This is an opportunity to get to know them and hear how they might use the site.

Following the meeting there will be an opportunity for talk with the Rector any Church leaders that can attend the meeting.

For more details speak to Revd Geoff

ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

The Annual Parish Meeting and the Annual Parochial Church Meeting were held on Sunday, 30 April 2017, after a soup lunch.

The Annual Parish Meeting appointed the Church Wardens and the Annual Parochial Church Meeting appointed the PCC Members, Deanery Synod Members and the Sidespersons. The appointments were as follows:

- Church Wardens: Christine Woodman
Vacancy
- PCC Members Appointed:
(seven vacancies) Gwen Denny
Norah Shallow
David Stanley
Margaret Weller
Three Vacancies
- Current PCC Members: Joan Coleman (to 2020) (Treasurer)
Sheila Collett (to 2019)
Sally Hemsworth (to 2019) (PCC Secretary)
Marko Noerenberg (to 2019)
Lesley Williams (to 2019) (Electoral Roll
Officer/Approved Parish Representative for
Safeguarding
- Deanery Synod (2020): Nick Dewey
William Hartley
Christine Woodman
- Independent Examiner (Accounts): Maureen Thomas

Appointment of Sidespersons: The following Sidespersons were appointed:

- | St James Church | St Francis Church |
|----------------------|-------------------|
| Ruby Cadle | Sheila Collett |
| Betty Canterbury | Shirley Costar |
| Pat Chambers | Jane Coutache |
| Erma Clarke | Nicholas Dewey |
| Joan Coleman | Esme Forbes |
| Valerie Goodall | Faith Hunter |
| Alan Howell | Lyn Lord |
| Gerald Ives | John Shreeve |
| Christine Knevett | Marlene Shreeve |
| Sue Knight | Elsie Tshabalala |
| Margaret Martin | Elaine Ulett |
| John Simmons | |
| June Smith | |
| Carmelyne Strzelecki | |
| Margaret Weller | |
| Lesley Williams | |
| Christine Woodman | |



The meeting accepted reports from the Team Rector, Team Vicar, the Anglican Asian Living Church, Parish Groups and other groups associated with the parish. The range of reports showed that this was a very active parish. If you have not read the report, copies are available in both churches.

The meeting paid respects to Mrs May Morgan who had done so much for the Parish and had provided a great deal of support at the Parish Office supporting the Ministry Team and other groups.

Dates are available for the 2017/2018 meetings of the Church Committees, PCC and the Annual Meetings. The Committee and PCC Meetings will be advertised, but you may wish to make a note at this stage of the Annual Meetings:

St Francis Annual Congregational Meeting, Sunday, 11 March 2018, at 12.15 pm at St Francis Church

St James Annual Congregational meeting, 25 March 2018, at 12 noon at St James Church Centre

Annual Parish Meeting and Annual Parochial Church Meeting, Sunday, 22 April 2018, at 12 noon at St Francis Church

Sally Hemsworth

Blood donor extraordinaire . . .

Have you ever heard of a dog being a blood donor? Do not panic, Dog's blood goes to dogs not people.

My stepdaughter is very much in favour of helping in the community and she heard about dogs being blood donors. Obviously dogs which get injured or maybe have surgery could need a blood transfusion urgently to save their lives. Elizabeth found out all about it and persuaded my son and daughter in law to arrange for their dark brown Labrador to become a blood donor. She found a vet who did this, not their vet but not too far away. Off they went with CoCo and tests were done and the dog was healthy and suitable. CoCo was lifted onto a table where she was encouraged to keep quite still, a small patch of hair was shaved on her neck, apparently this is so that they can be sure of missing the jugular. The vet took 450mls of blood, about one pint I think, and the dog lay passive and did not flinch when the needle was inserted.

CoCo has now given blood three times at six month intervals and each time is perfectly calm and good. She is, of course, being a Labrador a big dog so can give that amount of blood every six months with no harm to her.

CoCo wears a special badge on her collar to say that she is a blood donor.

Una

PS Elizabeth is not a blood donor herself although she is old enough, her mother gives blood but my son cannot give blood as he is diabetic.

Morning Alarm

A sketch based on I Corinthians 12:12



- Narrator: It was early morning. Body had been up late and lay in bed. Body was going to have a very busy day. There were people to see, jobs to do, more people to see. Where was the energy going to come from? But body just slept and dreamt. Out of the stillness of the morn an alarm clock sounded. Ear shook!
- Ear: I'm not listening! I'm not! I always get the noisy jobs. Jingle jingle Jingle. Bang bang bang every day the same and it hurts. I don't want to be a ear any longer. I want to be an (pause) eye. They have a quiet life. The just spin around looking at beautiful things.
- Narrator: Head had a think
- Head: I know what I'll do. Hey foot! Can you give that alarm clock a clout. Ear's ignoring it and it needs switching off.
- Foot: First thing in the morning and you expect me to do that and before I've done my stretching exercises. what do you think I am hey! I don't want to be a foot any longer. I want to be a hand and doing hand things is just not good enough. It's all or nothing
- Head: Oh dear
- Narrator: Head said.
- Head: I guess I'll have to ask hand to do the business.
- Narrator: So Head spoke to Hand in the most polite way possible.
- Head: Excuse me hand. If you would be so kind, could you please switch the alarm off.
- Hand: (In a accent without h's) What me. You speaking to me. Can't help you mate. I don't do that hand business any longer. Changed my function be deed poll. I'm going to do eye things in the future. Always wanted to do eye things. Been told I haven't got the gift for it, but I don't care what any body says, I'm going to be an eye even if I am blind. You'll have to get some other spare part to do the alarm. It's not for me!
- Narrator: And so it was. The alarm rang and rang, and rang and rang. Eventually the batteries rang(?) out and it stopped. Body was still lying there. Body had not woken up. And the busy day? Well it wasn't such a busy day after all!

Written by Revd Canon Dr Geoff Bayliss 1997

RESTORE – EVENTS

[Art Weeks](#) @ Elder Stubbs Allotments

May 22 – May 26



Elder Stubbs are taking part in Art Week during the week of 22nd May, with a small exhibition space inside the recovery group and a sculpture trail in the outside allotments. There will be some beautiful pieces from members across Oxfordshire

[Sunrise to Sunset In The Garden](#) @ Restore

Jun 17 @ 10:30 am – 10:00 pm



Come join us at Restore to celebrate well-being in our beautiful garden oasis. The day is being split in two, Sunrise (from 10:30am) will consist of workshops and live acoustic music. We will have yoga in the garden, painting classes,

[Elder Stubbs Festival 2017](#) @ Elder Stubbs Allotments

Aug 19 @ 11:00 am – 5:00 pm

SAVE THE DATE 19th AUGUST! The wonderful Elder Stubbs festival will be returning this year, watch this space for exciting new updates!

Friends of St Francis

The Friends of St Francis are enjoying a fresh start under a new and very able leader, Katherine Reid. We follow proper Course Books. At present we are studying one on the Lord's Prayer. We enjoy the fellowship we have together and we relish learning new things about our faith. There is still a vibrancy and keenness about our group. In spite of our ongoing health problems our meetings are usually well attended. We show concern and follow up on any member with particular urgent problems. And of course names are listed in our prayers.

We are not a large group, but we are longstanding, and represent a side of our church which is very important. We hope that we will continue to flourish and enjoy our time together.

Our learning is followed by refreshments and a chance for some cheerful conversation and discussion.

John Shreeve

MOTHERS' UNION NEWS

Each April we at Cowley Mothers' Union celebrate the occasion of St George's Day with a lunch in St James Church Centre. This has become something of a tradition now and our April meeting took the same form. Fifteen members and one guest sat down to a two course meal prepared by members with coffee to follow and the usual business included. As the Mothers' Union Wave of Prayer coincided with the same date, this was the main item of the meeting itself. The Wave of Prayer has been a Mothers' Union initiative for many years when dioceses across the world pray for each other and the work they do. In many parts of our link dioceses members and their families are in danger from terrorism as well as the constant fear of famine and drought so these people need our prayers and our support in whichever way we can give it.

Nearer home we are actively giving our support to parents and sick babies at our wonderful

Children's Hospital at the John Radcliffe Hospital. The speaker at our May branch meeting on Monday, 15th May will be the charity co-ordinator for the Children's Hospital who we hope will give us information about the new developments that are planned for our renowned facility. We have a large bundle of hand-knitted blankets and tiny garments for the premature baby unit to deliver to her, along with items of toiletries, and biscuits and beverages to help anxious parents at a difficult time when their children need to be admitted.

Our branch would particularly like to say how sad we feel at the loss of our dear sister May Morgan. May has served on the Mothers' Union committee for several years with wisdom, common sense and enthusiasm. She was valued and loved by members and she will be greatly missed.

Rosanne Butler

Getting excited about statistics

I have recently been writing a booklet for mission leaders around the world which looks at the ten most important changes in our world which the church needs to be aware of as we go about our mission. (If you would like a copy please just ask me and I can probably find you a free copy if you ask nicely!) For one of the chapters I found myself looking at a lot of statistics. Normally I find numbers quite boring but I got really excited about these so I thought I would share a few of them with you this month.

When you look around church on a Sunday morning what do you think a typical Christian looks like? Well, if you take a look at the whole world the statistics tell us that the most typical Christian today is a young black woman, 24 years old and living on a very low income in a village or poor suburb in either Africa or Latin America – perhaps a little like the woman pictured here. The typical Christian in our parish is also female but that is where the similarity ends!



Fact number two! The year 2014 was very significant for Christians around the world. For the first time in hundreds of years Europe (including Russia) was no longer the continent with most Christians. That year Latin America overtook Europe but they will not be in the lead for long. Before the end of this decade Africa will overtake both Europe and Latin America becoming the largest Christian continent on earth – and Asia is not that far behind. Let me give you the full figures predicted for 2050 – they are:

Africa –	1.2 billion Christians
Latin America –	700 million Christians
Asia –	600 million Christians
Europe (including Russia) –	500 million Christians
North America –	260 million Christians
Pacific (Australia etc.) –	33 million Christians

Why is that so exciting? It means that God's church is growing so fast around the world that in just 30 years' time there will be five times as many Christians in the places where we used to send missionaries (Africa, Asia, Latin America) as there are in Europe. They will be the ones helping us to keep the light of Christ shining in dark places. 'She' may be only 24 and poor but she is one of the 2.5 billion followers of Jesus who will take our faith into the future.

One other statistic that excited me the religious group (like Muslims, Jews, Christians) which is declining fastest in our world today is guess which Atheists! If you want to be in a minority, stop believing in God.

Mark Oxbrow

DIARY DATES TO REMEMBER

Mothers' Union

Monthly Meeting on 3rd Monday of month from 2.30pm.

15 May 2017 – Speaker will be the charity co-ordinator for the Children's Hospital

St James Church Centre

Women's Institute

Monthly Meeting is on 3rd Wednesday of month from 2 – 4.30 pm

17 May 2017 – Discussion on Resolutions being debated at the National Annual Meeting and a Demonstration of Flower Arranging

St James Church Centre

Gardening

Last Saturday of the month – Gardening at St James Church/St James Church Centre

Film Club

Friday, 12 May 2017 – "Two Mules for Sister Sarah"

St James Church Centre, commencing at 6.30 pm with coffee and cake

Plant Sale

Saturday, 13 May 2017, 12 – 3 pm

St James Church Centre

Big Brekkie

Sunday, 14 May 2017, at 8.45 am

St James Church Centre

Church/Christian Aid Presence in Templars Square

Sunday, 14 May 2017, after church

12.00 – 2.00 daily Monday, 15 – Friday, 19 May

Saturday, 20 May – all day

Coffee Morning

Wednesday, 17 May 2017, at 10 am

88 Temple Road

Christian Aid Week

Sunday, 14 May to Saturday, 20 May 2017

Lunch at the Centre

Sunday, 21 May at 12.45 am

St James Church Centre

St James Church Committee

Monday, 22 May 2017 at 7.30 pm

The Rectory

Cowley Festival of Christmas Trees 2017

First Full Planning Meeting, Wednesday, 24 May 2017 at 9.30 am

St James Church Centre

St Francis Church Committee

Sunday, 28 May 2017 at 12.15 pm

St Francis Church

Messy Church "Ascension to Pentecost"

Tuesday, 30 May 2017 10.00 am – 11.30 am

St James Church Centre

Mission and Social Planning Meeting

Monday, 5 June 2017, 7.30 pm

88 Temple Road

Parochial Church Council

Sunday, 11 June 2017 at 12.45 pm

St James Church Centre

Christian Aid Quiz Aid

23 June 2017, 7.00 pm

St James Church Centre

Pudding Party Night

Tuesday, 27 June 2017 at 7.30 pm

The Rectory, Beauchamp Lane

Weston-Super-Mare Coach Trip

Saturday, 8 July 2017, leaving at 8 am.

Open Garden

Saturday, 15 July 2017, 2 – 4 pm

Shirley Costar's home, 187 Oxford Road, Garsington.

Rising Voices Concert

Saturday, 22 July 2017, at 7.30 pm

St James Church or Church Centre

Messy Church

Tuesday, 25 July 2017, 10 am – 2 pm

St James Church Centre

REMEMBER – Tuesday Lunches at St James Church Centre from 12.30 pm.



On Good Friday, Messy Church Easter had a morning of crafts: Empty tomb biscuits, hot cross buns, pop-up chicks, Easter story wheels, "Jesus is Risen" banner with handprints, Easter figure puzzles and cross stained glass windows. Wonderful snacks and drinks were on offer and the quietest people were those concentrating on their creations.

After about an hour, we moved into a short service of songs and we listened to a version of the Easter story, focussing on the impact of Jesus' resurrection, sang some songs and closed with a prayer.

The next half term break falls in the week between Ascension Day and Pentecost Sunday. The Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby, is inviting all Christians around the world to pray as one, for people to know Jesus Christ. Archbishop Justin hopes to see every Church join this global wave of prayer. This initiative is called Thy Kingdom Come. Between 25th May and 4th June, communities and churches around the world are gathering together to pray that their friends, families and neighbours come to know Jesus Christ. We would like to join this. So on Tuesday 30th May in St James Church Centre, from 10am until 11.30pm we are inviting you, your friends and family to a Messy Church Thy Kingdom Come.

The theme is the Ascension to Pentecost story, inspiring us to pray together and tell everyone about Jesus (Acts 1:3—2:4). As usual, there will be a time for crafts and activities, followed by a short time of story, songs and a prayer. Please do consider coming with friends and family and if you are able to help in anyway please do let me know.

Mary Bayliss

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LAST SATURDAY OF EACH MONTH – 9.30 AM ONWARDS AT ST. JAMES CHURCH CENTRE.

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Getting ready for the thirteenth

The first thing I do every day is to survey my precious charges. Up to the loft to check seedlings in the propagator by the window then down and out to look at plants in the greenhouse and outside in the garden. With an eye to the Plant Sale on Saturday 13th May (notice the advert!), I fret that I will have everything in a saleable state. Do seedlings need pricking out or potted on? Have I sown seeds early enough or too late? Is there any evidence of slug damage? If so, I will search to find the culprit and fling it into the hedge. Am I over-watering or letting them get too dry? It can be very stressful, this gardening lark!

I make sure every pot is labelled as I go along as it saves loads of time just before the sale. I am also thinking of what level of price to give everything but I generally make that decision on the day before.

At the moment, my greenhouse is completely stuffed and we need some decent warm weather to be able to put the hardier plants out in the garden to leave room for expanding numbers of filled pots. The garden table, chairs and wooden bench will all be covered with trays and I also bring out temporary structures for more space. It means that the lawn will not be mowed for a bit as a sheet of plastic roofing supported by up-turned buckets is not easily moved about when also covered with trays of plants. I am sure the sale will go fine! I hope that, as ever, we have enough helpers, loads of plants being brought in, mountains of cakes, jams and marmalades, raffle prizes, bric-a-brac and the hall full of enthusiastic buyers and never-ending cups of tea and coffee!

Down on the allotment, I have managed to put all the onions, shallots and garlic out that were started in modules in the greenhouse. All the seed potatoes are also in the ground as well as broad beans. Two rows of peas and small rows of

seeds of beetroot, spinach, and lettuce have gone in. I am determined this year to be better at successional sowing so more small rows will go out every 2-3 weeks so we don't have uneaten gluts and then a famine.

I have filled in the runner bean trench with annual weeds, remains of sprouting broccoli tops, lawn-mowings and lots of wet newspaper. That lot, covered in soil should, we hope give much-needed moisture to the roots of beans I have yet to sow. I need to set up the bean poles structure for the beans to climb and then I will be ready to sow 2 beans per station on 1st May, which is the traditional day to do so in my family.

Do, please, come and support the Plant Sale on Saturday 13th May. It is usually a busy, but hectic, fun event!

Joan Coleman

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FROM THE ARCHIVES

COWLEY CHURCH & HOME MAGAZINE

May 1894

NEW SCHOOL AT TEMPLE COWLEY:

The children were assembled with their teachers in the first new room on Monday, 5th March, when the Vicar read some prayers praying God to accept this room. This room has cost £400, and has been paid for, but the other room which is now being built at a cost of another £400 must be subscribed for. Will you send what you can to the Vicar?

Nearly £40 has had to be spent to meet the requirements of the Education Department on the Boy's School. The Bishop of the Diocese has kindly sent us £20 towards this from the emergency fund.

PARISH SCHOOLS:

There seems to be some misunderstanding in certain quarters about the attendance of children. We beg to draw the attention of parents and employers to the following facts:-

No child can leave any of the schools in this parish who has not passed the fourth standard in reading, writing or arithmetic, or who is not over fourteen years of age; or who has not made 250 attendances in not more than two schools during each year for five preceding years whether consecutive or not.

Children must be specially examined by Her Majesty's Inspector for labour certificates.

On Tuesday, May 1st, the children of the Band of Hope had their quarterly tea in the Temple Cowley Schools, and amused themselves with games &c., afterwards. Three prizes were given, to W. King, E. Stotes, and H. Hansford, We are looking forward to their summer outing, and hope our readers will encourage these children. They pay themselves for their quarterly teas, and as they have kept together for five years, we hope you will send a Donation to Miss Robinson, at the School House, for this purpose.

READING ROOM, OPENED OCTOBER 9th, 1893.

INCOME

Week ending		£	s.	d.
Oct. 16	Entrance fees, games and payments weekly	0	2	3
23		0	3	3
30		0	3	11
Nov. 6		0	2	9
13		0	2	7
20		0	2	7
27		0	3	0
Dec. 4		0	3	0
11		0	2	0
18		0	2	9
25		0	3	6
Jan. 1		0	2	3
8		0	4	5
15		0	3	7
22		0	3	5

29		0	5	0
Feb. 5		0	3	6
12		0	2	0
19		0	0	0*
26		0	4	0
Mar. 5		0	4	3
12		0	2	0
19		0	3	0
26	Tea committee, 6d. to this week for entrance			

£3 9 2

*Only opened one night

Income till week ending 19 th March, 1894	3	9	2
Expenses	2	2	8
Balance	£1	6	6

Gas Bill Christmas 1893	£1	15	9
	1	6	6

Deficient	0	9	3
March 25 th . 1894, Gas Bill	1	17	6

Paid by the Vicar	£2	6	9
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(Signed) CAPTAIN H. BENNETT, Church Army

EXPENSES

October 16 th , till December 4 th	£	s.	d.
Four cwt. coal @ 1s.7d.	0	6	2
Two bushels coke @ 4 ½ d.	0	0	9
8 weeks payment to Mrs. Hansford @ 1s. per week	0	8	0
December 4 th , till January 1 st .			
Two and a half cwt. coal @ 1s.4d.	0	3	3
Two bushels of coke @ 4d.	0	0	8
4 weeks payment to Mrs. Hansford @ 1s. per week	0	4	0
January 1 st . till February 12 th .			
Three cwt coal @ 1s.3d.	0	3	9
Three bushels of coke @4d.	0	1	0
6 weeks payment to Mrs. Hansford @ 1s. per week	0	6	0
February 12 th , till March 19 th .			
Two and a half cwt coal @ 1s.2d.	0	3	1
Three bushels coke @ 4d.	0	1	0
5 weeks payment to Mrs. Hansford @ 1s. per week	0	5	0

Total	2	2	8
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Twelve cwt coal has been used	0 16 3
Ten bushels of coke	0 3 5
23 weeks payment to Mrs. Hansford	1 3 0

Total	£2 2 8

(signed) CAPTAIN H. BENNETT, Church Army

The alms collected in the Parish Church for the past year from Easter, 1893, to Easter 1894, have been spent in the following manner:- Salary of organist, books for choir, washing surplices, Radcliffe Infirmary, Society for the Propagation of the Gospel, organ blower, cleaning church, lighting and warming church.

Any of the details can be had from the Vicar, or of Col. Lindsay, or Mr. William Polley, Churchwarden.

The figures are so different from those of the Parish Accounts today! How the world has changed.

Researched by Les Hemsworth

Prayer Space

Thanksgiving for Creation

Praise the Lord!

Praise him sun and moon:

praise him all you shining stars
praise him you highest heavens!

Let them praise the name of the Lord,
for he commanded and they were created.

Praise the Lord from the earth,
you sea creatures and all deeps.

Fire and hail, snow and frost,
Stormy wind fulfilling his will!

Mountains and all hills,
fruit trees and all cedars!

Wild animals and all cattle,
creeping things and flying birds!

Let them praise the name of the Lord,
for his name alone is exalted.

From Psalm 148

Our Lords Prayer – have you ever seen it written this way before?

Pater noster, qui es in caelis,
santificetur Nomen tuum,
Adveniat regnum tuum.

Fiat voluntas tua,
sicut in Caelo et in terra.

Panem nostrum quotidianum.

Da nobis hodie, et debite nobis debitta Nostra,
Sicut et nos dimmitimus debitoribus nostris.

Et ne nos inducas in tentationem,
sed libera nos a malo.

Amen.

ODDS AND ENDS

May peace break into your house and steal your debts
May the pockets of your jeans become magnates for fifty pound notes.

May love stick to your face like Vaseline and laughter slap your lips.

May happiness assault you and may your tears be of joy
May any problems you have forget your home address
and in simple words - May 2017 be you best year EVER!

Some notes on Gift Aid

You may gift-aid your donations to this Parish and to other charities. It means that the charity can claim an extra 25% on that donation from Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs (HMRC) – the Tax Man.

It is the individual's responsibility to ensure that enough tax has been paid from income. This financial year you do not start paying tax until your income is £11,500 so it might be good to satisfy yourself that enough tax has been paid to cover the tax recovered by the charity. If you do not pay enough tax, please let me know.

The Government, in the last few years, have initiated the Gift Aid Small Donations Scheme. It means that, as the parish treasurer, I can claim 25% on all anonymous cash donations given on the plate at services. The emphasis is on small, cheques and £50 notes don't apply! The scheme also covers small donations in green envelopes from donors who have not given a gift aid declaration. Again, I cannot claim on cheques and £20 or above in one envelope and the top limit to claim is £8,000 per year per church. Our claim in the scheme is nowhere near this level!

Church Treasurers are very grateful for the boost in income that Gift Aid gives and it certainly makes a big difference here in Cowley.

Joan Coleman
Parish Treasurer

Lye Valley Open Day – Sunday, 25 June 2017

Can you help with the Lye Valley Open Day?

Lye Valley Friend @friendlyvalley

Dr Judy Webb, Chair of FOLV,

Dr Judy Webb's (Chair of Friends of Lye Valley) first tour is at 11am.

We need:

- people to help with children's activities eg fossils, minibeasts, wild flowers
- people to meet & greet
- people to chat to visitors about the Lye Valley
- people to scythe
- people to give directions
- people to help put up gazebos
- people to do all of the above

Someone to act as co-ordinator

It should be a fun day! There will be tours by Judy Webb, shelter-building, live amphibians & reptiles to admire, finding fossils in lumps of rock, mini beast and wild flower hunt, delicious jam on offer and (we hope) teas/cake at Bullington Centre and the BBOWT gazebo and 'event kit' (whatever that is!)

Please could you email me if you can help a bit.

Heather
Lye Valley friendsoflyealley@yahoo.co.uk

RECIPE

The weather has taken a turn for the worse, and on a cold evening what could be better than

Lamb stew with rosemary dumplings (Serves 4)



Ingredients

For the stew:

750g/1lb 10oz lamb neck fillet, cut into 2.5cm/1in cubes

salt and freshly ground black pepper

25g/1oz plain flour

1 tbsp olive oil 50g/2oz butter

12 baby onions, peeled

2 medium carrots, cut into large dice

1 medium swede, cut into large dice

50ml/2fl oz white wine

2 sprigs rosemary 4 bay leaves

1.25 litres/2 pints lamb stock

3 tbsp flatleaf parsley, roughly chopped

For the dumplings

125g/4½ oz plain flour 65g/2½ oz suet

½ tsp baking powder Pinch salt

1 tbsp rosemary, finely chopped

500ml/18fl oz lamb stock

Method

1. Preheat the oven to 120C/250F/Gas ½.
2. Season the lamb and dust with the flour. Place a heavy-bottom casserole dish over a medium heat, add the olive oil and butter then the lamb. Fry until golden-brown. Remove the lamb and keep to one side.
3. Reduce the heat and fry the onions, carrots and swede until caramelised. Add the wine and simmer until the volume of liquid has reduced by half, then add the lamb back in with the lamb stock. Bring the stew to a simmer then add the bay leaf and rosemary sprigs. Cover with a lid, transfer the pan to the oven and bake for one hour.
4. For the dumplings, mix the flour, suet, baking powder and a pinch of salt in a bowl. Add the chopped rosemary then gradually stir in 3–5 tablespoons of cold water, or enough to form

a sticky dough. Flour your hands and then roll the dough into 12 small balls. Place on a plate in the fridge to chill.

5. When the lamb stew is ready, place 500ml/18fl oz lamb stock into a separate pan and bring to a simmer. Add the dumplings and simmer for 6–8 minutes. Discard the stock when the dumplings are cooked and set them aside to rest for a minute.

COWLEY WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Sometimes, for a variety of reasons, things do not go according to plan. But don't think we are complaining. Luckily on this occasion it all worked out well for Cowley Women's Institute.

First, we had to change the day of our April meeting from the third Wednesday in the month to the following Friday. Next, we had to move our April programme to May, and hope that the speaker originally booked to talk to us in May would agree to come to a future meeting: and then, at short notice, we had to find a speaker for April!

Fortunately our luck held and the excellent replacement speaker told us The Ambassador's Wife's Tale about life accompanying her husband on his postings to a number of countries in Eastern Europe and the Middle East. One of the postings was to Libya in 1984 at the time of the siege of the Libyan Embassy in London following the murder of WPC Yvonne Fletcher. On that occasion they had to close our Embassy in Libya and leave that country within 48 hours.

Our next meeting is on Wednesday, 17th May at 2 pm, when we shall discuss the Resolutions which are to be debated at the National Annual Meeting being held in Liverpool in June. There will also be a demonstration of flower arranging.

Visitors are always welcome at our meetings.

Ann Withers

President, Cowley WI-

Film Club at the Centre

All films need clear sound and picture transmission but it is only when a film with a superb musical score and brilliant colour photography is screened that we realise what excellent equipment we have in the Church Centre. April's film "Hello Dolly!" is a real blockbuster with wonderful music and dazzling show-stopping scenes and we were able to enjoy it to the full. As ever we had a full and enthusiastic audience though quite a few of our members did not turn up. Maybe Hollywood musicals are not to their taste?

However, May's screening might be to their taste, as several of the club members have suggested another Western. The film "Two

Mules for Sister Sara" is a Western with a difference. It is gritty and tough but has a delightful human relationship between the two stars Clint Eastwood and Shirley MacLaine. A hard-hitting plains drifter rides into town and single-handedly rescues a local nun from a gang of attackers. After meeting a band of Mexican revolutionaries the cowboy and the nun join forces and set off on a deadly mission. I will not reveal what happens next as that would spoil the story for everyone who comes on May 12th but promise it is a great story. Looking forward to seeing you all (and guests if you wish to bring them) in a couple of weeks' time.

Rosanne Butler

CTF 2017

I really don't want to use the word 'Christmas' in May..... so we'll just say 'CTF'.

But our first planning meeting will be on Wednesday 24 May, 9.15 for 9.30 in the Ranklin Room. The agenda will include making a definite decision on our theme - it is about journeys but we need a zappy title - and as usual set the timeline for actions through the summer and autumn.

We would love some new blood ideas.... you could just send those through to me or, if you have time, the commitment is just 4 meetings between now and the festival, some shared allocated tasks and a review meeting in January.

Lesley Williams

ctf@cowleyteamministry.co.uk

07982 439 828

Claire Ewers

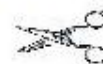
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Christian Aid 2017

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK 2017 (May 14-20) has a focus on refugees, with the statement 'We've been there for refugees since 1945 – we're not turning our back now'



Nejebar has fled terrible conflict in Afghanistan. She's now living in a refugee camp in Greece.

Photo Credit: Christian Aid

We are experimenting this year: instead of a door to door street collection with envelopes, we will have a presence in Templars Square with a display stall and buckets. We aim to cover:

Sunday afternoon May 14, after church
12.00-2.00 daily Monday 15 - Friday 19 May
Saturday 20, all day

Please try to commit to at least one 2hour time slot during the week – you

can sit down on the job!

It would be great if we could entertain shoppers with live music for some of the time..... suggestions of suitable buskers are invited.

We will also have a supply of envelopes in both churches, which we invite you to take to collect from family, friends and neighbours.

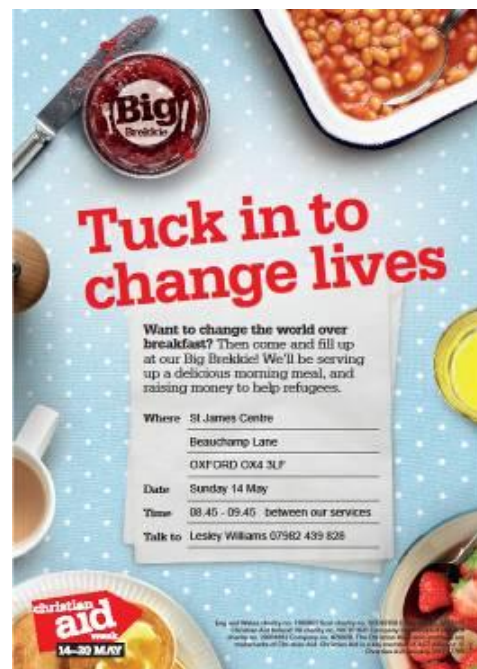
Also during Christian Aid Week: please support these events:


BIG BREKKIE: Sunday 14 May,
08.45 - 09.45 at St James Church Centre
With bacon butties (scrambled egg for vegetarians) and fresh fruit added to the usual Sunday croissants, crumpets, toast ,
juice and tea/coffee

COFFEE MORNING: Wednesday
17 May, 10.00 - 12.00, 88 Temple Road,
hosted by Lyn and David Lord

With thanks to them and the Big Brekkie kitchen team.

Lesley Williams lesleyjwilliams@btinternet.com 07982 439 828





PLEASE JOIN US

for coffee and cake and good company

on Wednesday 17 May 10:00-12:00

at Lyn & David Lord's home 88 Temple Road, OX4 2EZ

For more information on a host Christian Aid Week please visit www.cai.org

Christian Aid Week: standing with refugees like Nejebar

Nejebar and her family have fled horrors in Afghanistan, where her husband was threatened with torture and death for being a government worker.

But now they've arrived in Greece, all they have is a tent. They have no other protection against wind and rain. There is no school for their five children. And they have no certainty or clear idea of what will happen to them now. They thought they would stay here for 10 days, but it is already been six months and there is no end in sight.

Nejebar's husband Noor describes their initial reaction to arriving in the camp in Greece: 'It was like suicide for us. But we took the decision that it is better to die here than to die there from war.'

You've helped us be there for refugees since 1945

Thanks to you, Christian Aid has been there for refugees like Nejebar since 1945, providing essential food, shelter and legal assistance for people far from home. And we still believe in life before death.

How might I help St Francis School?

If you are a member of any of the local churches you might be able to help. Our Board of Governors has several members who represent the local Christian Community. These are appointed by the local Churches (St Francis and St James) but might belong to another part of the Church. It is always useful if you have some skills to offer: an understanding of schools, finance, people management, health and Safety, etc. If you think you might be able to help St Francis School in this way do please either contact the School or Revd Geoff (Tel: 778596 or rector@cowleyteamministry.co.uk). It might be that you know somebody who could help? If so do send on this message!

Thank you for your help.

PARISH CYCLE RIDES

Parish Cycle Rides will take place on:

Saturday, 6 May 2017
Saturday, 10 June 2017
Saturday, 1 July 2017

The rides will still start at 10-00am, gathering in the car park at St. James Church, and will last to around 12-30pm.

So far no one from St. Francis has ever joined us, but all are still welcome ('phone me on 01865 770836 to arrange a meeting point).

We now have 2 possible destinations; either Shotover Country Park or Wheatley Windmill; to get to the windmill takes slightly longer.

John Booty



Come and join Messy Church
for fun activities to think about

Ascension to Pentecost

toys crafts songs
story

All ages are welcome

at St James' Church Centre,
Beauchamp Lane, Cowley, OX4 3LF

Tuesday 30th May

10am – 11.30am

For more details contact:
Mary Bayliss 01865 778 596 m.bayliss41@btinternet.com
or contact the Cowley Parish Church Office 01865 747 680
We will be using activities from the Messy Church Thy
Kingdome Come initiative.

From Pat Chambers, our Verger:

Following a recent funeral I received the following letter from one of the people who attended – a letter expressing many happy memories evoked through attendance at a sad occasion:

"I recently met you when I re-visited the lovely St James Church at the funeral of one of my few remaining cousins, Mrs Eileen Wright.

I am now 84 and the last time I attended St James was on my wedding day as a happy 20 year old bride! I remember it was March 14th 1953 and quite a cold day – even a smattering of snow. My bridesmaid was glad of her white fur bolero and flower covered warm muff! (See the photographs below – black and white as there were no colour pictures then). The wedding photos were done by B Saywell on the Cowley Road and are still very good over 60 years later.

It is odd also to remember that television then was very new and very expensive with a tiny screen in a large wooden 'box' and owned by very few people. Our main entertainment was the radio, especially Saturday Night Theatre, where chilling plays were enjoyed by the whole family narrated by the 'Man in Black'. New Theatre shows and pantomimes were also very popular. Great excitement when the Majestic Ice Rink was built and many youngsters cycled to attend – very few owned cars. There were coffee shops but no Mcdonalds or bistros.

Ballroom dancing was very popular and we learned the steps at Bretts School of Dancing where both modern and 'old fashioned' dances were taught. As a teenager I went dancing twice a week at one shilling entrance fee(!) at the Forum and Morris Motors.

I met my husband Raymond Simmons at Morris Motors Accounts Department in 1952 and married a year later to live in Oliver Road with my parents whilst houses were being built in Headington. We moved into a new house in Quarry in 1956 just two weeks before my first daughter was born on March 29th. I must have been a sight to behold standing on a chair hanging new curtains with a large bump!

We furnished this house (where I still live) one room at a time buying furniture from Walkers Furniture Shop in Headington, as did many newly-weds. We could not afford to furnish the whole house like young couples today. Each item was treated with great care and expected to last for at least twenty years.

My maiden name was Marian Ellis. Sadly, I lost my dear husband nine years ago.



Marian Simmons

WHAT'S ON AT THE CATHEDRAL

Christ Church Picture Gallery Tour

Every Monday at 2.30pm visitors can join a tour through the Gallery with our expert tour guides or curatorial staff. The tour is free with the price of admission and lasts between 45 minutes to an hour.

Contact person: Hannah Lyons

Email: hannah.lyons@chch.ox.ac.uk Phone: 01865 276172

Art and Awareness

An evening of music, poetry and storytelling, including performances by refugees telling what it's like to cross continents in search of a home. The event is to raise money and awareness for people who are so often reduced to a statistic.

Friday, May 12, 2017 - 20:00

Christ Church Cathedral

Contact person: Clare Hayns

Email: clare.hayns@chch.ox.ac.uk Phone: 01865 276236

Tickets £8 / £5 students & concessions, via the College Chaplain

Saying Goodbye

A service of remembrance for people who have lost a child at any stage of pregnancy, at birth or in infancy, whether the loss be recent or many years ago.

Saying Goodbye services are held in Cathedrals across the country. They are for women and men who have suffered loss of a baby, as well as for their children and their extended family and friends, whether the loss be recent or historic.

If you need to say goodbye to a baby or to grieve, or you want to come along with a friend who needs to say goodbye, you are welcome at any of the services.

Saturday, May 20, 2017 - 19:30

Christ Church Cathedral

Contact person: Cathedral Visitors Team

Email: cathedral@chch.ox.ac.uk

Phone: 01865 276154 or 01865 286165

Summer Eights - A good view of this event is at Donnington Bridge

Wednesday, May 24, 2017 - 13:00 to Saturday, May 27, 2017 - 18:00

Christ Church Boathouse

Contact person: Development Office

Email: development.office@chch.ox.ac.uk

Phone: 01865 286325

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SUNDAY SERVICES

ST JAMES CHURCH, BEAUCHAMP LANE

8.00am Holy Communion
10.00am Sung Eucharist
1.45pm Anglican Asian Living Church
Sunday Lunch – the date varies so watch for notices

ST FRANCIS CHURCH, HOLLOW WAY

10.30am Parish Eucharist
2nd Sunday All Age bring n/share lunch

MID-WEEK SERVICES & MEETINGS

Morning Prayer	7.45am 8am	Mon, Wed, Thu at St James; Tue, Sat at St James
Monday	10.00-11.30am	Little Stars Playgroup— St Francis
	2.30pm	Parish Mothers' Union— St James (3rd Monday)
Tuesday	10.00am	Seashells Toddler Group— St James
	12.00pm	Eucharist—Ranklin Room, St James Church Centre
	12.30pm	Tuesday Lunch Club— St James
Thursday	2-4pm	Prayer Space—St Francis
	7.00pm	Cowley Parish Healing Service St Francis (1st Thursday)
	7.30pm	Local House of Prayer, St James

HOME GROUPS

Leader	Time/Venue
Connie Uren	Alternate Tuesday afternoons at 2.30pm St James Church Centre, Ranklin Room
Friends of St Francis (John Shreeve)	2nd & 4th Tuesday afternoons at 2.30pm St Francis Church
Geoff Bayliss	Alternate Wednesdays at 10am St James Church Centre, Ranklin Room
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 at 10.00am St James Church Centre, Ranklin Room
Catherine / William Hartley	Thursdays at 8.00pm, Catherine Hartley 07792 104448 William Hartley 07751 939092

The Parish Office in St James Church
Centre is open:

Tuesday, 2—5pm
Wednesday, 10—1pm
Friday, 9—2pm

The Parish Office is currently staffed by
volunteers and members of the ministry
team.

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