

# Chronicle

**Remembrance day:**

**Sunday 11th November**

A Service for Cowley St James'  
Church, Beauchamp Lane -10 am

A Service for St Francis Church,  
Hollow Way - 10:30am

Evening service for 100 years  
since WWI ended,

St James' Church -6:15pm

Ringling out of the  
Church bells for  
peace -7:05pm (St  
James') Church)



November  
2018

# From the Editors

*Sally Hemsworth and Nicki Stevens*

Christmas arrangements are in hand – watch out for notices. A lot is going on and notices will be put up in the churches and Church Centre as a reminder.

Parish Walks are continuing – easier in the cooler weather. The next walk is going to be between South Hinksey and North Hinksey – details are being investigated as we print the Chronicle so more information will be in the Link.

Pat Chambers has asked me to mention that Gordon (the driver on our September trip) has offered a holiday in Torquay, five days from 16 September 2019. Lists will be put up to determine interest – please contact Pat for more information.

More help is needed by the Editors to ensure the continuing production of an interesting chronicle. For example, have you any ideas for future articles; can you help source articles, chivvying people to participate!! The Chronicle is always published the first Sunday of the month so deadlines are always tight. You will see that the deadline for the next Chronicle is 19 November – so we are already looking for articles for our bumper December/January edition.

By the time you read this the Craft Fair will be over – many thanks to all those who have donated items for this event (goods and cakes). Many thanks to Chris Woodman and Margaret Weller for their continuing enthusiasm to make this event a success – it takes a lot of planning and they beaver away quietly to ensure its success.

We hope you enjoy this month's Chronicle. If you have seen this, enjoyed it, and have not yet subscribed, please consider doing this. You can contact us or the Parish Office and this will be arranged.

Nicki and Sally

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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.

## A word from the Rectory

It seems hardly possible that November is here again! A season of welcome and remembering. At this time of year we open our doors and call to the world around,

Come join us! Over past weeks we have sent out a call to join us to celebrate Harvest, and celebrate the feast of St Francis. This first weekend in November we invite people to join us for our big annual Craft Fair, and to remember loved ones in the season of All Saints. On the second Sunday of the month, we open our doors as we remember those who have served, and died, in times of conflict. 'Welcome' lays at the centre of God's call. It is the call of Jesus.

In Jesus we find an ever-echoing call: come, come share a meal, share a conversation, share your burdens.

As a boy I struggled with written words. This led me to look at words and ask what do they mean? What does 'welcome' mean to me? Split it up and you get two words 'Well Come'. It is good that you have come, arrived, joined us. It is the type of word that should bring a smile to the face of the one who uses it and to the one who sees it.

There is the ever-calling welcome from God for each one of us. We see it in the story of the prodigal son (Luke 15) where the father is expected, and hopeful, of the welcome return of his boy. We see it in the promise to Abraham as he sets out to the promised land (Genesis 12):

Now the Lord had said to Abraham: "Get out of your country, from your family and from your father's house, to a land that I will show you. I will make you a great nation; I will bless you and make your name great; And you shall be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and I will curse him who curses you; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."



As God's family we are called to be like Jesus, like God. We are called to be people of welcome. We are called to be able to say to those who we meet 'Well Come', it is good you are here.

Yes we do it with words, but so much more we do it in the way we live out our lives.

In Luke chapter 7 we find Jesus the visitor. We hear words of welcome, food, a seat, a listening ear, but Jesus picks up on the lack of a true heart of welcome. The needs of the dusty traveller to clean up a bit are missing. It takes the heart of a broken woman, who brings along tears to cleanse his feet and her hair to dry them, to express the heart felt call..... Jesus, you are so 'Well Come'.

The welcome we offer is so much more than words. It comes with eye to eye engagement, and the awareness of individual needs. It comes with the turning away from a conversation with a friend so that we can give the visitor our full attention. For each person that welcome needs to be different. Some just need space to sit in. Others need an immediate listening ear, access to a toilet, a cup of water, showing to a seat. The list of possibilities is endless.

I suppose the biggest challenge comes when we do not have to hand, the thing they need. Or when we feel rushed because we want to get away. It is perhaps then that the ingenuity of our welcoming hearts is tested most. It may be that we need to drag someone else from the church family into the welcome?

Whatever is going on, may you and all, always find a true 'Well Come' at St James, St Francis and in the life of our church family. May you be able to give such a welcome to others.



Benson Cottage

## FLO'S – THE PLACE IN THE PARK

[www.flosoxford.org.uk](http://www.flosoxford.org.uk)

This is a real good news story: Flo's, the place in the park – the former Florence Park Children's Centre – is up and running with:

- ∅ the FLO - a café open to the whole community, run by the people behind the Vaults café at the University Church, St Mary's in Radcliffe Square  
open Tuesday to Friday 9am-5pm ; Saturdays and Sundays 10am-5pm.
- ∅ a nature-focused nursery opening 1 January 2019
- ∅ open-access spaces for family drop-in
- ∅ the continuation of the community midwife service
- ∅ crafts and training open to all – see below



Obviously, settings such as this can only run smoothly with lots of VOLUNTEERS.

[www.flosoxford.org.uk/volunteers/](http://www.flosoxford.org.uk/volunteers/)

Flo's is offering roles such as:

- ∅ serving in the craft materials shop which will open for 2 hours, 3 times a week from 7 Nov
- ∅ gardening & maintenance of the site
- ∅ communications – website, social media, posters and flyers
- ∅ outreach - going to events, flyering, chatting to people and supporting outreach programme develop.

Training and regular check-ins will be in place to support you with any role you choose to take on. It's a great opportunity to meet new people, learn new skills and support this very special community facility.

If you are interested, go along to the next volunteer meeting to find out more:

Tuesday 6 November at 10:00am

If you can't make it to a meeting, get in touch:

Email: [info@flosoxford.org.uk](mailto:info@flosoxford.org.uk)

Telephone: 587 611

*or chat to Makena or Candy next time you're at Flo's – pop in and try the café!*

### NEW! COURSES

#### CONSCIOUS CRAFTS AT FLO'S

[www.flosoxford.org.uk/courses/](http://www.flosoxford.org.uk/courses/)

6 week seasonal crafts course using natural materials on Wednesday evenings, 7:00-9:00pm, starting 7 November

All materials and equipment will be provided.

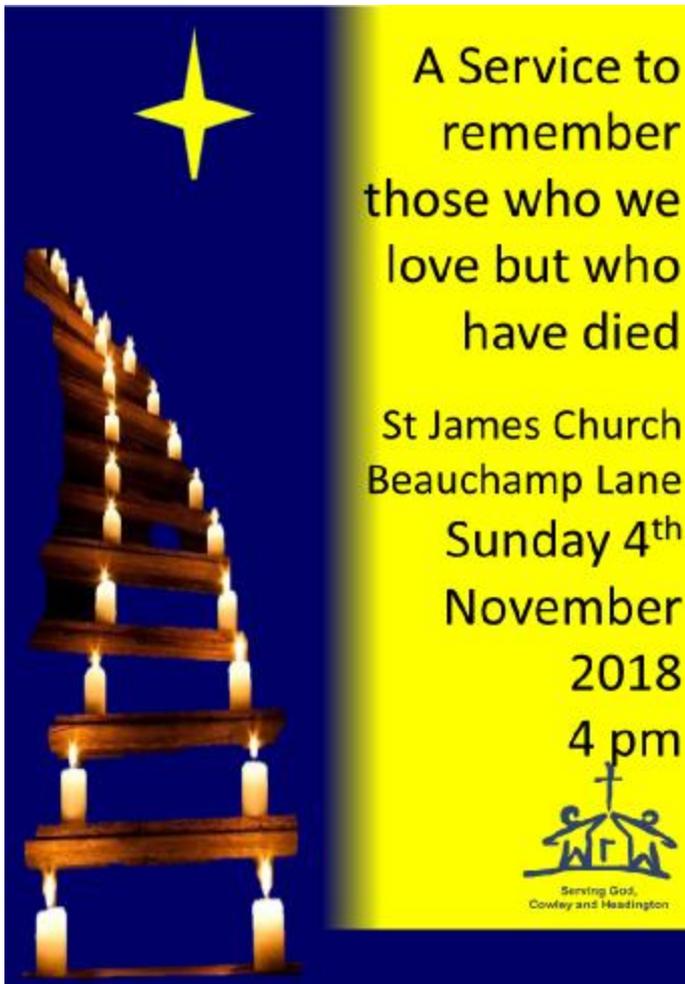
*cost £62 (plus £3.56 eventbrite fee) for the whole course.*

Some concessionary places are available - email: [coordinator@flosoxford.org.uk](mailto:coordinator@flosoxford.org.uk)

4 individual weekend workshops, 2:00-6:00pm Saturdays 17, 24 November, 8 December, Sunday 9 December

*cost £38 (plus £2.41 eventbrite fee) includes materials and a cream tea for ages 12+ and adults*

Some concessionary places are available - email [coordinator@flosoxford.org.uk](mailto:coordinator@flosoxford.org.uk)



## THE 'IT'S NOT COWLEY FESTIVAL OF CHRISTMAS TREES' ARTS EVENT 2018

This will be very low key and is still a work in progress but please put in your diary.

Wednesday 12 December: a day of music and song in St James Centre  
 School groups during the day – Rising Voices in the evening – times to be confirmed  
 Refreshments available

Saturday 15 December: busking and a pop up singing workshop at the Nativity Festival at St Francis Church  
 Maybe concluding with an early evening concert

Lesley Williams 01865 779 562 07982 439 828 [lesleyjwilliams@btinternet.com](mailto:lesleyjwilliams@btinternet.com)

## Prayer Space

As we commemorate the ending of the First World War:

Grant, O Lord, for the sake of those whose lives were lost in war, and for the sake of the generations to come, that the nations of the world may learn your way of peace; and that all may have a chance to enjoy the life you have given them, free from war, tyranny and oppression.

Roger Tomes

A prayer as we celebrate the Feast of Christ the King later in November:

Come Lord Jesus  
 Come as King.

Rule in our hearts,  
 Come as love.

Rule in our minds,  
 Come as peace.

Rule in our actions,  
 Come as power.

Rule in our days,  
 Come as joy.

Rule in our darkness,  
 Come as light.

Rule in our bodies,  
 Come as health.

Rule in our labours,  
 Come as hope.

Thy Kingdom come  
 Among us.

David Adam

# The Clocks went Back On Sunday 28th October 2018

The clocks went back one hour on Sunday, 28<sup>th</sup> October 2018 at 2am, meaning many of us will now return home from work or school in the dark.

The evenings are already starting to draw in and the darker evenings can give burglars an opportunity to easily see which houses are unoccupied.

Here are a few things you might like to consider to lessen the chance of your house being targeted:

Invest in a timer light switch and vary the time it comes on each day to make it look as though someone is at home.

Perhaps purchase a fake/simulated TV device which lights up a room like a real TV.

Keep valuables out of sight and mark them using a forensic property marking system.

Register your valuables via [www.immobilise.com](http://www.immobilise.com) and keep an inventory list. It's free and takes just a few minutes.

If you have jewellery at home, photograph it for insurance purposes and consider storing it in a suitable safe.

Lock your doors and windows, if you have a UPVC door make sure you have double locked it by lifting the handle and locking it with the key. Make sure the key is removed from the lock and out of reach.

If you're going away over the half-term holiday, remember not to post details of your holiday on social networking websites, cancel any milk or newspaper deliveries and if you have a burglar alarm, make sure it is set before you leave.

Look out for your neighbours' houses, especially when they're not at home and call the police if you see anything suspicious on 101 or 999 in an emergency.

For further crime prevention advice please visit our website for a complete guide to your home security – <https://www.thamesvalley.police.uk/cp/crime-prevention/>

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## SAMARITAN'S PURSE OPERATION

Have you decided to participate ? Boxes are available at St James and St Francis churches, and St James Church Centre with further information on the scheme.

Please let Sally Hemsworth know if you would like to fill a box but cannot meet the deadline of 6 November – there is some flexibility.

# Cowley Women's Institute

As promised our trip to Yarnton Garden Centre and Shopping Village did not disappoint. Many of us returned with heavier bags and lighter purses after having an enjoyable morning together.

Four of our members are looking forward to participating in our Federation's Quiz Night at the end of October. We are not expecting to win but are hoping for an evening full of fun. In early November we are going to the cinema and are returning to Summertown to paint ceramics at the end of November. I am looking forward to being able to create a Christmas plate.

At our October meeting members mastered the skills of Needle Felting and created a poppy brooch fit enough to be worn.

Christine Green is going to talk to us about Creative Paper Cutting at our November meeting.

Over the last few months, Cowley WI has welcomed some new members which has been lovely and we all look forward to getting to know each other better.

Cowley WI welcomes women over the age of 18. If you would like to find out more, please come and have an enjoyable afternoon with us. We meet from 2pm to roughly 4 pm in St James Church Centre, Beauchamp Lane, Cowley, the third Wednesday of each month (except August and December).

Sarah Lawrence, Secretary to Cowley WI  
[cowleywi@oxfordshirewi.co.uk](mailto:cowleywi@oxfordshirewi.co.uk)

## PARISH MISSION AND SOCIAL PLANNER

NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
SAT 3rd 10:00-2:00 <i>Christmas gift &amp; craft fair</i> (CC)	SAT 1st 10:30-11:30am <i>Advent candle painting &amp; wreath making</i> (F)
SUN 4th following 10:30 am worship <i>Bring &amp; share lunch</i> (F)	SAT 1st 10:00-12:00 <i>Advent prayer morning</i> (J)
SUN 4th <i>Loved ones service</i> 4:00 pm (J) + refreshments	SUN 2nd <i>Advent bring &amp; share lunch</i> (F)
SUN 11th 6:15 pm <i>National WW1 remembrance service</i> (J)	FRI 7th 7:00 pm <i>Christmas dinner</i> (CC)
7:05 pm <i>Church bells to ring nationwide</i> (J)	SAT 8th 10:00-4:00, SUN 9th 2:00-4:00 pm <i>Get in the picture</i> (TS)
SUN 18th 12:30 pm <i>Sunday lunch</i> (CC)	SAT 8th 10:00 am <i>Christingle packs</i> for J & F (location tbc)
SUN 25th 8:45 am <i>Big Brekkie</i> (CC) for Christian Aid	SUN 9th 10:30 am (F), 4:30 pm (J) <i>Christingle services</i>
SUN 25th <i>Stir up Sunday – Jesus' birthday cake making</i> (F) (J)	WED 12th <i>Cowley Christmas Arts – schools + Rising Voices</i> (CC)
	FRI 14th 3:00 pm <i>Set up Nativity festival</i> (F)
	SAT 15th 10:00-3:00 <i>Christmas Nativity festival with Messy activities &amp; take down</i> <i>+ Cowley Christmas Arts - choirs?</i>
	SUN 16th 4:00 pm (J), 6:00 pm (F) <i>Carol services + refreshments</i>
	MON 24th 6:00 pm <i>Carols in the pub</i> (CH)

(CC) - St James Church Centre - Beauchamp Lane (J) - St James Church - Beauchamp Lane  
 (F) - St Francis Church - Hollow Way (A.A.L.C) - Anglican Asian Living Church (J & CC)  
 (TS) – Templars Square (CH) – Corner House pub

# Deanery Synod Report

The Deanery Synod meeting on the 11 June 2018 covered "greenness". Leaflets from Eco Church and AROCHA were handed out (relevant websites are [ecochurch.arochoa.co.uk](http://ecochurch.arochoa.co.uk) and [arochoa.co.uk](http://arochoa.co.uk)), and the meeting was informed of the different levels of awards that are allocated to churches for different levels of "greenness" so as to create and build a good and green Anglican community. The AROCHA scheme has a free sign up and the awards are: Bronze. Silver. Gold.

Geoff Bayliss explained that ecological understanding has moved forward since his early interest in the subject in 1978. There is more understanding of the urgency to move towards a green society and the Church can be a player in this. Andy Lester, a conservation director at AROCHA, explained a few shocking statistics about natural damage that was occurring. Amphibians declining in Costa Rica, globally the number of domestic animals could outnumber the wild ones, every three seconds, a species goes extinct. Geoff suggested that there should be Eco Champions and also "Elfs" (small voices with a big impact).

Three reasons were given: Climate Change, Habitat Loss and Plastic Pollution (e.g., there is more weight of plastic pollution in the oceans than organic life). Now it's time to think about solutions. AROCHA has partners in Friends of the Earth, the Wildlife Trust and RSPB.

Three Bible readings have direct relevance to us as the Church taking action:

Psalm 24:1

John 3:16

Revelation 21:1 (the renewing of the Earth by us)

Also a reference in 2 Peter when going back to an original translation, the term "burning" meant "refining".

Over 1000 churches are on the Ecochurch scheme. One of the actions that AROCHA is helping with is increasing populations of declining species.

There were talks on:

- ∅ Treading Lightly on the Earth
- ∅ Getting boilers serviced to make them more efficient
- ∅ Composting and recycling
- ∅ Energy Audits
- ∅ Roof Insulation
- ∅ LED energy saving light bulbs
- ∅ website: [oxclean.org.uk](http://oxclean.org.uk)
- ∅ Wildlife management (churchyard re-wilding plants)
- ∅ The website [oxfordwoodrecycling.org.uk](http://oxfordwoodrecycling.org.uk).
- ∅ Experiences with Ecochurch and Holy Trinity. Experiences included art projects, bird recognition events, solar panel installation (PV), churchyard work parties, Community engagement (talks about birds in Shotover)

# Film Club at the Centre

The film shown last month, "Shall we Dance?" was chosen to coincide with the popular TV Show "Strictly Come Dancing", though it has very little similarity to it. Again we were plagued with some technical problems but our lovely members were so patient and so good natured about them that they really did not spoil the evening, far from it.

This month's film is a great story set in England in the Second World War. It is called "Hope and Glory" and is a reflection of life in

a London suburb during the Blitz. The story is seen mainly through the eyes of a young boy and his friends who find the raids as exciting as they were terrifying. It contains lots of the typical humour of Britain at that time including the way neighbours pulled together. Sarah Miles stars as the young boy's mother. The film was nominated for a BAFTA AND Film Academy Award and will, I am sure, be one to please our members and their guests.

Rosanne Butler

## CHRONICLE

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## RECIPES

### Winter Vegetable casserole (serves 4)

#### Ingredients

- 2 onions, each cut into 6 wedges
- 3 carrots, cut into chunks
- 3 celery sticks, cut into chunks
- 400 g (14 oz) sweet potato or swede, cut into chunks
- 1 litre (1¾ pints) hot vegetable stock, preferably home-made
- 2 garlic cloves, finely chopped
- 3 leeks, about 300 g (10½ oz) in total, thickly sliced
- 150 g (5½ oz) pearl barley
- 2 tsp dried sage
- salt and pepper
- 3 tbsp coarsely chopped fresh flat-leaf parsley to garnish

#### Method

1. Preheat the oven to 180°C (350°F, gas mark 4). Put the onions, carrots, celery and sweet potato or swede in a large flameproof casserole dish. Pour in the stock and bring to the boil.
2. Add the garlic, leeks, pearl barley, sage and seasoning. Stir to mix the vegetables together. Cover and transfer to the oven to cook for about 1 hour or until the vegetables are just soft, and the barley is tender.
3. Sprinkle with the parsley and serve. Thick slices of farmhouse bread are an excellent accompaniment.

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The following is from *Cakes, Bakes, Puddings and Prayers* by Susan Over.

### Merry Muffins (makes 10 muffins)

#### Ingredients:

- 1 eating apple



- 225g (8oz) self-raising flour
- ½ teaspoon baking powder
- 3 teaspoons mixed spice
- 50g (2oz) soft brown sugar
- 2 large eggs, beaten
- 75g (3oz) butter or margarine, melted and cooled
- 200 ml (7 fl oz) Greek yogurt
- 110 g (4 oz) raisins
- 110 g (4oz) dried ready-to-eat cranberries
- 4 tablespoons mincemeat
- 1 tablespoon brandy, sherry or spiced cordial

#### Method

1. Preheat oven to gas mark 5/190°C / 375°F. Place ten large paper muffin cases in muffin tin.
2. Core and chop apple finely, leaving skin on.
3. Sift flour, baking powder and spice into bowl and make a well in the middle.
4. Place sugar, eggs, butter or margarine, yogurt, fruits, mincemeat and brandy in well and stir until just combined. Do not over mix.
5. Divide between the paper muffin cases and bake for 25 minutes until well-risen and golden.
6. Cool on wire rack.

A cheerful heart brings a smile to your face ...  
a cheerful heart fills the day with song.  
Proverbs 15.13a and 15b (The Message)

Joy to the world, the Lord has come  
Let earth receive her king  
Let every heart prepare him room  
And heaven and nature sing  
And heaven and nature sing  
And heaven, and heaven and nature Sing!  
(Isaac Watts 1674-1748)

## UNA'S CORNER

We will remember them.

We are near to Armistice Day again. Last year I wrote about my Uncle Jim - he is on our memorial, Flight Sergeant HCS Thomas.

He died about a fortnight after his 21<sup>st</sup> birthday in Egypt and is buried in Cairo.

On the Sunday of our Armistice Service I arranged with Geoff that I would bring my bag of memorabilia, it was passed from my grandmother to my mother, to me and should go to my daughter next. It contains letters and photographs and my Uncle's medals in a box addressed to his father, Mr CP Thomas. You can imagine how precious these things are to the family. The bag of stuff is easily traced to me as it has cards and letters that my mother received and also one from her to her brother which was sent back after his death. My name is mentioned, for example – "fancy Una being old enough to go to school". I am also mentioned in the message sent back that my mother had sent. Geoff was going to make an exhibition of these items and he preached about my Uncle at the Sunday Service.

The week before the Day, I brought the bag to the Church Centre after church or it might have been a Tuesday. I am afraid when I went to give the bag to Geoff it was not beside my chair where I had put it. Geoff found a plastic bag on the handle of my wheelchair but when he looked inside it had a few papers which did not have any bearing on my bag. You can imagine how I felt. I was but the guardian of the memorabilia and al-

though we searched everywhere we never did find that bag. I searched my home with help of course but the bag is not here nor is any of the contents.

If anyone has come across that bag and is not sure what it is I hope it will be returned to me. It is of no value to anyone outside my family. I am sure someone picked it up by mistake.

It is so sad that the world did not learn from the two great wars with fighting still going on in so many countries. Civilians as well as service men are killed and injured in wars and sometimes they go on for many years. I feel sorry for Our Lord, Jesus and the Holy Spirit as they see what is happening in their beautiful creation. Apart from the damage to people of many nations we are soiling the planet given to us but are digging mines by burying our rubbish, fracking, by using chemicals on the soil. We are spoiling the sea with our litter and the plastic. Fish are dying because of the plastic and also it enters our food chain. We are polluting the very air that we breathe.

I know, I am being very morbid, sorry about that but Armistice Day does bring up such memories and thoughts for those of us who have lived through world wars. My parents lived through both World Wars, they must have been absolutely horrified when they heard the declaration that we were at war again.

On a happier note, I hope everyone is enjoying the sunshine we are having some after-

noons, despite it being cold the sun is so cheering. Can you imagine how beautiful the world looks when it has snowed? My neighbours always clear the snow for me for which I am very grateful. Most of us have good heating in our homes, my eldest grand-

son emailed me last week to say he hoped that I was keeping nice and warm and turning up the heating. He said it would be very bad for me if I was cold. I was very touched by his concern for his "Gramma".

Una

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## Messy Church Update

During the half-term school break we had a Messy Church at St. Francis Church. So on the Monday morning at the normal time for Little Stars, 38 adults and 38 children joined together for crafts and activities on the theme of St

Francis. Recycled bits made wonderful crosses reminding us of the amazing cross and its story in St Francis church, animal biscuits, animal masks and flip-flops with St. Francis' prayer were decorated, birdfeeders and peace doves were created, to remind us of how St Francis loved animals, along with wonderful paintings of animals and birds. A word search helped us to learn something of St. Francis' life. The Story of Jonah was told teaching us of how God uses animals to help us learn about Him and how He wants us to live our lives. We had a song reminding us that God wants to build His church here in Cowley.

It was such a blessing to have so many people of different ages joining together. The special blessing I felt too was that there were 17 adults who were willing to come along and help - lead, welcome, talk, listen, make and serve refreshments. Messy Church cannot be run by just a few people, it needs a team. So if you came, thank you so much for your willingness to do church differently. If you didn't and would like to see how it works please come to our next one. All ages are welcome. If you can't make it then please pray for all the contacts Messy Church makes.



# REMEMBRANCE DAY

A time to remember – 100 years since the end of the First World War – the following are listed on the War Memorial of the First World War in St James Church. In addition, the names of those lost in the Second World War and the Falklands War are included:

## War Memorial, First World War:

Captain F H Kirkpatrick, OBLI

Captain C O Logan, OBLI

Captain R R M Brooke, OBLI

Captain C F K Carfrae, OBLI

Captain Jack Manley, RFC

2<sup>ND</sup> Lieutenant J S C Marshall, OBLI

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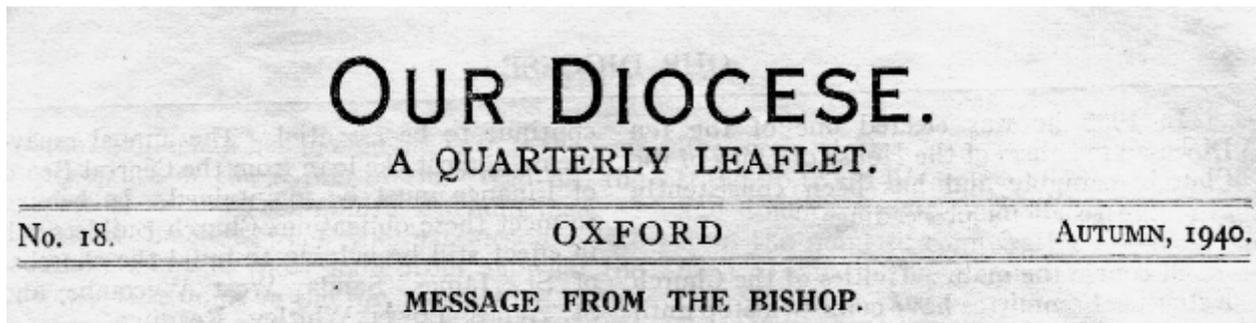
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War Memorial Second World War/Falklands:

J Ashfield	A J Franklin (RAF)	R Lipscombe (OBLI)
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A Birt	Edmund J Fuller (RN)	G Moore
C Bishop	G Garner	E Morgan (OBLI)
P H Bowles (RA)	R Gibbons	Dennis Morris
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D Burrell	Charles Gouch	Kenneth Parker (RAF)
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B Cambray	C Hazell	R Plaister (REME)
F Carter	Leslie Hibbett	F T Price (RAF)
N Cato	E Hicks	L Probitts
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Norman Cooper (RAF)	L Hicks	Walter Shead (OBLI)
T Cripps	G Hill	W Stannard
H Curtis	W Hilsdon (RAF)	Anthony Taylor
Leslie Daultrey	J Hollis	H C S Thomas (RAF)
Donald Day	R Holmes	J Thompson
George Earl	J Holt	Ronald Thurley
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Victor Elders	Roy Keen	James Whalley (RAF)
R Flexon	Frederick Kent	B Whitbread
A Florey (RA)	A Kerry (RA)	V White
Graham Florey (OBLI)	G King	P Withers
John E Ford (RAF)	P Knights (RAF)	Bruce Young
E Foulkes (RN)	C Kyme	N Bowell
R France	L Laurie	

FROM THE ARCHIVES  
OCTOBER 1940



Many of us have been trying, during these last terrible months, to pray more earnestly than before. It may help some readers to realise how much is involved in our prayers if I repeat a few sentences which I wrote lately in the Diocesan Magazine. They are based on an article which I found in the parish magazine of one of the smallest parishes in the Diocese.

The writer set alongside each other, two sentences which have nothing in common except a single phrase. The one comprised some words of Lord Beatty, written in the dark days of 1917; "We shall not win this war until the nation is on its knees in prayer." The other comes from the German propaganda of the last few weeks: "Germany's greatest enemy, England, is not yet forced to her knees." The two sentences taken together give rise to very moving thoughts.

What a strange and wonderful thing it would be if the hammer blows which Hitler has already dealt against us, together with others even more terrible which we may yet have to endure, should indeed 'force us to our knees,' not in his sense, but in Lord Beatty's! Nothing else could lead more certainly to the undoing of Germany's might: for the one thing that is clear is that the only way in which a tyrant can finally subdue a country dedicated to the service of humanity is by the annihilation of its people. If then the peoples, not merely of Great Britain, but of the whole Empire had dedicated themselves by solemn prayer to God to endure to the end, Hitler's only course would be so to beat them down that he could finally annihilate them by massacre. In no other way could he achieve his purposes. But the extermination of the British stock on such a scale is not possible even to the mechanised forces of Germany. It follows then that the sight of the Empire at prayer will be the death-knell of the German despot's hopes.

It is a tragic thing that so many of us are only 'brought to our knees' in prayer by suffering and its companions—anxiety before it comes upon us, relief if it appears less terrible than we feared. That is why nothing short of mass-onslaught by Germany may avail to turn us fully to God. We may well deplore the fact that all God's goodness shown to us throughout our lives has failed to 'bring us to our knees'; penitence for this terrible ingratitude of ours will be one of the first duties when we turn seriously to prayer. But by whatever means we come to it, self-dedication in prayer is the one indispensable means by which we shall be enabled, in

God's own time, to check the present spread of evil and oppression. Even if Hitler himself must become God's instrument to bring us to our knees, once we are there the triumph of righteousness cannot but follow.

How eagerly, then, ought we to give ourselves to prayer in this great day of the Lord!

Universal testimony informs us that our churches are fuller nowadays than they have been for a long time past. That is something for which we can be deeply thankful. But we should strain every nerve to ensure that the sacrifice of prayer now being offered through the length and breadth of our country shall increase in volume and intensity from day to day. Nothing could more effectively sustain our faith in ultimate victory than to find ourselves willingly and spontaneously spending more time daily upon our knees. We Church people have much for which we should show gratitude to God. Let us give of our best in prayer, and so demonstrate to Him that we are all eagerness for the fulfilment of His purposes in the world.

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AUGUST 1962

#### LOOKING BACK AT OLD COWLEY

The soldiers provided colour and interest. On Sundays, the left-hand aisle of St James' was filled with them and their red-jacketed band played in the churchyard before the service.

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#### IN FLANDERS FIELD

In Flanders Fields the poppies blow  
Between the crosses, row on row  
That mark our place; and in the sky  
The larks, still bravely singing, fly  
Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the Dead. Short days ago  
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow  
Loved and were loved, and now we lie  
In Flanders fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe;  
To you from failing hands we throw  
The torch; be yours to hold it high.  
If ye break faith with us who die  
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow  
In Flanders fields.

John McCrae (died in Base Hospital—1918)



We are part of Battle's Over – commemorating 100 years since the end of WWI

November 11<sup>th</sup> 2018

St James Church is playing its part in Battle's Over, an international commemoration marking 100 years since the guns fell silent at the end of World War I.

Organised by Pageantmaster Bruno Peek LVO OBE OPR, Battle's Over takes place on November 11<sup>th</sup> 2018, with events throughout the United Kingdom, Channel Islands, the Isle of Man, and at scores of locations overseas, including New Zealand, Ireland, Australia, Bermuda, France, Belgium, Canada, the United States and Germany, to name but a few.

It begins at 6am with lone pipers playing Battle's O'er, a traditional Scottish air played after a battle, outside cathedrals in the country, following which a specially written tribute will be read out. At the same time, over 1,000 pipers will be playing the tune in individual locations within their local communities.

At 6.55pm buglers will sound the Last Post at more than 1,000 locations, where at 7pm beacons will be lit in a tribute called Beacons of Light, signifying the light of peace that emerged from the darkness of four years of war.

Then at 7.05pm over 1,000 churches and cathedrals will ring their bells as part of Ringing Out for Peace organised in association with the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers, which represents 65 societies of ringers from the British Isles and overseas. Also at 7.05, more than 140 town criers will perform a specially written Cry for Peace Around the World, the first of them in New Zealand and then across the globe through the various time zones.

St James' is taking part in a special Thanksgiving service at 6.15pm and the ringing of bells at 7.05pm. Do please join us for the service and listen to the bells being rung.

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## LITTLE KNOWN FACTS ABOUT WORLD WAR ONE

- Plastic surgery was invented because of the First World War. Surgeon Harold Gillies helped shrapnel victims who had terrible facial injuries with one of the earliest examples of plastic surgery. The twisted metal caused many facial injuries that were far worse than a straight-line wound of a bullet. The techniques used by Dr Gillies pioneered the techniques for facial reconstructive surgery.
- Over 12 million letters were delivered to the front line every week. It took only 2 days for a letter to be delivered from Britain to France — even during the war. In Regent's Park, London, a mail office was built to send letters to the trenches. Over 2 billion letters and 114 million parcels were sent by the time the war ended.

- 9 out of 10 British soldiers survived. In World War I most British soldiers moved around the trench system constantly and were not very often in the firing line. Their lives in WW1 would have been quite boring, with lots of routine jobs and duties.
- The Wipers Times: When members of the 12<sup>th</sup> Sherwood Foresters regiment came across a printing press in a cellar in Ypres in February 1916, they decided to produce a newspaper for the amusement of the frontline troops. The Wipers Times ran for 23 issues, introducing the now famous strain of anarchic and dark lampoons to British humour.

The term “banger” was coined in WW1. David Henry Taylor sent a letter to his fiancée explaining the phrase: “Sausages are one of the stable items of diet here, as you know these things when frying are apt to burst and the fact of them being tinned seems to make them especially explosive, so they refer to them as “bangers”.

## FOR THE FALLEN

With proud thanksgiving, a mother for her children,  
 England mourns for her dead across the sea.  
 Flesh of her flesh they were, spirit of her spirit,  
 Fallen in the cause of the free.

Solemn the drums thrill : Death august  
 and royal  
 Sings sorrow up into immortal spheres.  
 There is music in the midst of desolation  
 And a glory that shines upon our tears.

They went with songs to the battle, they  
 were young,  
 Straight of limb, true of eye, steady and  
 aglow.  
 They were staunch to the end against  
 odds uncounted,  
 They fell with their faces to the foe.

They shall grow not old, as we that are left  
 grow old:  
 Age shall not weary them, nor the years  
 condemn.  
 At the going down of the sun and in the  
 morning  
 We will remember them.

They mingle not with their laughing comrades  
 again;  
 They sit no more at familiar tables of home;  
 They have no lot in our labour of the  
 day-time;  
 They sleep beyond England's foam.

But where our desires are and our hopes  
 profound,  
 Felt as a well-spring that is hidden from sight,  
 To the innermost heart of their own land they  
 are known  
 As the stars are known in the Night;

As the stars that shall be bright when we  
 are dust,  
 Moving in marches upon the heavenly plain,  
 As the stars that are starry in the time of  
 our darkness,  
 To the end, to the end, they remain.

Laurence Binyon (1869-1943)

# From the Archives

## SCOUT HUT (St. Francis')

NOVEMBER 1942

### THE HUT

The sum of £100 has been sent to the Duke of Gloucester's Red Cross and St. John Fund as a result of the winding-up of the Soldier's Canteen. This was the sum remaining after all bills had been paid and the Hut repaired and decorated for another lease of life. It may of course, at any time, have to be used again for some similar good work for soldiers or civilians, and meanwhile it is being used for Sunday School, the Infant Welfare Centre (on Wednesday afternoons) and by the Home Guard.

DECEMBER 1950

### 37<sup>th</sup> OXFORD SCOUTS

The scout hut badly needs a new roof, and the Parents' Committee are organising a Whist Drive for Friday, December 8<sup>th</sup>, in St. Francis' Hall (at 7.30 pm), the proceeds of which are to help pay for this. Admission 1/6, including refreshments. Also on December 14<sup>th</sup>, parents (and anyone else interested) are invited to a "Get Together Evening" at 7.00pm, when the Scouts and Cubs will show how they spend their time at meetings, and camp fire songs will be sung. There will be a little light refreshment, and a collection will be made, also towards the new roof.

JULY 1952

### ST. FRANCIS' HUT BUILDING FUND

We acknowledge with thanks the following "blocks": 10 - Mrs. Vear; 4½ - Scout M. Brown; 2½ - Scout L. Steward; 2 - B. Lamburn; 1 - Mrs. E.H.Timm, Privates Hunter and Hooper; anon, 11/6; Scouts' Parents' Committee, £5; rags, £1. Total: £7/12/6. Grand Total with interest: £114/19/5.

FEBRUARY 1958

### NEW BUILDING

How good it will be to see the new Hut up! What we are waiting for now is the end of the frosty weather during which building is impossible. I hope that we shall then make an extra special effort with the main building: not just tidy and clean up but go further.



### BIBLE SOCIETY 'MORE THAN A BOOK' REGISTRATION

If you order anything on line or by phone from the Bible Society, please use the unique Parish reference number 12044 or select the 'Parish of Cowley' from the drop down menu when placing an order and we will benefit from the 'More than a book' cash back scheme. It's that easy! We earned £3 from an 'Open the Book' resources order,

Do look at the on line shop – Bibles, prayer books, cards, courses, fiction, dvds etc.

<https://www.biblesociety.org.uk/products/> 20



## PARKING TICKETS

There can be few experiences as disheartening and utterly deflating as floating back to your car after some marvellously therapeutic shopping trip, laden with parcels and shopping bags, to find a black and yellow parking notification attached to your windscreen, like some enormous striped stinging hornet - and certainly having a stinging effect on your feelings too.

It could spoil anyone's day - but don't let it! Don't panic, don't curse and don't waste any time before getting to grips with the problem.

The Citizens Advice website has a useful section which you should consult: <https://www.citizensadvice.org.uk/law-and-courts/parking-tickets/>

If you think the ticket was justified (and let's face it, some of them are), one option is to pay the fine right away, thus getting a substantial discount:

- 50% if you pay a Penalty Charge Notice or Excess Charge Notice within 14 days
- 40-60% if you pay a Parking Charge Notice within 14 days

If you think that you were parked correctly and within the rules, or there were mitigating circumstances, you can try an appeal (but don't pay a ticket issued by a parking company that isn't a member of the Accredited Trade Association - they can't force you to pay or take you to court).

If you appeal, you should explain that you didn't break any rules, and, if possible, send evidence to prove it.

Citizens Advice is frequently consulted about parking tickets. If you get one and aren't sure how to proceed, it's comforting to know that there are sympathetic people you can talk to.

For more help, contact Citizens Advice on Adviceline 03 444 111444 or drop in to your nearest Citizens Advice. For locations and opening hours see [www.citizensadvice.org.uk/local/oxfordshire-south-vale](https://www.citizensadvice.org.uk/local/oxfordshire-south-vale)

# They love sprouts in California!

No-one saw it fall, but the falling of this huge redwood tree registered 1.7 on a seismograph locally used to register earthquakes. Justin, our guide in the Redwood National Park, California, showed us the print-out. The massive tree had fallen across a trail and so a section of it was cut out to keep the trail open. It showed in its rings of several centuries of growth but that may not be the full picture, he explained. New growths will grow from the stricken trunk and what has fallen may have been itself one such growth, all being the same tree. Many redwoods had multiple trunks. How do you ascertain an age? Our trip to the North West of the USA had many learning experiences. As a gardener, I shall stick to the botanical ones, though there were many memories of other kinds, especially the jelly fish in the aquarium at Monterey and seeing humpback whales feeding, in concert, on anchovy shoals in the bay.

Our first port of call was Portland in Oregon. One of its names is the City of Roses. Within the city boundaries is the 450 acre state Washington Park. Within this forest park are the Rose Gardens where roses are grown to test for their hardiness, health, scent and form. Some varieties were known favourites but many were new to me. All within a beautiful garden setting. Later, on our trip, we visited another lovely rose garden in Golden Gate Park in San Francisco. Also here was the Conservancy of Flowers. This is an 1879 glass house, based on the design of the Palm House at Kew, and con-

taining many exotic species.

50% of Oregon is covered in forest, mainly Douglas fir and the elegant and stately Ponderosa pines. We hear of forest fires on the news, and, though we did not see one, the sight of the desolation of previous fires was heart-rending. The tall trees were blackened and stripped of foliage within a bare black landscape.

Oregon and California are famous for their wines. So, we did take the opportunity to visit some vineyards and look at mile upon mile of grapes ripening in the sunshine as well as having a taste. Another crop we saw was cannabis. The recreational use of the herb is now legal in both Oregon and California and the smell of it hits you before coming across a huge field of it. The plants were stocky and must be 6 feet tall at least, all behind strong electrified fencing!

I was bemused about the frequency of Brussels sprouts appearing in restaurant menus. As we drove near to San Francisco and further south there are large areas of market gardening including many acres of Brussels sprouts. California, apparently, grows 95% of the nation's supply. More exotically to me, were vast fields of globe artichokes, and orchards of avocados and apricots.

The iconic coast road in the Pacific North West is Highway One and we saw many sole cyclists with packed panniers obviously doing the trip just like those that tackle the route from Land's End to John O'Groats in the UK. All along the roadsides were clumps

of pampas grass, once-popular in British gardens. Justin, our Redwoods guide, pointed out this hated invader to us and it was easy to see how quickly the wind-blown seeds can be distributed. Another interloper we saw in the hilly Washington Park in Portland is “English” ivy. This was brought in to stabilise slopes and, as we know, gets everywhere very quickly smothering the precious native flora.

We were often made aware of the threat of earth movements. We were, after all, in part of the “Pacific Ring of Fire”. Information in a couple of hotels told you what to do in case of an earthquake, hide under a solid table, apparently! Our hotel in Monterey stated that it was made of concrete panels and would collapse! Notices along the coast informed when you were entering and leaving tsunami zones. The latest one was only a couple of years ago after an earthquake in Alaska. No-one was exhibiting much in the way of fear and we enjoyed our trip tremendously with so much more we could have seen.

Joan Coleman

You are invited to our just-before-Advent



# big brekkie

**Sunday 25 November**  
**8.45 – 9.45**

**porridge – bacon butties – scrambled egg – toast – crumpets – croissants  
fruit – tea – coffee**



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# DIARY DATES TO REMEMBER

## Mothers' Union

Monthly Meeting on 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of month from 2.15 pm

19 November 2018 – District Mothers' Union Forum, beginning with Holy Communion in St James Church – 10.30 – 2.00 pm  
St James Church Centre

## Women's Institute

Monthly Meeting on 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of month from 2 – 4.30 pm

21 November 2018 – Creative Paper Cutting  
St James Church Centre

## Gardening

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

## Christmas Gift and Craft Fair

Saturday, 3 November 2018 10 – 3 pm  
St James Church Centre

## Loved Ones Service

Sunday, 4 November 2018 – 4 pm  
St James Church

## Film Club

Friday, 9 November 2018 – "Hope and Glory"  
St James Church Centre, commencing at 6.30 pm with coffee and cake

## National WWI Remembrance Service

Sunday, 11 November 2018 – 6.15 pm  
St James Church

## Church Bells to ring nationwide

Sunday, 11 November 2018, 7.05 pm

## Parish Walk

Mondays, 12 and 26 November 2018 – details of each walk will be in The Link

## Sunday Lunch

Sunday, 18 November 2018, 12.30 pm  
St James Church Centre

## Big Brekkie – for Christian Aid

Sunday, 25 November 2018, at 8.45 pm  
St James Church Centre

## Stir up Sunday – Jesus' birthday cake making

Sunday, 25 November 2018  
St James Church/St Francis Church

## Advent candle painting and wreath making

Saturday, 1 December 2018 – 10.30 – 11.30 am  
St Francis Church

## Advent prayer morning

Saturday, 1 December 2018 – 10 – 12 noon  
St James Church

## St Francis Church Committee

Sunday, 2 December 2018, at 12.15 pm  
St Francis Church

## St James Church Committee

Tuesday, 4 December 2018 at 7.30 pm  
St James Church Centre

## Christmas Dinner

Friday, 7 December 2018 – 7 pm  
St James Church Centre

## Get in the Picture

Saturday, 8 December 2018 – 10 – 4 pm  
Sunday, 9<sup>th</sup> – 2 – 4 pm, Templar Square

## Christingle Services

Sunday, 9<sup>th</sup> December – 10.30 (St Francis) 4.30 pm (St James)

## Cowley Christmas Arts - Schools and Rising Voices

Wednesday, 12 December 2018  
St James Church Centre

## Christmas Nativity Festival with Messy Activities

Saturday, 15 December 2018 – 10 – 3 pm

## Carol Services

Sunday, 16<sup>th</sup> December 2018  
4 pm – St James Church  
6 pm – St Francis Church

## Carols in the pub

Monday, 14 December 2018 – 6 pm  
Corner House, Hollow Way

REMEMBER: Tuesday lunches at St James

Church Centre from 12.30 pm



**Christmas Party**  
**Friday Dec 7th**  
**7:30 pm**  
**Church Centre Beauchamp Lane**

**Starter:**  
 Vegetable soup  
 -  
 Melon  
 -  
 Spinach and Ricotta Pastry  
 (can be gluten free)

**Main course:**  
 White Fish in cheese sauce  
 -  
 Turkey with gravy  
 -  
 Mushroom and Butternut Squash Stroganoff  
 (All served with options of 'Pigs in Blankets', stuffing, vegetables)

**Pudding:**  
 Mincemeat & Apple crumble  
 (gluten free available)  
 -  
 Fruit salad  
 (Both served with ice-cream or Custard)  
 -  
 Lemon sorbet

Come and join us for a gentle evening. You will need to book up your menu. Geoff is cooking and again is going to try not to over cater! We have maximum numbers of 80 seats so get in quick!

How can you book up?  
 • You can contact Geoff direct:  
 rector@cowleyteamministry.co.uk / 07759393023  
 • You can sign up on one of the sign-up sheets.  
 • You can contact the church office.

We hope to cover costs by donations collected on the evening. Profits will go to the St James Toilet in Church Fund.

If the menu above does not fit your needs have a chat with Geoff and he will see what we can do!

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 Call: **07392 606040**  
 For further information

## SAFEGUARDING IN COWLEY PARISH

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.

So we will ensure that our policies and practice on selection and training of those with any responsibility within the Church are in line with safer recruitment principles, including the use of Disclosure and Barring Service criminal records checks where applicable.

We intend that St James and St Francis churches will be safe, caring communities which provide a loving environment where there is a culture of 'informed vigilance' as to the dangers of abuse.

We will challenge any abuse of power, especially by anyone in a position of trust.

We will follow statute, guidance and recognised good practice in all safeguarding practice

Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility

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

## *Oxfordshire's Eccentrics – from 2006 Radio Oxford*

### A celebration of local people who are totally bonkers

The results of your nominations are now in!

The Breakfast Show spent a week celebrating Oxfordshire's Eccentrics and was deluged with your nominations for Oxfordshire's Greatest Eccentric, alive or dead...

It all started with the 150th anniversary of the death of William Buckland, renowned Oxford geologist and brilliant eccentric. William Buckland gave us the first scientific description of what became known as the dinosaurs, discovering the megalosaurus. He became the first Reader in Geology at Oxford University and was generally a bit mad... Charles Darwin called him a 'buffoon'. Scientists from around the world came to Oxford at the weekend for a symposium on his life and work and at the University Museum of Natural History there's a special display in his honour.

Amongst the strange things he did:

He had a table made of fossilised poo.

He used to ride around with a live bear on the back of his horse.

He ate his way through the animal kingdom.

He ate the heart of the King of France. After he died of course.

Radio Oxford also listed the Top 10 Eccentrics at the time – how many do you remember??

10. "Old Able" - a one-man travelling circus who'd entertain kids across the county with his performing rats.
9. He's gutted he couldn't come on this week, but he sends his love from his holiday in the Australian Outback. Mr Wacaday himself, Timmy Mallett.
8. It's "Banana Lil" – selling her wares from a barrel at St. Ebbes during the 1930s.
7. He brought giant can-can legs to Headington and could make the list for his hair alone... but then there's the shark sticking out of his roof. It's BBC Oxford's Bill Heine.
6. It's Oxford's multi-coloured tap-dancing busker, Colonel Mustard.
5. It was May Day every day for Frank "Cheddar" Wilson, who would dive off Magdalen Bridge and swim in the Thames come rain or shine.
4. That University has a lot to answer for. Professor Bor-Bor slept in a door sandwich and would cycle round the city with a coal skuttle on his head.
3. A giant among eccentrics... "Tex" the cowboy brought the Wild West to life in the county during the '40s, 50's and 60's.
2. An immaculate eccentric in every sense of the word. In his top hat and tails, Jimmy Dingle had to be the world's smartest sandwich board man.
1. Everyone's favourite transvestite bus conductor.... it's Joyce!

Received via Maggie Lewis, Cowley Neighbourhood Watch

# JOIN US FOR THEATRE VISITS

Creation Theatre: PETER PAN at the North Wall, Summertown  
Saturday 5 January 2019, 2:00 pm  
[www.creationtheatre.co.uk](http://www.creationtheatre.co.uk)



"All children, except one, grow up."

A shadow at the window, a sprinkling of fairy dust and then straight on till morning; the Darling children are off on an adventure. Can Peter lead the Lost Boys to victory, or will Hook win Neverland?

This winter, pull up a chair for Creation Theatre's eighth family Christmas show at The North Wall. From the team behind last year's anarchic 'A Christmas Carol' comes a new adaptation of this much loved J.M.Barrie story, full of songs, sword fights and awfully big adventures. As with all Creation's productions, it's not a pantomime! So the recommended age is 7+.

Cabaret style tables are back around the stage this year or there are also traditional seats up in the gallery.

Ticket prices will be negotiated, depending on group size but the maximum will be £19-£25 for adults, £17-£20 for children (up to 16) and seniors, or there are just a few in the back row of the gallery for £13/£11.

A provisional booking for 20 tickets has been made and must be confirmed and paid as soon as possible. As at 30.10.18, only 10 are spoken for.....

Please contact Lesley Williams quickly. Payment will be taken later and you can do it in instalments if necessary.

Lesley Williams 01865 779 562 07982 439 828 [lesleyjwilliams@btinternet.com](mailto:lesleyjwilliams@btinternet.com)

# JOIN US FOR MUSIC

JAZZ AT ST GILES [www.jazzatstgiles.com](http://www.jazzatstgiles.com)

There's no group booking offered but some jazz lovers may have missed the magic of this series of fundraising concerts on sundry Saturday evenings, 7.30 pm in St Giles church, Oxford

Coming up:

November 10th: [Art Themen Quintet](#)

November 17th: [Brickwork Lizards](#)

November 24th: [Tommaso Starace](#)

December 1st: [David Gordon Trio](#)

Tickets : £15 standard, £12 concessions (over 65 and disabled), £8 - students with ID, £5 - under 18 and carer for accompanied disabled person, booked on Eventbrite. There are usually tickets available on the door but some concerts are fully booked.

There's good wine, supplied by the Parsonage Hotel, and really nice nibbles – all for a donation.

All the artists perform free. The charities supported are War Child, Combat Stress and St Giles own Project 900, celebrating its 900th anniversary in 2019.

# REPORT FROM THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

The PCC met on the 14 October 2018. The Church Committees reported back following their meetings, and the PCC agreed that the following action should be taken:

- ∅ A feasibility study should be undertaken in relation to the provision of a toilet at St James Church. The feasibility study would include the provision of a hand rail from the south door of St James Church.
- ∅ The floor in the main hall at St Francis should be refurbished, sanded and sealed. An estimate has been accepted and the work will be undertaken the week commencing 3 December.
- ∅ The Parish should sign up for the Parish Giving Scheme. More details of this will be available shortly.

In addition there was:

- ∅ The work of the Ministry Team
- ∅ A review of the way the Services were going in both churches
- ∅ Work of Children's Church
- ∅ Health and Safety
- ∅ Data Protection – on-going discussion
- ∅ Safeguarding – policy was agreed and there was an update on training.
- ∅ Parish Pastoral Network – next meeting, 31 October 2018 *[this was changed to 1 November 2018]*

The next series of meetings have been arranged:

St Francis Church Committee, 2 December 2018, at 12.15 pm, St Francis Church  
St James Church Committee, 4 December 2018, at 7.30 pm, at St James Church Centre

Parochial Church Committee, Sunday, 16 January 2019, at 12.30 pm, St James Church Centre

Parochial Church Committee, Sunday, 24 February 2019, at 12.15 pm at St Francis Church (discussion of draft Accounts)

PCC Meeting, Sunday, 24 March 2019, at 12.30 pm at St James Church Centre (to sign off accounts)

St Francis Annual Congregational Meeting, Sunday, 7 April 2019, at 12 noon, St Francis Church

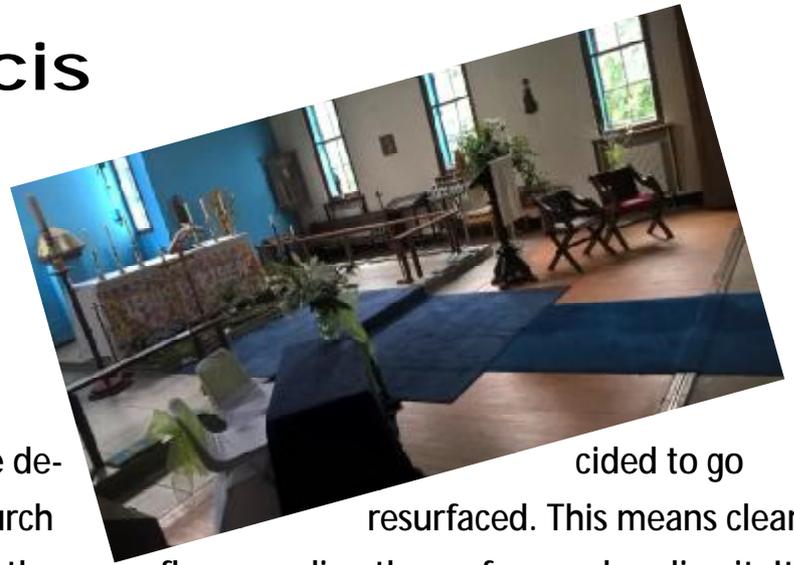
St James Annual Congregational meeting, Sunday, 14 April 2019, at 12 noon, St James Church Centre

APCM, Sunday, 28 April 2019, at 12 noon, St James Church Centre

Sally Hemsworth  
PCC Secretary



# St Francis Church Floor



After much thought and prayer, we have decided to go ahead and get the floor in St Francis Church resurfaced. This means clearing the hall, repairing and filling parts of the floor, sanding the surface and sealing it. It is a big job! It is a big project that will cost in the region of £3500. The plan is to complete the work in the week starting Dec 3<sup>rd</sup> so that it will be completed by Nativity set Festival on the 15<sup>th</sup>. Do please hold this in your prayers. If anybody can help with the funding it would be great!

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So, what is the knock-on effect? The Hall will be out of use from the later part of Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> Dec until Sunday 10<sup>th</sup>. We will be in touch with hall users to let them know!

Claire Ewers

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# Mothers' Union News

A couple of weeks ago we held our annual wine, cheese and poetry evening and were delighted to welcome quite a large contingent of visitors, who were new to what the evening held. From their comments they obviously enjoyed the whole evening enormously. Needless to say our members had a great evening too. The supper was delicious (prepared by our dynamic committee) and the poetry varied and well chosen. Impressively we were treated to a piece of original verse composed by one of our members. The emphasis this year, though, was mainly on humour. So with plenty of laughs and chuckles, it is a great pleasure to announce that just over £40 is being sent off to the Mothers' Union Harvest Appeal to offer aid to farmers in the Third World. What a happy result.

Our October branch meeting coincided with schools half-term and several of our members were on holiday with their grandchildren. So our numbers were smaller than usual. However, the Revd Mark Oxbrow, one of our favourite speakers, made the meeting a very interesting and entertaining one. Mark spoke about his early experiences in his home county of Suffolk where he took part in a number of archaeological excavations. He brought along a selection of artefacts from the various sites he had worked on and also newspaper cuttings about the work that had been done there.

The branch has received a very nice letter of thanks from the staff at the Special Baby Unit at the John Radcliffe Hospital expressing their gratitude for the lovely knitted blankets and garments we have sent to them. We are hoping to amass another collection for them in time for Christmas.

Instead of a regular branch meeting this month the deanery group of Mothers' Union Members are coming to St James for their autumn forum. On Monday, November 19<sup>th</sup> there will be a communion service at 10.30 am in the Parish Church, with hymns played by Brian Tidy. We shall then make our way to the Church Centre for coffee, any business that needs to be addressed and then a

"bring-your-own" lunch. We look forward to as many Cowley members as possible at this special occasion. It is good to talk to fellow members from other places in our area.

Rosanne Butler



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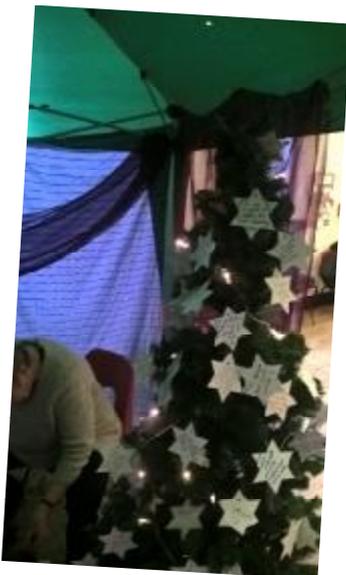
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## Christmas Prayer Spaces for Schools

Again, we are going to host some Christmas prayer spaces for our local schools. Church Cowley St James will be using St James Church on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> December, whilst St Francis School will be in St Francis Church on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> December. If you are able, we would love you to help. Please watch out for the volunteering and signup sheets! For more information have a word with Geoff.

We will have three stations: The Missed journey, Who is invited to take the journey, and Peace of the Journey! We should be having a brilliant time! Do join us if you are able.

# 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  
1st 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 (Katherine Reed)	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

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