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ST. JAMES CHURCH

CHRISTMAS GIFT AND CRAFT FAIR

Saturday 20th November 2021

10.00 am to 1.00 pm

St James Church Centre, Beauchamp Lane, Cowley

Enjoy refreshments while you shop

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From the Archives

May 1984

Altar Cross

It has already been rather dangerous being a priest at St. Francis' Church, but the reality of the physical threat became apparent when pieces of the modern cross above the altar began to detach themselves and hit the Priest at the Altar. During Holy Week, the cross was removed and an extensive renovation was carried out by Mr. Jack Douglas. Father Ross has the job of trying to get all the glass pieces back in the right order – the glue on the original chunks had not been strong enough for the weight of glass involved. So, as he was now responsible for the re-gluing, he only has himself to blame if bits still fall on him!!

Memorial to The Reverend George Moore

Many people have commented on the poor state of repair of the grave of Georgie Moore. The surround of the grave itself had slipped and the lettering on the stone itself very hard to read. St. James' Church Committee decided that something should be done about it – and an extensive renovation has now been completed. All we need now is the money to pay for it! Donations toward this refurbishment will be gratefully received by the Team Rector or Churchwardens. Georgie Moore is still remembered by a great many of the older generation in Cowley.

St. Francis Church

Thanks to Mr R W Wells, a fault has been rectified which enables the priests of St. Francis to celebrate the Eucharist correctly! When, many years ago, Altars were pulled out from the wall of our churches and the Priests began to celebrate the Eucharist facing the people, certain things could not be changed. In particular, the Altar stone – a stone containing the relics of the early saints of the Christian Church – was then in the wrong place on the opposite side of the Altar. Mr Wells has rectified this in a beautiful bit of the carpenter's art, by moving it back against the Altar.

Shaun Guard

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Messy Church on the Theme of Advent
Saturday 27th Nov 10 am to 11:30
St Francis Church



Come and join up to celebrate. There will be a Bible Story, Songs, Crafts, including painting Advent candles etc. Bring your own candles to paint or use one of ours!

Outside there will be a Christmas stall from 11 am – 2 pm – where small gifts, Christmas table decorations, and mince pies and hot drinks will be on sale.

REAL ADVENT CALENDAR from the Meaningful Chocolate Company

The Real Advent Calendar is the UK's only Fairtrade chocolate Advent calendar, which comes with a free 24-page Christmas story-activity book and supports charitable causes.

The 2021 Real Advent Calendar has a new design and is a fun way for parents, grandparents and godparents to share the Christmas story. There is a fairtrade chocolate and a line of the Christmas story behind each of the 25 windows. The book has a page for every day of Advent, expanding on the Christmas story and includes some fun challenges.

In addition, the support of a children's hospital from sales profits, a schools and youth competition included in the book, and free online all-age worship material make The Real Advent Calendar something special - a great resource.

No other calendar enables parents and children to experience the Christmas story for 24-days, and be challenged to do some good during the season. The Real Advent Calendar is designed to share and celebrate the true meaning of Christmas so that Christ is not written out of Christmas.

It's just £4.50. The Parish order has gone in and included a box of 18 calendars along with 12 each of 'Christmas blessings' chocolate bars – milk and dark chocolate, £3.00.

Only a few are pre-ordered so speak to/phone/email Lesley Williams quickly if you wish to claim any of them.

<https://meaningfulchocolate.co.uk/collections/christmas>



GIVE A REAL ADVENT CALENDAR

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WHAT IS A REAL ADVENT CALENDAR?

The Real Advent Calendar was created in 2013 in response to surveys which revealed that 36% of 5-7 year olds did not know whose birthday was celebrated at Christmas.

To help spread the Christmas story the Real Advent Calendar has a line of the Christmas story behind each of the 25 doors and a corresponding page in the Christmas story-activity book which expands the story.

Kids love the Fairtrade chocolate and they love the book. Parents enjoy reading it with their kids and learning more about the Christmas story and traditions.

Where to Buy

The calendar is no longer available in supermarkets so please order direct from

WWW.REALADVENT.CO.UK

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SAFEGUARDING IN COWLEY PARISH

You will have noticed that this piece is in Chronicle every month..... because it is so important and we must keep telling ourselves we will keep everyone safe in our churches and fellowship and ensure their wellbeing

As a Parish, we are committed to the Christian care, nurture of, and respectful pastoral ministry with, all children and all adults but particularly those who are vulnerable in any way.

So we ensure that our policies and practice on the selection and training of all those staff and volunteers with any responsibility within the Church are in line with safer recruitment principles, including the use of Disclosure and Barring Service criminal records checks where applicable. DBS checks must now be renewed every three instead of five years so we are about to embark on a major process of re-application.

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, including domestic violence and bullying.

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

We follow statute, guidance and recognised good practice in all our safeguarding procedures and check that all users of our premises agree to do so too.

It is now 3 years since the Diocesan training programme was introduced for all those Parish volunteer roles requiring it - and that training must now be refreshed. Several people have followed the courses individually at home on line but others are awaiting our offer of group training at St James Centre, both for the Basic Awareness course, which I, as Parish Safeguarding Officer, can deliver, and Foundation, which requires a Diocesan trainer. I'd hope the first would have been delivered by now but this back to 'normal' life is very busy – and now it's Christmas Tree Festival time so there may be some slippage.

And there's still quite a bit of nudging to do of those volunteers who have not yet said how they will undertake the training.

The Church of England has also revised its requirements for the DBS (Disclosure and Barring Service) background checks for all those working with children and young people, and in positions of leadership, from every 5 years to every 3 – so we must initiate a programme of re-checks over the next year.

Following completion of my own 'Leadership' refreshed training, I am committed to raising the safeguarding profile and awareness further by establishing a group to meet 2 or 3 times a year, with clergy, church wardens and leaders of all our Parish groups. The first will happen soon, when we can find a convenient date.

Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility – *please be sure to report anything you observe that worries you about someone's safety or wellbeing whilst at church or on-line.*

It is just as important during this strange part-virtual, part-reality time; the situation throws up its own safeguarding and welfare issues. Please remain vigilant.

Lesley Williams 01865 779 562 07982 439 828 safeguarding@cowleyteamministry.co.uk

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 the order and we will benefit from the 'More than a book' cash back scheme. It's that easy! We earn a little from our 'Open the Book' resources orders but a top up from some personal shopping would be useful. Do look at the on-line shop for Bibles, prayer books, cards, stickers, courses, fiction, DVDs etc. <https://www.biblesociety.org.uk/products/>



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Community Emergency Foodbank

As you can see from the following Jane Benyon is delighted with the contribution from the Parish:

“Please could you thank all those who once again, so generously contributed towards your Harvest collection of food for the Community Emergency Foodbank.

At the beginning of the pandemic we had to close our three collection points at St Francis Church, Hollow Way; Barton Community Church and Littlemore Baptist Church. We then opened again, providing a delivery service to the homes of all those who have been referred to us by our many referring agencies. The criteria of who received our food remained the same; we provide food parcels for those in need of emergency help.

There was a huge rise in numbers needing our help during this period, mainly due to the Covid 19 epidemic and the subsequent financial difficulties so many people found themselves in. The number of people being referred to us being higher than in previous years. but our new delivery service coped well with this increase.

The problem with providing a delivery service was that we had no contact with those in need of our help as we were providing a Tesco's style service. We were therefore delighted to be able to return to our CEF cafés at St Francis Church, Barton and Littlemore in August and meet people again and support them in other ways as well as with food.

Your churches kind donations make all the difference to very many people.”

The harvest season may well be over but CEF still needs stock; keep an eye out for BOGOF offers when you are shopping for any of these and add them to the crates in St Francis church or St James Centre or by the Rectory back door

tins of meat

tins of vegetables - sweetcorn, peas, carrots etc (*not tomatoes or beans*)

instant coffee

hot chocolate (*not tea*)

tinned and packet puddings

tinned fruit

jams and other spreads

sugar

cereals

Biscuits

practical toiletries for men & women

Please ensure that all items are well within their sell by date – 3 months preferred

<http://cefoxford.co.uk/foodlist.asp>

LATEST NEWS FROM COWLEY WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Our run of brilliant speakers continues. Steve Moll gave us a talk on "The Incredible world of the Honey Bee". We were absolutely fascinated by what he had to say. It was a lively meeting with lots of questions asked. We all had a very enjoyable afternoon.

Our next meeting is on Wednesday November 17th at 2pm.

The talk is called " The Ugly Duckling and the Magic Wand" by Eugene Matthias. We have heard great reviews of this talk, it is sure to be a fun afternoon - he might even put in a bit of magic.

Our October outing was to Yarnton Garden Centre. We all found plenty to buy and enjoyed a coffee, cake and a good chat.

On November 3rd we will be visiting the Museum of Oxford at the Town Hall.

If this is the sort of thing you might enjoy please come along to a meeting.

We are always very happy to welcome visitors.

Kathy Hulcup

Secretary Cowley Women's Institute

SMILE

SENIOR CITIZENS

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We must congratulate today's Senior Citizens. They are indeed a hardy bunch when you consider how the world has changed and the adjustments they've had to make.

God bless all senior citizens

Film Club at the Centre

In October 2012 Film Club was born. It was a joint idea shaped by Rev Howard Thornton (our then Parish Rector) and me. From the word go it was a real success and recently former members have been longing to see it revived. Well, the wait is almost over! After 88 regular film nights, that wretched Covid forced us to close but now the feeling is that, with sensible precautions, we can begin again in January 2022. Hooray!!

It would be sensible to remind former members and inform potential new ones of the format. Because we are a private club there are rules which we have to follow, otherwise we would be liable to pay performing rights and they are very expensive.

The rules are as follows:

- The club is restricted to a membership of 50 persons.
- Each member needs to be registered.
- Each member is entitled to bring one guest.
- There must be no advertising, except through the parish or by word of mouth.
- There must be no entrance fee, so members are asked to make a donation to cover costs (use of room, refreshments etc).

Sally Hemsworth and I have decided that we should keep to our old tried-and-trusted formula of meeting on the second Friday of each month at 6.30pm for coffee / tea and cake with time for a chat followed by a 7.00pm start. Our first film night in 2022 will be on Friday 14th January. There will be no wine bar, but soft drinks, tea or coffee will be served at the beginning and during the interval.

So, all you film buffs do turn up! There will be a new membership list, so you need to sign in on arrival and bring a friend if you wish. We are asking for a retiring donation of £3.00 - making it possibly the cheapest Friday night out in Oxford. Programmes for the coming season will be available.

So, what is going to be our first showing? Well we thought we'd begin with a musical in dreary January and have decided on one which was very popular back in 2014 – *is it really that long ago?* – “Fiddler on the Roof”.

It doesn't matter if you have seen it before, it is a cracking good story with some great acting.

By the way, this will be the first film we have ever repeated in 88 film nights, and we've got some real goodies to come.

See you there!

Rosanne Butler

Climate – is it really an ‘emergency’?

Do you enjoy the occasional Indian take away? Did you know that hardly any Indian take away meals in the UK are cooked by Indians? In fact what we know as Indian takeaways are almost always prepared by Bangladeshi chefs! This is just another example of what you might call ‘British colonial ignorance’ like the way we often hear ‘Africa’ referred to as if it were a country, not a continent comprised of 54 very different independent countries.

Bangladesh was, of course, part of “British India”, but in March of this year it celebrated its 50th. year as an independent nation of 171 million people – more than twice the population of the UK. It was on a visit to Bangladesh a few years ago that I took this picture of three happy young children in a village surrounded by water.



So why am I writing about Bangladesh this month? Partly in celebration of their 50th. anniversary but more particularly because they currently have a strong delegation in Glasgow attending the COP26 climate crisis conference. If you know anything about Bangladesh you will know that climate change is a very real emergency for them. Why? Because they are one of the lowest lying countries in the world with millions of people living just inches above sea level. If we continue melting the polar icecap at the rate we are doing at present then by the time the children in this picture are adults the village where I met them will have become a distant memory under the sea. If you have a map at home (or on the internet) look and see how much of Bangladesh is already water, how many great rivers carry melting snow and ice down from the Himalayas. When the mighty Brahmaputra river enters the north of Bangladesh it is more than 10 miles wide. When I was travelling in Bangladesh I had to constantly cross rivers using ferries that docked at temporary floating platforms because river banks move constantly, each flood consuming more land.

Farmland in many parts of Bangladesh is often washed away by floods or submerged under salty water which makes it infertile for years to come. Life is hard, surviving climate change really is an emergency for the 170 million residents of Bangladesh.

As I visited different parts of Bangladesh I met church leaders who are doing amazing work to

support farmers, educate children, improve medical facilities, help Muslim women and men who want to know more about Jesus (who they read about in the Qu'ran). One man I have worked with for 20 years, Mahbood, now has a network of Christian groups – over 30,000 people in total – all of whom are Muslims who have decided to follow Jesus as their Lord. Praise God for all that is happening amongst people facing a real emergency.

Ironically, when you get your next “Indian” takeaway, cooked by Bangladeshi chefs, it will probably come in a plastic container. As you reuse or recycle that container let it remind you of the people of Bangladesh for whom climate change is not just annoying (more rain, flowers dying in our gardens, more cost to heat our homes) but a real life threatening emergency. If we do not act NOW, these three beautiful children will lose their home, their village and perhaps even their nation as the sea reclaims the land. As you look at this picture you may be looking at “refugees in the making” – but we DO have the power to stop this.

Mark Oxbrow

A Question Answered.

Whilst digitising past copies of ‘The Chronicle’ I found the answer to my question regarding who had the idea of the Church Centre / Office in the first place. An article appearing in the April 2015 edition stated that Rev. Stephen Hartley was about to retire from his position as a parish priest in Coventry. It went on to say the following:

“Our parish has much to thank Stephen for in no small measure, for the tireless work he did in providing us with our brilliant Church Centre. Stephen, ably supported and assisted by his church warden, Gwen Ranklin (to whom the Ranklin Room is dedicated) had the dream of turning what was an ancient stable block into a modern working centre for the parish. As was his style he set about making that dream a reality with energy and enthusiasm. First the old Parish Hall (Between Towns Road) was sold and then architects, builders and landscapers were commissioned to produce the great asset we all enjoy today. It was Stephen together with his wife Sharon who presented to the PCC the colour scheme of pleasant greens for the interior decoration. It was he who chose the fabric for the curtains and the toning colours for the crockery. Best of all though was the excellent kitchen – so well equipped as it is.

He also commissioned the building of the rostrum over the chancel steps in St James Church and carpeted and furnished the chapel of St Luke. He knew what was functional and attractive as well”.

So, there we have it! Next time you are in the Centre, the Office or in St. James’ church, look around, appreciate and give thanks for Stephen’s vision and work, which is still very much in use today, even the same colour scheme in the Centre which has worked so well. I wonder what he would think of the installation of solar panels on the roof of the Centre, done to reduce energy costs? I’m sure he would approve.

Les Hemsworth

YCCN RELAY – RISE TO THE MOMENT

As you will now have read many times, here and in the Link, members of the Young Christian Climate Network, joined along the way by lots who were not so young, walked a 1,200 mile relay from the G7 summit in Cornwall in June to the COP26 conference now in Glasgow, across the south of England to London, back through Oxford and then north – residences in Birmingham, Sheffield, Manchester, York, Newcastle - the north east coast – through the Scottish borders – Edinburgh and on to Glasgow. The media has also highlighted other groups – some of faith but others just climate activists - who walked across Europe and across Britain, meeting together on arrival.

Having walked just one short day, Deddington to Banbury in July, it has been inspirational to follow the YCCN relay daily through a WhatsApp stream with photos, videos, prayers, links to articles and TV/radio coverage. I'd have liked to walk with them again on their arrival in Glasgow on Saturday 30 October but was committed to events at Hill End – so I'm going instead for the weekend of 5-8 November and will join the faiths bloc at the 'Global day of climate action' rally there on Saturday 6 November. I'm really looking forward to seeing 'live' the boat 'Pilgrim' which will be in St George's Tron church, where YCCN and Christian Aid services are being held.

The climate crisis is a reflection, and a cause, of deep injustice in the world. This crisis arises from our abuse of God's creation, and our broken relationship with our neighbours worldwide who suffer most from its consequences. The biblical mandate is to care for creation, and lament its exploitation. YCCN demands systematic change on a global and a local scale

YCCN is urging the UK government to:

1. reinstate foreign aid budget to pre-COVID levels
2. secure agreement from rich countries to at least double the decade-old promise of \$100bn a year for climate finance
3. ensure finance for climate-induced loss and damage
4. push for debt cancellation so climate-vulnerable nations can better confront the climate crisis and
5. other urgent priorities

Prayer for the COP26 climate summit:

Loving God,

We praise your name with all you have created.

You are present in the whole universe,
and in the smallest of creatures.

We acknowledge the responsibilities you have placed upon us as stewards of your creation. May the Holy Spirit inspire all political leaders at COP26 as they seek to embrace the changes needed to foster a more sustainable society. Instil in them the courage and gentleness to implement fairer solutions for the poorest and most vulnerable, and commit their nations to the care of our common home. We ask this through Our Lord Jesus Christ your Son. Amen

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



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Day of Prayer and Fasting For Gods Kingdom to grow in Oxford

Come and Pray for your loved ones, neighbours and our community, so all are open to receive the message of Salvation of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Venue: St Francis Church, Hollow Way, Oxford, OX3 7JP

Date: 22nd of January 2022, 09:00 am – 21:00 pm;

Part or whole day visitors welcome.

Not a member of St Francis? Not a problem, we pray in unity with all Christians.



If there are medical reasons why you cannot fast, please consult your doctor first.

For "Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect." (Matthew 24:44)

There will be no childcare facility for the day.

For more information or questions please email Elwira Lubos on:

elubos42@gmail.com or phone on 07971 942 914

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.

St James Church and St Francis Church CELEBRATING THE LIVES OF THOSE WHO HAVE DIED

Dear Friends,

Each Autumn St James Church holds a season of remembering. This kicks off at the end of October with 'All Souls' and 'All Saints'. In the coming weeks we are offering 3 key events:

First, an opportunity to help build out tree of memories. It is the first of the Christmas trees we decorate. It journeys with us through the weeks building up to Christmas and until the celebration of Candlemas (on the 2nd of February). It stands as a reminder of those we have journeyed with and lost. Those involved are invited to construct a small decoration in memory of their loved ones

Second, our 'Loved Ones Service' (at 4 pm on Sunday 31st October). This is traditionally the celebration of the faithful departed and links in with 'All Saints'. It is a quiet and reflective service that allows us to bring before God, our loved ones, and those who have the sadness of loss. During the service we light candles and include the names of those we are remembering.

Third, our Remembrance Day Services on Sunday 14th November. Services will take place in both St James and St Francis Churches. Here we commit to striving for peace and remember the sacrifice of so many, that we might have freedom to be a loving, caring supportive community. Look out for some work in our churchyards

Do please consider joining us. You can check the details at www.cowleyteamministry.co.uk, or by contacting me.

OUR TREE OF MEMORIES

Come and add to our tree
Remembering those who have died
Saturday 30th Oct 11:30 to 1:30
St James Church
Beauchamp Lane

Loved Ones Service

Sunday Oct 31st
4 pm
St James' Church
Beauchamp Lane
Cowley OX43LF

A service remembering and giving thanks for the lives of those who have died.

Remembrance Day:
Sunday 14th November
A Service for Cowley

St Francis Church
Hollow Way 9:30 am
St James Church
Beauchamp lane
11:am

*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*

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SUNDAY SERVICES

ST JAMES CHURCH, BEAUCHAMP LANE

ST FRANCIS CHURCH, HOLLOW WAY

8.00am	St James
9.30am	St Francis
11.00am	St James

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Out of hours tel: 01865 778596

Website: www.cowleyteamministry.co.uk

MID-WEEK SERVICES & MEETINGS

Monday	10.00-11.30am	Little Stars Playgroup— St Francis
Tuesday	10.00am	Seashells Toddler Group— St James Church Centre
	12.30pm	Tuesday Lunch Club, St James Church Centre (numbers limited—booking essential. If interested con- tact Chris Woodman)

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HOME GROUPS

Leader	Time/Venue
Friends of St Francis	2nd & 4th Tuesday afternoons at 2.30pm at St Francis Church
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

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