

Chronicle

October 2017



Come and join Messy Church for fun activities to think about

Harvest

crafts story songs
toys baking

All ages are welcome at St Francis Church, 225 Hollow Way, Cowley, OX3 7JF
Saturday 21st October
10.30am – 12 noon

For more details contact:
Mary Bayliss 01865 778596,
Email: m.bayliss41@btinternet.com
or contact the Cowley Parish Church Office 01865 74761



Come and join Messy Church and Seashells for fun activities to think about

Harvest

crafts story songs
toys baking

All ages are welcome at St James Church Centre, Beauchamp Lane, Cowley, OX4 3LF
Tuesday 24th October
10am – 11.30am

For more details contact:
Mary Bayliss 01865 778596,
Email: m.bayliss41@btinternet.com
or contact the Cowley Parish Church Office 01865 747680

ST. JAMES CHURCH
CHRISTMAS GIFT AND CRAFT FAIR
Saturday 25th November 2017
10.00 am to 2.00 pm
St James Centre, Beauchamp Lane, Cowley

Enjoy refreshments while you shop

Excellent Christmas Raffle with really good prizes
Home-made cakes and preserves
Hand-made crafts for that special gift, including Suncatchers, hand-crafted cards and jewellery
Face Painting
Local Honey
Good second-hand books and puzzles
Tombola and lots, lots more



all at prices you can afford

All proceeds will go towards refurbishment at St James Church
Please come and join us

From the Editors

Sally Hemsworth and Nicki Stevens

Autumn is here – and there are activities in abundance, like the harvest, taking place in the Parish. Notices and dates are given in The Chronicle as well as notices in both churches and the church centre – please note the dates and enjoy all these activities.

The two Parish Walks have been very enjoyable and it is hoped that these continue to attract people – these are run by the people on the walks as those on the walk decide the date and route of the next walk. The date will then be made available in the Parish in case other people wish to join in.

We are almost there with numbers for the Group Holiday – ideally we would like more than the 30 required so that we can have a reserve list just in case people who have booked find they are unable to come.

We often ask people what they would like to see in The Chronicle – and one recent request was for some reminiscences of our school days. So, please let us have your stories on this and any other matters you might like to raise.

Articles can be emailed to the address given later in The Chronicle, or a handwritten copy can be delivered to Sally at the Parish Office. We would love to hear from you.

OPEN THE BOOK

We are JAM ‘just about managing’ the three assemblies a fortnight with our team but it is difficult when any of us are away or ill.

So this is our latest appeal for some new team members to share the joy of story-telling – alternate weeks in one or more of our three schools, an hour each time to meet, prepare, tell/enact the story along with some children, clear up and plan the next time.

Mondays	08.45	St Christopher’s, Temple Road
Tuesdays	10.00	Church Cowley St James, Bartholomew Road
Thursdays	10.00	St Francis, Horspath Road

Why not come and observe in one of the schools to see if it fits your style? It is a great mission statement. We will tell ‘the greedy farmer’ this week – he pulled down his barns and built bigger ones – and later in the term it will be the parable we heard at our harvest thanksgiving services entitled ‘everyone gets the same’; that will need lots of child workers!

Talk to/contact: Geoff or Lesley Williams or Jill Ling or Joan Coleman

A word from the Rectory

Somewhere in this month's magazine you will find a letter From Bishop Stephen. In it he outlines a call for us to be more Christ-like. You will find a short video with him introducing this on our Team website: www.cowleyteamministry.co.uk.

Bishop Stephen turns our eyes to the words of Matthew Chapter 5 (verses 1 to 10). Blessed are... Bishop Stephen asks that, over the coming months, we soak up this introduction to the Sermon on the Mount. Then we allow it to shape our understanding of what it means to be builders of the Kingdom of God.

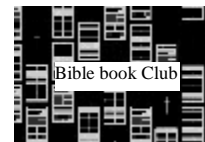
Matthew's Gospel is one of my favourite books of the Bible. It was the Gospel being read on each Sunday in the year I was ordained. This meant I spent many hours soaking it up in preparation for preaching. The Kingdom of God is one of its 'big themes' and Matthew contrasts how the world view and God's view differ. It points to the law of the Old Testament being the starting point of what is acceptable to God.

Later it makes it clear that on our own, we will never be able to live up to such expectations. It is only with the strength and forgiveness that come from Jesus that we can live in a world that recognises God as king.

In this last month, we have started some Bible book clubs. Chances to get to know the books of the bible better. Each one tells a story and reveals about God and humanity. Our Bible Book Clubs have started looking at the books

of Ruth, Romans, Hosea and Mark. Our established Home Groups have picked up on these themes. One group is starting on Amos, another has looked at Malachi. It is a wonderful adventure, do join in, if you are able. Or you can simply read a book and then ask for a 3 page bible guide that goes with it. These are downloadable from the Bible society web pages, but if you get a message to the office we can print one off for you.

Bishop Stephen has recognised 3 parts of our journey towards growing God's Kingdom. He suggests that, as a Church, we need to be more Contemplative, Compassionate and Courageous. These three words conjure a series of images in my heart. One links with the Oxford Winter Night Shelter. This is a new project that will run over the first months of next year. There should be a press release from the Revd Mary Gurr, the City Chaplain to the homeless, somewhere in this edition. Do please take time to read it. It is just one small part of God's Church striving to shows God's compassion to the world. Another is the prayer tent we set up in Cowley Centre. It strives to Help others find God in prayer. It rekindles a link that we can all have. A link that can be a well of living water for the coming years. May God bless each of you as you show his love to others.



Benson Cottage

Prayer Space

A prayer of St Francis of Assisi
(4th October)

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace;
Where there is hatred, let me sow love;
Where there is injury, pardon;
Where there is discord, union;
Where there is doubt, faith;
Where there is despair, hope;
Where there is darkness, light;
Where there is sadness, joy.

And a prayer in honour of St Luke
(18th October)

Healing God,
we thank you for Luke,
the beloved physician,
and for his faithful recording
of the life of your Son
and the birth of the church.

Continue in us your work of healing:
may we never pass by on the other side,
but rather reach out to the poor and sick
and those on the margins,
in the love of Jesus our Lord.

Angela Ashwin

GROUP HOLIDAY

Numbers are increasing, but we would like more people to "sign up" for this event.

Please do contact Pat Chambers or Sally Hemsworth if you would like to join the holiday or if you would like to discuss further.

CHRISTMAS BOXES – SAMARITAN'S PURSE

Many of you will have seen the Christmas Boxes at St James Church, St Francis Church and St James Church Centre – these boxes have been purchased to support this charity.

If you would like to participate there are a number of ways you can do this:

- ∅ Make a donation towards goods and postage (each box costs £5 to send)
- ∅ Donate goods to fill the boxes – see details on board
- ∅ Join with friends to fill a box
- ∅ Fill a box yourself

**BOXES NEED TO BE COMPLETED
AND RETURNED TO CHURCH
BY 12 NOVEMBER 2017**

M J Holden Plumbing & Heating

- Bathroom Installation and Refurbishment
- All Plumbing Repairs
- Leaks and Bursts
- Outside Taps
- Radiators
- Blockages
- Ball Valves and Overflows
- Pumps and Valves
- Property Maintenance
- All Trades Covered

If you find using your bath a struggle have you considered converting to a shower enclosure?

No job too small—full insured—free estimates

Telephone: 07584 190069

Email: mike_holden69@hotmail.co.uk

OXFORD CITY FARM FESTIVAL

Saturday 7 October, 11:00 – 4:00

Our local Oxford City Farm, tucked away behind the Isis Care Home on Cornwallis Road on land that used to be the Donnington School playing field, is making the news:

- ∅ earlier this year, it raised £12,000 through a crowd funding campaign to install water and electricity on the site
- ∅ the developers of the new Westgate have donated 30,000 bricks from the old shopping centre to create farm buildings and boundary walls
- ∅ it has won a Celebrate England Big Lottery grant to celebrate progress in securing this wonderful new green space for the community

So now you can go and see how things are developing and have fun down on the farm !

This is a FREE event and is open to all - they especially want to bring together their lovely supporters and volunteers to say a big 'thank you'!

They will be celebrating with the following:

- Live music from local musicians and acoustic open mic
- Farm animals
- Games and activities for children
- Lots of yummy food from Coopers Pork, [Full Vegan Jacket](#) and The Bread Midwife
- Bar from [The Jolly Postboys](#)
- Apple pressing (please bring apples if you would like to juice them) from [Abundance Oxford](#)
- Face painting

There will also be opportunities to talk to the Farm trustees and steering group about their plans for the site and input your ideas.

To reduce waste (*partly because there are no refuse facilities and because it is better for the planet*) if you can, please BRING A PLATE, CUP AND CUTLERY if you want to eat or drink what is on offer!

Please note, there is NO PARKING on site.

Join a celebration of Autumn and of our lovely Community!
Oxford City Farm
Saturday 7th October 11-4pm
2017 Festival!

11.30am - Official Opening
12noon - Rising Voices with the Sea Green Singers
1.30pm - Oxford Ukuleles
2pm - Open mic (but without the mic)

Pony rides, farm animals, yummy veggie food, local BBQ & bar, pumpkin sale, apple pressing (bring apples & containers), toddler disco, face-painting & lots more

To help us reduce waste please bring your own cup, plate & cutlery. If you can, please bring a cake and / or sign up to volunteer via events@oxfordcityfarm.org.uk

Oxford City Farm, west end of Cornwallis Road, OX4 3NR
There's no parking onsite
Please contact us for specific access needs.

Funded by Celebrate England
For more info: [facebook.com/OxfordCityFarm](https://www.facebook.com/OxfordCityFarm) or [Twitter: @OxCityFarm](https://twitter.com/OxCityFarm)
www.oxfordcityfarm.org.uk

Of giants and fakery

I have just returned from Yorkshire where I went to the Harrogate Autumn Show. This is a huge affair at the Great Yorkshire showground. There were hundreds of dahlias and chrysanthemums to be judged among the flowers. The skill and artistry in producing pristine blooms is to be greatly admired. But what I wanted to see were the giant vegetables!

There were leeks nearly a foot in diameter, huge carrots and parsnips more than a yard long, beetroot bigger than your head, cabbages the size of a kitchen table and the marrows and pumpkins obviously had to be brought in on their pallets by a fork-lift truck! And – none of them had a single blemish. The obsession in producing these marvels must be remarkable but, of course, no good to eat!

Apart from the giants, there were tables upon tables of other classes to be judged: tomatoes, potatoes, courgettes, peas, beans, sweetcorn, apples, pears – all kinds of edible. All the while, my sister and I were commenting as to whether we could do better or marvelling at the results of these other gardeners.

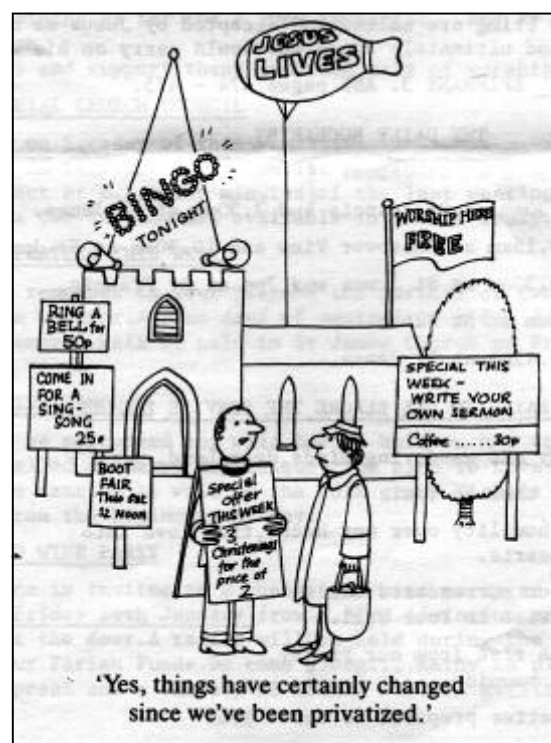
As well as the produce and flowers on show, there were loads of trade stands selling everything horticultural, food, drink and crafts. I came away with some tulip bulbs and some garlic, both of which I will plant next month. Garlic always responds to a long period in the ground.

Also on offer were those balls of plastic vegetation. I do not understand the attraction of hanging these up to decorate the outside of one's house, pub or business. Locally, I have noticed a front garden hedge

also made of plastic! I was so surprised I searched on the internet only to find several companies supplying them! I suppose it does mean that you will never have to clip it and a wash down with a hose will get rid of all the road dirt it will collect. I feel that it is such a shame not to have a green living surround to your space. Presumably there could be real plants in the garden behind the hedge. Mind you, it is better than concreting the whole frontage to make a parking space. If it is essential for a car, there are always places for real plants.

I had a chuckle in one of the cafes at the show, on finding a large plastic weeping ivy in a pot decorating the area and was told off by my sister, who used to work in local authority food safety, that real plants were not allowed near food. So why do café and restaurant tables have flowers in vases or even herbs in pots on them? She did not have an answer to that one.

Joan Coleman



MOTHERS' UNION NEWS

It was good to meet again after the summer break especially as our speaker was our friend Mark Oxbrow. Mark is always a favourite with members and the meeting was well attended.

After opening prayers letters of thanks were read, one from the Mothers' Union Summer Appeal to which we had contributed a £50 donation. The other letter was one of gratitude from the Children's Hospital at the John Radcliffe thanking us for all the beautiful hand-knitted garments and cot blankets which members had made for the babies. Another Mothers' Union appeal has been received in connection with the harvest and we decided to send the profit from the forthcoming wine, cheese, and poetry evening to this.

Mark spoke about the work he does in his capacity as leader of Faith2Share around the world "introducing" us to the many hard-working Christian missionaries with whom he is associated. He also brought along an Indian gentleman whom he introduced as Paul who spoke about the amazing growth of the Church in India.

We have been somewhat rushed at the end of some of our monthly meetings for some time now as we have been clashing with a group who have a regular booking following ours on a Monday. In order to avoid this, members voted to bring forward the starting time of our meetings to 2.15 pm. So from the third Monday in October this will be our regular slot.

As mentioned earlier this month we will be holding our popular Wine, Cheese and Poetry evening at the Church Centre, which is booked for Friday, 20th October at 7 pm. It is open to everyone, not just Mothers Union members and, as ever, promises to be a lot of fun. You do not have to bring a favourite poem (though it is lovely if you do); you do not have to read it yourself if you are a bit shy (someone will read it for you) but you do have to enjoy a great supper with wine or a soft drink or two. We charge £4 if you bring a poem, or poems, and £5 if you just turn up to be entertained. Either way we would love to see you.

This month's meeting on Monday, 16th will have as its speaker, a chaplain from the team of hospital visitors. It promises to be a very interesting talk. As ever visitors to our meetings are very welcome.

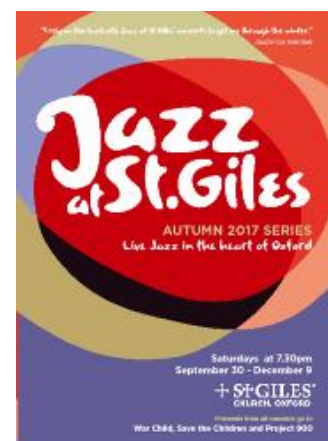
Rosanne Butler

JAZZ AT ST GILES

For jazz lovers : a series of 6 live charity concerts through the autumn on Saturdays at 7.30 pm, raising funds for War Child, Save the Children and Project 900, St Giles church's own 900 year anniversary development project.

See the posters/flyers in church and www.jazzatstgiles.com

Lesley Williams



A Poem from the book "Seven Days – Dips into the well of Truth" by Gertrude Wood

Something for the Mind

Why let our brains deteriorate
To slip into senility
While wonders all around us wait
To tax our brains' ability?

Aim high! Let reach exceed our grasp,
Meet Challenge with a dare to do,
With mind alert each passing day
To find and master something new,

A new idea, bit of verse,
A controversial statement heard,
Keen interest in community,
Something to keep the brain-cells stirred
Admire a view, a flower, a child,
And listen to a singing bird.

PROVERBS 23.7

For as he thinketh in his heart, so is he.

Lesley Weston
MFHT ITEC DIP
Registered Aromatherapy Practitioner

Aromatherapy is effective for:
Pre Sport Performance
Post Sport Relaxation
Muscle Aches, Pains & Sprains
Deep Relaxation
Insomnia
Stress, Anxiety & Depression
Balancing Hormones

07725 267 321

Leslevw70@hotmail.com

[facebook.com/holisticbodytreatments](https://www.facebook.com/holisticbodytreatments)

Home-Based practice in OX4

OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER 2017 EVENTS

PUT IN YOUR DIARY

OCTOBER

SUN 1st 10:30 am *Parish St Francis Day Celebration*
followed by a bring and share lunch (F)
SUN 15th 12:30 for 12:45 pm *Sunday lunch* (CC)
FRI 20th 7:00pm *MU Wine, cheese and poetry evening*
(CC)
SAT 21st 10:30 - 12:00 *Messy Church Harvest* (F)
TUE 24th 10:00 - 11:30 am *Messy Church Harvest* (CC)
TUE 24th 7:30pm *Mission Giving Evening* (CC)

NOVEMBER

SAT 18th 3:00 pm *Carol Singing*
(Templars Square - Christmas lights switch on)
SUN 19th 12.30 for 12.45pm *Sunday lunch* (CC)
SAT 25th 10:00 am-2:00pm *Gift & Craft Market*
(CC)



FROM DOORSTEPS

Viva, Unit 8, The Gallery, 54 Marston Street · Oxford, OX4 1LF

www.viva.org

Befriending struggling families in Oxford

H2O (Here to Help Oxford), a pilot scheme for befriending struggling families in East Oxford has launched!



Parenting is full of challenges, and we want to be able to hold out a hand to parents who are feeling isolated, stressed or finding it difficult to cope. We are partnering with a local school and local churches in order to do this.

We are looking for volunteers for the next phase Could you give up to two hours a week, for a minimum of six months, and be prepared to help a family realise their own strengths as well as be changed yourself? We will give you training and regular support.

If you are interested, please [email](mailto:h.barr@viva.org) Hannah at Doorsteps - h.barr@viva.org or call her on 01865 811 660.

Having served the community for 144 years the URC Church in Temple Road is closing. There will be a final service to celebrate the life of the Church on Sunday 5th November at 3 pm. We are all invited to join them!

To help them offer hospitality they would like us to indicate how many might join them. Do please sign up if you think you may go along. There is sheet at the back of the church.



HOLY TRINITY HEADINGTON QUARRY
AUTUMN SERIES

‘ALTERNATIVES’

Are there other ways of thinking about things?

7pm – 8pm in the church

Wednesday 25th October: Adrian Alker
Author of ‘Le Radical Church Possible?’ and chair of the Progressive Christian Network

Wednesday 1st November: Alex Wright
Author of ‘Exploring Doubt’ & ‘Meanings of Life’

Thursday 9th November: Wyon Stansfeld
Author of ‘Toggle’ (exploring compassion) and founder of Sanctuary Hosting

ALL WELCOME

Christian Aid 2017



March	Fairtrade Super Soup lunch	£ 145
May	Christian Aid Week	£2,088
June	Quiz Aid	£ 202
September	Lesley's wingwalk	<u>£ 644</u>
		£3,079

The Wingwalk (*aka Wingsit*) - Saturday 2 September 2017

At Chiltern Air Park, Ipsden near Wallingford, at around 1.10 pm, I landed having completed my promised crazy, just slightly scary 10 minute 'wingwalk' – it is more accurately a 'wingsit' but that does not sound nearly so challenging - strapped in a harness and rig on the top of a 1945 Boeing Stearman biplane. Now, nearly a month on, I am still searching for the most accurate adjectives to describe the experience : surreal, stimulating, exciting.....



It was a beautiful sunny day so the view from 500 feet was stunning. We did not loop the loop but banked quite steeply several times and there was one dive, increasing the speed from 80mph to 130mph.

At that speed, it is of course very windy (!) so waving is difficult and the most annoying problem was a runny nose! Thus the video taken by the wing-mounted camera shows several inelegant sleeve wipes! I will arrange for it to be viewed at St James Centre – on film night? &/or Sunday coffee time? I actually find it scarier than the actual flight.

It was great to have 16 supporters – 6 from the Parish – and 11 of us enjoyed a relaxed lunch at the Perch & Pike, South Stoke afterwards.

I 'won' the experience in a Dorchester Festival online charity auction, which benefitted the Sue Ryder hospice, Nettlebed, and have used it to raise funds for Christian Aid – a paper form - and for Oxfordshire Outdoor Learning Trust with an on line Just Giving page. The Trust, of which I am Secretary, promotes the importance of outdoor learning and provides bursaries for underprivileged children and young people to attend adventure weeks at the Oxfordshire Outdoor Centres (Yenworthy Lodge, Woodlands, Kilvrough Manor, Hill End) with their peers.

www.justgiving.com/lesley-williams-wingwalk

As at 25 September, there is £644 Christian Aid sponsorship and £1,097.75 for OOLT, both with gift aid to add. I will wind up and pay in the Christian Aid sponsorship on 10 October – so there is still just about time to round it up!

And the next challenge is.....??? suggestions welcome. They were skydiving over the air field....

Lesley Williams lesleyjwilliams@btinternet.com 07982 439 828

CTF 2017

Friday 9 – Saturday 16 December

The theme is Journeying (Mary & Joseph, the Holy Family, the Wise Men, How far is it to Bethlehem, pilgrimage, refugees, personal journeys, the journey of life.....)

It is time to start planning your tree – and letting Lesley Williams know if you can sign up any new groups or families or individuals to enter one. And/or anyone to come and sing/play/perform/busk during any of the opening times.

We have decided to open daily: 10.00-4.00 on the two Saturdays, 2.00-4.00 on Sunday to Friday, plus an evening opening, 6.30-8.30 on the Wednesday when Rising Voices will present a mini-concert. So there will be LOTS of volunteering opportunities for steward duty in the church as well as at 'Get in the Picture' at Templars Square on Saturday 9 December, and also at Messy Christmas in St James Centre on Saturday 16 December.

POSITIONS VACANT

- (1) Advertising executive officer to spend just a little time on social media and websites to get the word out to Oxford and the world
- (2) Sales Executive to approach local companies for sponsorship (there is an information pack provided)

Neither of those role holders would need to attend meetings if they could not or did not want to!

The next/final planning meeting will be on Wednesday 15 November, 9.30-10.30 am in the Ranklin Room

Lesley Williams ctf@cowleyteamministry.co.uk

Mission Giving in 2017

The PCC has put aside £2160 to give to deserving causes this year. This amount is the equivalent of 5% of the total planned giving in the Parish in 2016.

There will be a meeting to recommend to the PCC where the money will go. This will be on 24th October at 7.30pm in St James' Church Centre.

Any person wishing to help in the discussion is welcome. If you cannot get to the meeting, please give written or website details of any charity you would like to put forward, which should have a Christian ethos, to either Rev Geoff Bayliss or Joan Coleman.

ojcoleman@btinternet.com) before the 24th October meeting.

Churches Within Our Deanery

All Saints', Highfield, Headington, Oxford



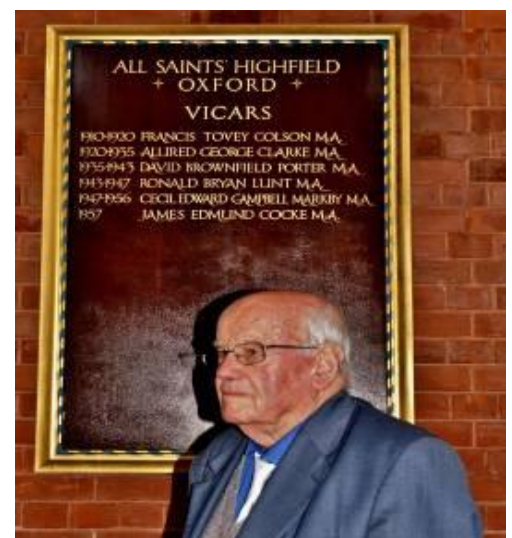
The origins of All Saints' Parish lie in the second half of the nineteenth century, and the development of the village of 'New Headington' around Lime Walk, Bateman Street and Windmill Road. At that time this area was part of the large parish of St Andrew's with its Norman church in 'Old Headington'. All Saints' was built in 1910 and is one of the four Anglican Parishes in Headington – each with its own corner. It stands on the south east corner of All Saints' Road and New High Street, and on the south west corner of All Saints' Road and Lime Walk in the centre of Headington. It is 'the church on the corner'.

Its foundation stone was laid on the 31 July 1909 by the Bishop of Oxford, Dr Francis Paget, on the south side of the nave in the presence of a large crowd. The new parish was given the name of Highfield after the large house immediately opposite the land, where the Vicarage would be built, was called Highfield Park. This house was bought by the Warneford Hospital in 1933 and renamed the Park Hospital, now known as Boundary Brook House.

The 1910 church building consisted only of the nave. Fund-raising to add both a chancel with choir stalls and a vestry were delayed by the outbreak of the 1914-1918 war. Another fund raising effort was made in the inter-war years, and the chancel was finally built in 1937.

Under the present Vicar, Revd J E Cocke, in post since 1957, developments continued.

The church owns land in nearby New High Street, where in 1959 a church staff house, known as Church Garth, was built. Adjacent to this the community facility known as Church House was also built and opened by Princess Margaret in 1967. There have also been some notable improvements to the interior of the church. The new ceiling for the Chancel/Choir was to celebrate the 100 years anniversary of the church. Recent work at the back of the



church has included the provision of a toilet with disabled access, a kitchen/servery, built in bookcases which has allowed for the provision of a children's area (2016). In addition, there has been a new heating system, with radiators painted to match the red brick of the church, and a gas boiler.

There is a very fine window in the west end of the church by John Hayward (2000).

In addition to the window in the west end of the church, there are five glorious windows designed and made by Christopher Webb, dedicated to St Francis of Assisi, the St Michael Window, the St Nicholas Window, the St Andrew Window, and the St Clement of Rome Window.



Music plays a big part in the church. Its organ, with its detached console, came from S.S Philip and James Church, Woodstock Road, Oxford, when that church closed, although it was originally at Merton College. The church has a semi-professional choir, and concerts are regularly held at the church.



Pictures by and Researched by Les Hemsworth



LINDARS
Electrical Contractors Ltd

Established since 1919

We have been providing electrical services to both domestic and commercial customers for 96 years, from the smallest of repair such as changing a light bulb, to fault finding, new installations, testing and full rewiring.

Call or email our friendly team for further information, to book an Electrician or for your free no obligation quotation

Tel: 01865 794433 - Email: sarahw@lindars.net

Unit B • 74-77 Magdalen Road • Oxford • OX4 1RE • www.lindarselectricalcontractorsoxford.co.uk

Film Club at the Centre

The September film "The Sting" was very well received especially as the new sound equipment in the Centre enhanced the musical background to some intriguing action.

This month will mark the Film Club's fifth birthday, a statistic of which we are quite proud. Through wet or snowy Fridays, five holiday periods when some members have been away and on a couple of occasions some difficulty with the projection equipment, we have kept going. Our membership holds strong and the variety of our programme seems to ensure that we are set for at least another year.

The very first film we presented was "The best Exotic Marigold Hotel" full of some of our most popular British stars so it seems high time to show its sequel this month. Along with Judi Dench, Maggie Smith, Bill Nighy, Celia Imri, Penelope Wilton and the talented (and very amusing) young Dev Patel we will now be joined by Richard Gere in a highly entertaining film – just right for a birthday party!

Rosanne Butler

PARISH WALKING GROUP

Parish Walks have begun – and will be held on a fortnightly basis.

Two walks took place in September – 11th and 25th. The weather forecast was not good for either, but ten turned out for the first walk to Iffley, and six for the second where we walked to Iffley and then along the river to Sandford-on-Thames – and the weather was good both times! Before returning home we stopped for refreshments – the Prince of Wales PH in Iffley and the community café in Sandford (both very good venues).

These are good social events with lots of talking – perhaps the really serious walker may find them a bit slow as sometimes we stop and regard the scenery around.

The next walk is planned for Friday, 6 October 2017 – meeting at St James Church Centre at 2.15 pm. It has been suggested that the walk should be along the river again, but this time towards Oxford.

The people on the "last" walk will decide the date and place of the next walk – but we will aim to have them every two weeks, or thereabouts. Once the time is fixed, Sally Hemsworth and Lesley Williams will be informed and they will start the publicity.

DO COME ALONG ON THE NEXT WALK – STARTING AT 2.15 PM FRIDAY, 6TH OCTOBER 2017, AT ST JAMES CHURCH CENTRE.

FROM THE ARCHIVES

COWLEY CHURCH & HOME MAGAZINE

September 1894

NEW SCHOOL AT TEMPLE COWLEY

We have not been able to fix a day for the opening of this school, but we cordially invite those in our parish and neighbourhood to inspect the building. We think it a good one, and it represents a great deal. It is a Church School for the use of the parish, subscribed for by those who believe that the children of the poor ought to have the same kind of education as the children of the rich.

To force children to school and deprive them of a portion of the knowledge which those children who are not forced secure in other schools is a mean act. You may rely that most of the managers of Voluntary Schools will fight for liberty of conscience. The enemies of Voluntary Schools, that is, those who do not believe in religion, always have new catch words or start some new theory, but the friends of the education of the poor should not lose sight of the main points. In nine cases out of ten those who wish for a purely secular education in our elementary schools hate religion. They would have no chance in this country if people were not so indifferent just now as regards those in authority in Parliament. They hold their brief from Ireland, and their power would not be felt except they secured the votes of those who are enemies to our faith.

It is true there appears some further difficulties as regards Training Colleges and teachers in our Elementary Schools. No doubt we require a body of teachers who will follow this most noble work for its own sake. To teach a child the way he should go in this world is a most noble work. If he walks properly here he shall be safe in the next world. And a good many difficulties arise from the fact that during the last 20 years, many teachers in our Elementary Schools look upon the children which they teach in the same way a grocer looks upon his packet of tea. The grocer naturally looks at the profit which the tea is to bring, and I fear that in many schools this is the principle thought of the teacher. There are still, I am thankful to say, a number of teachers who cannot be fairly placed in this category, and in a well-conducted Voluntary School teachers who act as the grocer are uncomfortable.

If means are ever sent us here I will open a house for elementary teachers, where those who love children can live in common and spend their lives in doing this most important work. No training, in my opinion, can supply the natural love for children which is a necessary ingredient to success. It is absolutely necessary for the head teacher to be trained, and these may in a few years be drawn from our universities; the under teachers might be drawn from a class which is very large in our country – those which Lord Salisbury described in the debate on the Parish Councils Act as the leisured class.

We are wanting still £300, which I have had to borrow to pay for this new building, and many of us can help who read this Magazine if they would.

This is the prayer taught to the children, and I hope that the parents will take care that they use it:-

PRAYER

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.

Almighty Father, I thank Thee for watching over me through the past night. Keep me this day from all danger in body and soul. Help me by Thy Holy Spirit to do Thy will, to fear and love Thee above all things. Make me careful to speak the truth, and give me a gentle and obedient spirit. Bless my father and mother (my brothers and sisters, my relations) and all in this house. Bless my country and Church. Make me to be daily a better and more holy child, and bless me now and for ever. Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

The Revd George Moore

Researched by Les Hemsworth



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 church from the drop down menu when placing an order and we will benefit from the 'More than a book' cash back scheme.

It is that easy!

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

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

ANNUAL MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING

My annual Macmillan Coffee Morning will be at my house (i.e.

22 Annesley Road)

on Saturday 7th

October from

10.30 am to 2 pm.

Please come along.

Margaret (Craig)

**WE ARE
MACMILLAN.
CANCER SUPPORT**



A poster for a Christmas party. At the top, it says 'Hold the Date!' in a large, white, sans-serif font. Below that, 'The Parish Christmas Party' is written in a smaller, white, sans-serif font. In the center, there is a photograph of a yellow and green patterned Christmas stocking. To the right of the stocking, the text 'The evening of Friday December 1st' is written in a white, sans-serif font. Below the date, 'Church Centre Beauchamp Lane' is written in a white, sans-serif font. At the bottom, there is a decorative border of small, gold, star-like shapes. On the left side of the poster, there are three white starburst shapes containing the words 'Food', 'Friends', and 'Fun'. At the bottom left, there is a green rectangular box with white text that says 'Details of the menu to follow!'.

RECIPE

October is the month for apples, blackberries, leeks, parsnips – you name it - it is there this month. The following (from “Cakes, Bakes, Puddings and Prayers” by Susan Over) seems most appropriate at this time of year.



AUTUMN UPSIDE-DOWN PUDDING (serves 6)

A hearty, warming pudding – good to serve on Harvest Sunday with custard or clotted cream. Any leftovers can be sliced and eaten as cake.

Ingredients

- 275g (10oz) fresh or defrosted blackberries, drained of any excess moisture
- 50g (2oz) medium oatmeal
- 25g (1oz) caster sugar
- 110g (4oz) margarine or butter
- 225g (8oz) self-raising flour
- 110 (4oz) soft brown sugar
- 200ml (7fl oz) milk
- 1 large egg

Method

1. Preheat oven to gas mark 4/180°C/350° F. Lightly grease a medium-sized glass casserole dish or cake tin.
2. Place blackberries in base of dish or tin.
3. Mix oatmeal and caster sugar together and sprinkle over blackberries.
4. Rub margarine or butter into flour and brown sugar until mixture resembles fine breadcrumbs.
5. Beat milk and egg together and blend into dry mixture until smooth, then

spoon this mixture over the fruit and smooth the surface.

6. Bake for 1 hour until well risen and golden.
7. Allow to stand for a couple of minutes, then turn onto a plate and serve warm.

(The Lord is) ... like an eagle that stirs up its nest and hovers over its young, that spreads its wings to catch them and carries them on its pinions.

Deuteronomy 32.11 (NIV)

Lord, make us more aware that you walk with us through the valleys as well as rejoice with us on the mountain tops. Show us how to trust you more when life seems to be turned upside-down and keep us praising, Lord.

Amen

Claire Ewers

APPLEBY VINTAGE DESIGNS

Interior Design & Decoration
Bespoke Handmade Soft Furnishings & Unique Home Décor

City & Guilds Qualified & Award Winning Decorator
25 years' experience in painting, decorating & building inspections



Level 1 Certificate in Soft Furnishings
Creator of bespoke blinds, curtains, cushions, lampshades, etc



Unique Mixed Media & Needle-felted Home Décor items

No job too small—All workmanship guaranteed

Making your home unique

Tel: 01865 774812 / Mob: 07557 021180
Email: applebyvintage@icloud.com

Una's Corner

I hope this may be of interest, it shows a different way of life and is absolutely true.

First, most of you will remember Jason Dudley, May Morgan's grandson. Jason and his wife Sarah had a little daughter, about two and a half now. I am pleased to report that they now have a baby son, Alfie, both mother and child are well and flourishing.

Second, do we know what hard work is these days?

My paternal grandfather was the youngest boy in a large family and my great aunt Rose was the youngest girl. Grandpa was born a blue baby which meant he had heart trouble, in the latter part of the 1800s nothing could be done for him and he had heart trouble all his life. He and auntie were kept at home, auntie to help with housework and family, grandpa to help outside. They were both rather spoiled and spent a lot of time playing together, they were very good friends. In later years they had to buckle under and work. Grandpa was married in 1899 and had several children in quick succession. Grandpa was somewhat feckless and did not keep a job for very long and if he heard a hard luck story he would hand over his last penny without thinking of his wife and family. I loved him dearly, he was a lovely man. My grandmother was a seamstress and tailoress having served two years unpaid apprenticeship at Badcocks which was in Queen Street, I remember the shop.

At one time grandma and grandpa lived at the top end of Temple Road in a small old cottage on White's farmland, and grandpa worked in a

furniture shop in the Cowley Road, about where Tesco is now. I think the shop was over Butlers. The shop was called Chapmans in my day and we bought some of our stuff there when we were married in 1959.

Grandpa was a delivery man. Each morning he rose very early and walked from the top of Temple Road to the Cowley Road. His first job was to feed and water his horse; he then harnessed it to its cart and loaded the cart with furniture. On one particular day there was so much stuff on the wagon that there was nowhere for him to sit so he set off sitting on the shaft of the cart. He had to deliver the furniture to Chipping Norton. It was a very hot day and grandpa stopped every now and again for the horse to drink from a village horse trough. He eventually arrived at his destination very hot and bothered after a most uncomfortable ride. He watered his horse and gave it its nose bag of hay and corn which he had prepared before leaving Oxford. He unloaded the cart and it was a struggle and he had to place the furniture as he was told. When he had finished he was exhausted and very hot and bothered and somewhat hungry and thirsty. He was waved away without even the offer of a cup of water let alone the cup of tea he craved. He had no option but to remove the nosebag, allow the horse another drink and then drive the horse back to Oxford, stopping on the way at horse troughs.

When grandpa arrived back at the shop he had to unharness the cart, make sure it was clean and manhandle it into its shed. He then had to deal with the horse, putting it into its stable, grooming it, giving it its feed and more

water. He was able refresh himself a little with water from the well bucket, cool his burning face and have a drink. Next came the long walk home from Cowley Road to the top of Temple Road.

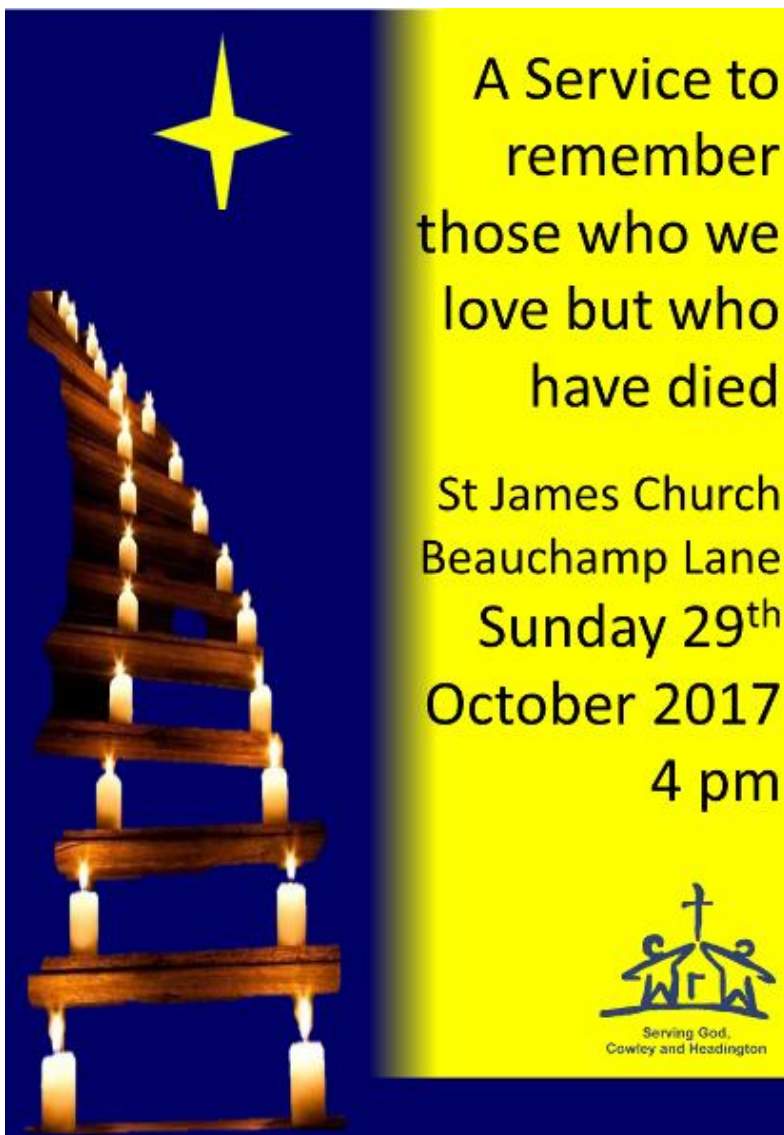
The poor man had to be up early next morning for the next delivery job. For this he was paid a pittance as his job was graded as a labourer's and rated very low on the scale.

I rather think nowadays there would have been a strike. At the very least nowadays the

delivery man would be able to ask for a drink of water if he was not offered a cup of tea but in those days he was very much lower class, almost an untouchable, and it would not have occurred to anyone to offer such as he a cup of tea and a biscuit.


This is a true account of one day of many in grandpa's working life, he told me about it himself several times .without any variations.

Una Dean



A Service to
remember
those who we
love but who
have died

St James Church
Beauchamp Lane
Sunday 29th
October 2017
4 pm


Serving God,
Cowley and Headington

CHRONICLE

Editorial Team- Sally Hemsworth,
Nicki Stevens

Deadline for the next edition:
Monday 23 October 2017

If possible, please send entries by
email to Sally at

chronicle@cowleyteamministry.c

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

The Editorial Committee in no
way accepts responsibility for
goods or services supplied by our
advertisers.

Travelling East

As you read this article three people from Cowley will have travelled a long way east – to Thailand to be precise. Nicki Stevens and I will be joined by our colleague, Anton Ponomarev, who also lives in the parish but worships at the Russian Orthodox Church in Oxford. We will be together in a hotel in Chiang Mai with a further 70 Christian leaders from around the world. Not an exotic parish holiday you missed out on



but a significant consultation for *Faith2Share* leaders. As many of you know I have served as International Director of *Faith2Share* for around 15 years and Nicki has been our invaluable office administrator for over five years. We are very grateful to the parish for all the support you give to *Faith2Share*.

Many of those who are joining us in Thailand have really struggled to get there. Some had to save hard over many months to pay for their accommodation and food, others had to go to a neighbouring country to get a visa, or fight bureaucracy and corruption to get their travel clearance. *Faith2Share* helps those who really need help with their airfares but we were not able to help everyone – money only goes so far! These African, Asian and Middle Eastern leaders struggle so much to join us because it means so much to them to meet other Christians, to learn from each other and to pray together.

If I tell you about just three of them perhaps you could spare a few minutes to pray for us all in Chiang Mai this month.

Boureima is from a Muslim area of West Africa (we do not mention his full name or country for security reasons) where he works with the Fulani people – a group of nomadic people who travel with their cattle across the arid areas on the edge of the Sahara desert. His great desire is to help these people know how much God loves them and to show love through health care and in other ways.

Sunita is from Nepal. Last time Sunita came to a *Faith2Share* consultation with her husband in 2015 she had been married just five days – we were her honeymoon! After the two tragic earthquakes and now serious flooding, many people in Nepal want to hear more about Jesus and what he teaches about God. Sunita, with her husband, Prakash, is working particularly

amongst young people.

David is from a country which is very much in the news right now – Myanmar. He is a missionary, a pastor and a pig farmer. I am not sure how Geoff would feel about having to keep pigs in order to support his ministry and family but that is what David does. He is also training a small team of Christian workers who go out to rural areas with the Gospel. [In the picture David, on the right, stands with some of his mission team.] As you think of David pray also for peace in Myanmar – especially for the Muslim Rohingya people.

Thank you so much for all the support you give (financial and prayer) to these wonderful people with whom we have the privilege of working – being with 70 of them for a week is going to be amazing almost as amazing as the fellowship in Cowley parish!

Mark Oxbrow

COWLEY WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Summer is over and our meetings resumed with an illustrated presentation “Music of London” – given by one of our regular speakers, Chris Caddy.

Covering three centuries and beginning with Handel’s Messiah, the programme included compositions by, among others, Sullivan, Elgar, Vaughan Williams and Eric Coates, as well as Noel Coward singing “London Pride” and Vera Lynn singing “A Nightingale Sang in Berkeley Square”.

There will be more music when we next meet on Wednesday, 18 October at 2 pm in the Church Centre, for an afternoon of Dance. We hope to see you then: visitors are always welcome at our meetings.

Ann Withers
President, Cowley WI



Shaun Guard
TV AERIAL SERVICES

- Floor reception solved
- Aerials - supplied & repaired
- TV's - hung on your wall or set up & tuned
- Internet - extension points & improved wifi
- Extra TV Points - for aerial and Sky (in HD)
- Sky TV - also foreign language satellite

OXFORD AERIALS

Call Oxford 01865 400141

St Francis CE Primary News

We have had a very positive start to the term and new school year here at St Francis. For the first time since I joined the school, we have no new staff this September so we are very much picking up where we left off in July. We have however been pleased to welcome our new Foundation governor, June Smith, to the team and we look forward to working closely with her in the coming months.

We very much miss Rev Skye and her visits to school, however we are pleased that Rev Geoff is now a regular visitor on Tuesday mornings. The children are particularly enjoying his guitar playing and the chance to learn some new hymns and songs. The Open the Book team is continuing with Lesley Williams now taking the helm. One of the key areas in collective worship this year is to develop greater pupil involvement in both planning and leading worship – so far this has included a little drama and a follow the leader game. We are also seeking to further develop our prayer space with different interactive activities to encourage reflection. This term we are planting seeds.

Back in the summer term, we were pleased with our results at the end of Reception, Year 2 and Year 6 which demonstrated improvements across the board and good levels of progress. However as always, there is room for further improvement and we are focusing this year on phonics, spelling and reading to ensure all pupils reach their potential.

Our library bus is now a regular feature on the timetable for all classes and we aim this term to increase our opening times for parents to come and browse and read books with their children. We have also launched a new home learning policy which focuses on reading for pleasure.

As reading is a priority for development for us this year we are looking to expand our team of reading volunteers. If you or anyone you know who lives locally has one- two hours a week to spare we would very much like to hear from you, especially if you share our love of reading. Please pop into the school office to pick up a volunteer application form.

Gillian Standing and
Anneka Fisher
Co-Headteachers



Supporting you through everything

Whether you are a home user or a business, the largest independent computer support company in Oxford is here for you.

01865 717088  Computer Assistance

shop@computerassistance.co.uk

DIARY DATES TO REMEMBER

Mothers' Union

Monthly Meeting on 3rd Monday of month from 2.15 pm (Note new time)

16 October 2017 – Talk by a chaplain from the team of hospital visitors
St James Church Centre

Women's Institute

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

18 October 2017 – Afternoon of Dance
St James Church Centre

Gardening

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

Parish Walk

Friday, 6 October 2017

Meet at 2.15pm at St James Church Centre

Macmillan Coffee Morning, 22 Annesley Road

Saturday, 7 October 2017

10.30 am – 2 pm

Film Club

Friday, 13 October 2017 – “The Second Best Exotic Marigold Hotel”

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

Sunday Lunch

Sunday, 15 October 2017, at 12.30 for 12.45 pm
St James Church Centre

Mothers' Union Wine, Cheese and Poetry Evening

Friday, 20 October 2017, at 7.00 pm

St James Church Centre

St Francis Church

Messy Church – Harvest

Saturday, 21 October 2017

St Francis Church – 10.30 am – 12 noon

Parochial Church Council

Sunday, 22 October 2017, at 12.15 pm
St Francis Church

Messy Church – Harvest

Tuesday, 24 October 2017

St James Church – 10.30 am – 12 noon

Mission Giving in 2017

Tuesday, 24 October 2017, at 7.30 pm
St James Church Centre

St Francis Church Committee

Sunday, 5 November 2017, at 12.15 pm
St Francis Church

St James Church Committee

Tuesday, 7 November 2017 at 7.30 pm
St James Church Centre

Cowley Festival of Christmas Trees 2017

Next/Final Planning Meeting – Wednesday, 15 November 2017, 9.30 – 10.30 am

Ranklin Room, St James Church Centre

Carol Singing at Templars Square (Christmas lights switch on)

Saturday, 18 November 2017 at 3 pm

Sunday Lunch

Sunday, 19 November 2017, 12.30 for 12.45 pm
St James Church Centre

Gift and Craft Market

NOTE CHANGE OF DATE

Saturday, 25 November 2017, 10.00 am – 2.00 pm. St James Church Centre

Parish Christmas Supper

Friday, 1 December 2017 at 7 pm

St James Church Centre

REMEMBER: Tuesday lunches at St James Church Centre from 12.30pm

A Letter from the Bishop

Dear Friends

Called to be Christ-like: contemplative, compassionate and courageous

I am writing to invite every church, chaplaincy, small group and school in the diocese to do something very simple but life changing over the next year.

I am asking the whole Diocese of Oxford to read, study and dwell in the opening words of Jesus in the Sermon on the Mount: the Beatitudes in Matthew 5.1-10.

We are a large and complex diocese: a living, growing network of more than a thousand churches, chaplaincies and schools in one of the great crossroads of the world.

We have a common calling and vision: to become a more Christ-like church in this critical moment of history so that we can better serve the communities of Oxfordshire, Berkshire, Bucks and Milton Keynes and our fragmented world.

To be more Christ-like in this place at this time means to catch a fresh vision of Jesus Christ. The Beatitudes are a self-portrait of Jesus. They show us that to be more Christ-like means to become a more contemplative church, a more compassionate church and a more courageous church.

For Christians, being contemplative means simply to spend time with God. A contemplative church spends time with God. To be contemplative is to be poor in spirit, meek and pure in heart.

Compassionate people feel and show sympathy and concern for others. A compassionate church laments or mourns with the suffering in the world and is full of mercy which leads to action.

Courageous people are whole-hearted. To be a courageous church means to put our heart and soul into everything we are and do. A courageous church will be hungry and thirsty for justice, seeking peace and reconciliation and willing to bear the cost of our discipleship and offer a bold witness to our faith.

Blessing, hope and joy

In the Beatitudes, Jesus speaks words of joy and hope and blessing to the Church, not words of doom or despair or blame. I believe with all my heart that we need to learn to speak of the Church God loves in this register of joy and hope and blessing.

As we dwell in this passage together and think about the life of the Church in our diocese, I hope God will open our eyes to the many good things which are already happening: the stories of a contemplative, compassionate and courageous church in every place. I've seen many of these for myself as I have travelled across the diocese over the last year.

I also hope that God will rekindle our vision and our imagination as we look forward together. What would it look like in five or ten years if we were able to be a more contemplative, more compassionate and more courageous church? And what difference would it make?

Simple resources

There are many good ways to engage with the Beatitudes through sermon series, small group studies or quiet days. Your church or group will want to engage in your own way.

As a diocese, we will provide and signpost simple resources to help including:

1. A short video and outline for PCCs, small groups and others to begin the process
2. Three sessions for small groups in the style of the Pilgrim materials based on the Beatitudes (available in good time for Advent).
3. Three sessions for small groups in a similar style on the story of the raising of Lazarus in John 11 exploring Jesus as contemplative, compassionate and courageous (available in good time for Lent).
4. Resources for children, schools and young people on similar themes.

Details of these and other resources will be available on the [diocesan website](#). Other resources and reflections will be released through the year in *the Door* and through social media.

As bishops we are keen to teach on these themes through the year and would welcome invitations to explore the Beatitudes in services and other events (as are the archdeacons and other members of the diocesan team).

We will also be holding special days and events in each area of the diocese to explore these themes, beginning with the Dorchester Area Day on 30 September. There will be a special day for young people across the whole diocese on 24 February.

Learning together

None of us has all the answers. We want to learn and discern together what it means to be contemplative, compassionate and courageous. We want as many people as possible to interact with the developing vision and ideas and to share your experiences of what is happening in the church today. Please share this letter as widely as you can within your own community.

We want to hear your stories and so do others, so please do share on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and the [diocesan website](#) using #Contemplative, #Compassionate or #Courageous. You could share a smartphone video of your thoughts or something happening in your church, with photos or text, or share a link to a website or a piece of music or image that inspired you. We also want to hear from you about how you feel we need to be more compassionate, contemplative or courageous in the future.

Work on future strategy

As we explore what it means to be a Christ-like church, through the Beatitudes and other opportunities for reflection, we also seek to understand where God wants us to focus our energies and God-given resources, time and talent. To this end, the Bishop's Council has agreed to establish six working groups in the autumn to explore six areas for future strategic work. These are not yet set in stone but remain flexible as the listening continues. Again there are more details on the [website](#). These ideas for future planning in the diocese will

evolve, we hope, in dialogue with your explorations of what it means to be a more contemplative, compassionate and courageous church.

Living Faith

The Living Faith vision has done its work well in laying a rich foundation of mission at the heart of the life of the diocese. From now onwards we will be using logos on the Beatitudes word cloud for this year of listening and discerning. However, parishes and deaneries are of course welcome to continue to use the excellent Living Faith materials for as long as these are helpful.

Yeast

I love to bake my own bread. I'm amazed at the power locked up in tiny grains of yeast – enough to make a whole batch of flour rise.

Jesus said: "The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened".

The Beatitudes are all about the kingdom of heaven: God's vision for human life. They are a self-portrait of Jesus, the one who brings life in all its fullness. Let's take this good yeast in the coming year and mix it and work it and knead it through the church to bring renewal and hope and fresh vision and joy.

Your servant in Christ
+Steven Oxford

Found and copied from a wall in Exeter Cathedral many years ago but very beautiful to me.
A man's last homage to his dead wife:

Tis past dear venerable friend farewell.
Thy blameless life, thy peaceful death shall tell clear to the last.
Thy setting orb has run - pure bright like the frosty sun.
Late old age with hand indulgent shed - its mildest winter on thy favoured head.
Kind heaven prolonged her life to shed its praise - and blessed her with a patriarchs length of
days.
The truest praise was hers, a cheerful heart, prone to enjoy, ever ready to impart.
A fervent Christian ever free from guile she showed that piety and age could smile.
Religion had her care, her heart, her voice, 'twas her last refuge and her earliest choice.
Matured at length for some more perfect scene, her hopes all bright, her prospects most serene.
Each part of life sustained with equal worth and not a wish left I fulfilled on this earth.
Like a tired traveller with sleep oppressed within her children's arms she dropped to rest.

Pat Sansom

Oxford churches team up to offer emergency night shelter

CHURCHES are getting together to offer emergency night accommodation for the homeless in Oxford this winter.



During the coldest months of the year, beginning this January until the end of March, churches of all denominations will be setting up temporary beds for the growing numbers of homeless people in the city. St Aldate's Church in the city-centre opened the basement of its Parish Centre to provide beds for the homeless during February in the hope that more churches would offer accommodation in subsequent years.

The Revd Mary Gurr, Oxford's chaplain to the homeless, says: "Rough sleeping on the streets of our city has risen in the past five years by around 400 per cent so the need is great. It is much more visible. Massive cuts in funding have meant that much of the supported accommodation in hostels has been lost. Welfare Reform has made things more difficult for people who are on benefits, and there is also a severe lack of suitable social housing in the city. Inflated property prices and high demand have led to unaffordable rental costs.

"We are still working out the details but we are planning to provide an emergency night shelter for up to 10 people in seven different venues. We see this not just as a response to a real need, but also an opportunity to engage with rough sleepers, and perhaps enable them to make a new start. To this end, the city's outreach team will be making the referrals to the scheme, and will also have an opportunity to work with the guests, as will people from Crisis Skylight.

"This idea is not new. High Wycombe, for example, are in their tenth year, and their scheme has been most successful. We are indebted to them and to Pilgrim Hearts in Bracknell who have given us valuable advice."

Donations of money will be needed for this project. Make your donations to CTCO

Barclays, Cornmarket 20-65-18
Ac No 80706094 marked Night Shelter.

**Can you help?
Could you be a volunteer?**

Information and Training
Tuesday 14th November 7.00 - 9.30 pm
Wednesday 22nd November 7.00 - 9.30 pm
Saturday 25th November 9.30 - 12.00 noon

**at St Michael at the Northgate,
Cornmarket.**

Contact: Parish.Manager@smng.onmicrosoft.com

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 staffed by volunteers and is not covered continually. Please leave a message and someone will get back to you.

Contact details: Tel: 01865 747680
Email: office@cowleyteamministry.co.uk
Out of hours tel: 07501 908378
Website: www.cowleyteamministry.co.uk

Team Rector:

The Revd Canon Dr Geoffrey Bayliss
Tel: 01865 747680 (o) 01865 778596 (h)
Email: rector@cowleyteamministry.co.uk

Self-supporting Ministers

Revd Richard Chand
01865 701948
Email: richard@richardwchand@outlook.com

Revd Canon Mark Oxbrow
01865 461953
Email: markoxbrow@aol.com

Revd Tony Beetham
Tel: 01865 770923
Email: tonybeetham1@supanet.com

Churchwardens:

Christine Woodman Tel: 778078
St Francis : Vacant

Deputy Wardens
Margaret Martin Tel: 718532
Nick Dewey Tel: 07952 524664

St James Church Centre Manager:

Chris Woodman Tel: 778078

Hall Bookings:

Church Centre: Pat Sansom Tel: 778516
St Francis Church/St James Church:
through Parish Office

Cowley Chronicle—Editorial Team:

Sally Hemsworth, Nicki Stevens
Articles to be emailed to:
chronicle@cowleyteamministry.co.uk
Paper contributions to the Parish Office.