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# From the Editors

*Sally Hemsworth and Nicki Stevens*

We do hope you find the Chronicle interesting this month – not quite as big as last month but it has been a quieter month and we have probably been enjoying the good weather too much and not pursuing articles. But autumn is here and the temperatures have dropped so more time will be spent “following up leads”! But feedback on the questions asked in last month’s “From the Editorial Team”, with ideas for future editions of The Chronicle would still be welcome.

Two big events are taking place in October and November – the Caribbean Evening at St Francis is on the 18 October (have you bought your ticket?) and the Craft and Gift Fair at St James Church Centre is being held on the 2 November – posters are being prepared at this very moment and we do hope you will support it. Samaritan Boxes are in the churches and at the Church Centre – please support if you can.

You can still subscribe to The Cowley Chronicle (back copies will be supplied!) – renewal forms are still in the churches and the church centre, or a message at the Parish Office will be followed up.

Enjoy the autumn and the changing colours.

Nicki and Sally

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## 5<sup>th</sup> Cowley Guides

We finished our Summer Term with a B.B.Q., on one of the hottest July days of the year, but we had a fun time in the evening with shade from the trees in the Parish Hall garden.

In August, the Summer Camp was held at Jubilee House. It was a joint camp with 1<sup>st</sup> Blackbird Leys Guides, with an equal number of girls from each unit. We hold joint camps as this helps with the staffing and gives both lots of girls a chance to camp. We had an enjoyable week and they managed to gain a Seasons Badge and the Jubilee House Camp Badge. On the Friday they had a water based games afternoon, with the Young Leaders having planned the activities. This was before the wind and rain came in which lead to an interesting night. Unfortunately it did damage one of our Gazebos, but at least it was not a tent. The girls have said how much they enjoyed their time away.

We are now well into the new Guide Programme. So we are planning the new terms activities. We have had some girls move on to the new Ranger Unit at Blackbird Leys, on a Friday night, so we are looking for new members to join us on a Thursday.

Cynthia Retter

# A word from the Rectory



The followers of Jesus said to him "Teach us to pray". It has been a call of people throughout the ages: How can I talk to God. I don't really know how to prayer. Jesus responded- prayer like this... and he gave us a pattern to pray... the Lord's prayer

Over the coming 8 weeks we are going on a pilgrim's journey looking at that prayer. It will form the basis of our Sunday sermons and be supported by some material that you can use each day. The material has been written by our Bishop Steven Croft. You can pick it up in our regular Church Services and by speaking to the minsters. Or you can buy a copy from a bookshop or on-line. Yes there is a kindle version.



The material helps us to ask the question what does it mean to pray:

- Our Father in Heaven
- Hallowed be your name-
- Your Kingdom come...
- Give us today our daily bread
- Forgive us our sins...
- Lead us not into temptation
- But deliver us from evil
- For the kingdom, the power, and the glory...

Prayer is at the centre of a Christian's life. That gentle conversation with our God who loves and cares for us.



The story of the 'Prodigal Son' (Luke 15 1 to 32) is shaped around the break

down of communication between a child and a father. A longing develops in the Son's heart-

*"if only I could say to my father....."*



The son then goes on a pilgrim's journey home. A journey where the communication is re-established. The arms of the father wrapped around the son in welcome and reconnection. Why does Jesus give us the Lord's prayer? It is an invitation to reconnect or connect more deeply.

Do please consider joining us on a journey considering the significance of this wonderful prayer.



Benson Cottage

A chance to look at the material in more depth:  
The Wednesday Home group: See separate panel  
Tuesday in the Rectory: starts Oct 29<sup>th</sup> 2 pm info from Geoff

## CHILDREN'S CORNER

Hello' everyone. Back to school and all that hard work after the holidays but lots of opportunities to be YOU.

The message last month would have read 'keep your eyes open and watch where you walk on the stairs before you go to have a rest, and wipe your shoes first.' And TTFN is short for Ta Ta for now!

This month I thought we would talk a little about ourselves. YOU. Everyone is unique which means that no one is the same as you. That doesn't mean there is anything wrong with you because you are different in looks or shorter/taller than anyone else in your family. Perhaps that's a good thing you may say, and sometimes it is, but when you think about it many people are similar but have their own special thoughts and ways of doing the things. You can be recognised by your looks, your speech, and even how you write your name or a letter. Some employers even ask for applications for jobs 'in writing' and not by printed typed or computer because you really can tell a lot from the handwriting of someone.

When I was in an office I dealt with correspondence from people who owned motor cars. We could receive a letter from the same person after they next purchased another car. If it was a complaint, we often recognised them by the way that they wrote the letter, because of the words used, where they came from and even in their hand writing. I remembered one owner although he had only written one letter before, and that was two years previously. There are specialist people who say that they can tell your character from your hand writing.

This surprised me until someone examined my writing and told me some very home truths. And they were correct. It's all to do with the way you cross the letter 't', write numbers, and even whether you are sloping to the left or right. There are so many ways that you are different to anyone else.

You can also be recognised by strangers who may not meet you very often but recognise you when they see you again in a different location. This is because you are special and unique. There is nothing wrong with a local accent in your speech but you will be surprised when people recognise even the way that you walk or engage in conversation. Or it might be the way you are dressed. This is your character. Be proud of it because this is also your signature. If you want to have a bit of fun one day ask for some help from a friend and dress their way when you return home especially if your hair is a similar colour. You may not be recognised at first, but I am sure that as soon as you speak, you will be found out.

And of course there is one special item that only you have. That is your thumb print. If you make a thumb print, preferably on a waste piece of paper, no-one else has the same one as you. It may look the same but when you look carefully, it will be different. Don't try it too often, otherwise you may put your thumb print in the wrong place, but it does show that you are the only one like you. Isn't that amazing! Millions of people in the world and only one person like you.

That means you are special, not only to Mum and Dad and brothers and sisters, and friends, but also to those who you meet at school, church or Sunday school. Because there is only one of you. Look after yourself and thank God for the opportunity to be just YOU.

Some people say that you should strive to be perfect, but have you thought what this would mean? Everyone would look and speak in the same way, and there would be no need to try to do better or improve the job done. Sometimes if you see a lot of 'perfect' items at the same time they may look good as though they came from a machine, but without character. That is proba-

bly why I like real wooden floors or hand-made furniture. Not everything is perfect.

I once saw a demonstration of how a piece of music that sounded OK to me could be 'improved' with a computer 'correcting' the slight variation of the notes as played by different instruments. The result was a very precise piece of music, exactly as printed on the score. But it had no character and sounded *too* perfect. While we should always try to do our best, the slight differences may show our special way of doing things. That doesn't mean that you can always please yourself what and how and when you do it though!

Uncle Ben

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## OPEN DOORS

We, in Cowley, have a beautiful ancient parish church of which we are, quite rightly, proud. But isn't it good when we open it up to visitors from far and wide who come and tell us what a delight it has been to find it?

This year we, at St James, had the most visitors yet, since we joined the Open Doors scheme eight years ago and I gather that St Francis welcomed a good crowd too. The comments that were written on our check-in sheet were so enthusiastic that it made the day so worthwhile.

It was so nice to welcome a couple who had been married in the church many years ago and also people whose babies had been baptised in our lovely old Saxon font. Several people also remarked on what a hidden gem Beauchamp Lane is (well we know that don't we?) since they had until then associated Cowley with shopping and the factory.

Of course we had the Ride 'n Striders mixed in too. They were very complimentary about our offers of tea, coffee, home-made scones, cake and biscuits. What a happy time was had by all!



# Cowley Women's Institute

Summer has come and gone far too quickly. However, Cowley WI has some interesting speakers, outings and a Christmas tree festival to look forward to over the next few months.

We started back with a talk from the author Liz Harris. We heard how a people's language can give clues about their culture and how this theme has influenced some of her novels.

We have Melanie King coming in October to speak to us about spying in the First World War.

Despite the cooling weather we still aim to go out socially. Yarnton Home and Garden are getting another visit from us in early October. No doubt we will come back a few pounds lighter and I don't mean in weight.

Cowley WI would love more women to be able to join us in our activities. If you think you would be interested, please join us for an afternoon to find out more. We meet from 2pm – roughly 4pm in St James Church Centre the third Wednesday of each month.

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

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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.

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# Mothers' Union News

The new programme for 2019/20 is now complete and is available for members and friends. We owe Mary Biggs a big "thank you" for making a first-class job of its production. In fact the Diocese has offered a prize for the best Mothers' Union programme for the year so we are planning to enter ours. News of the outcome to follow.

We had invited a speaker from Emmaus to our September meeting. We also invited other people to come along and hear what he had to say. Well, poor man, owing to a misunderstanding he turned up at St James Church only to find the place locked and deserted. Of course it was because we were sitting in the Church Centre waiting for him. He, sadly, did not know where we were so gave up and went home. However, he has very kindly agreed to speak at our 2020 May branch meeting instead.

However, someone who does know how to find us for our October meeting is our friend, Mark Oxbrow. Always interesting and engaging, Mark will be talking about the various summer journeys he has made and the many people he has met.

On 10<sup>th</sup> October a contingent of members from our branch are going to Benson for the Diocesan autumn meeting. If any members who were not at the September meeting

would like to go please speak to me and we will try to organise things.

At the Diocesan meeting we have been asked to take any Christmas cards we have for people in prison. These can be either a card for a prisoner to put up in his or her cell so that Christmas becomes a little less bleak or a blank card which can be sent to a friend or family member. Several people in church have been kind enough to pass on some lovely cards already but I will be very pleased to receive more before 10<sup>th</sup> of the month.

We have received a number of very nice "thank-you" cards and letters in recognition of the donations made during the summer. These came from the Mothers' union summer appeal, the Special Baby Unit at the John Radcliffe Hospital, and the Mother and Baby Florence Park Coffee Club. It is good to help these lovely people and it is even nicer to be thanked, isn't it?

Rosanne Butler



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## Prayer Space

In a world whose web of life is intricate  
and beautiful,  
save us Lord, from carelessness and  
blindness.

In a world whose creatures are so varied  
and vulnerable,  
save us Lord, from plundering and cruelty.

In a world whose waters are fresh and  
whose oceans should cleanse,  
save us Lord, from wanton polluting.

In a world whose forests protect our air  
and wildlife,  
save us Lord, from the systems that drive  
us to destroy them.

In a world whose fruits are rich and  
plentiful,  
save us Lord from waste and greed.

Angela Ashwin

## RAINBOW PUDDLES

Electric cars are on their way,  
All shiny, sleek and new,  
To help us slow down climate change  
Which we must try to do.

We'll only need a charging point  
To help us get around  
No little spill of petrol now  
Will fall upon the ground

No diesel oil or anything.  
"That's good", I hear you say  
But there'll be no rainbow puddles  
On a damp and rainy day.

Rosanne Butler

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# Film Club at the Centre

The film we saw in September was something of an eye-opener to the cut-throat world of journalism. It highlighted the subterfuge and out-and-out lies that emanated from the White House during the Vietnam conflict and how it was covered up. It was not a jolly film although the starring couple Tom Hanks and Meryl Streep were vindicated in the end. It was, by the way, based on the true situation at the time.

This month's film is altogether a complete contrast. It is described by critics as "Sheer delight from start to finish". Sidney Poitier plays the part of an itinerant handyman who, whilst driving through the Arizona desert, meets a group of impoverished nuns. Having done some work for them he discovers that

they cannot pay him and they have also decided that they want him to build them a chapel! The outcome of the story I will leave for members and their guests to enjoy as I am sure they will.

October marks the seventh anniversary of our film club and, although numbers have dropped off a little, we have a core of loyal and enthusiastic members to keep it going. The new programme has been finalised for 2020 and will be available at our seventh birthday evening. Anyone else who would like a copy has only to ask as we are always happy to welcome guests to our club evenings.

Rosanne Butler



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Citizens Advice has set up a new Scams Action service to help people who have been scammed or defrauded online, or think they might have been.

Call a Scams Action specialist adviser on 0300 330 3003 if you want to report an online scam. You can also call us if you're acting on behalf of someone else who has been scammed. We'll let you know what to do next and give you support with any problems you might be facing.

The Scams Action helpline is open Monday to Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. (closed on bank holidays). We don't charge for calls to the helpline but check with your telephone provider for their conditions.

You can also use our "chat" service to talk to an adviser on the web. Chat is available from [www.citizensadvice.org.uk](http://www.citizensadvice.org.uk) Monday to Friday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

For more guidance telephone Citizens Advice Consumer Service on 03454 040506 or visit Citizens Advice during opening hours. Details of office locations are on [www.citizensadvice.org.uk/local/oxfordshire-south-vale](http://www.citizensadvice.org.uk/local/oxfordshire-south-vale).



## Protect Your World - Top Cyber Tips

Over the next few weeks, Thames Valley Police will be publishing our top cyber security tips as part of our Protect Your World campaign. Our Protect Your World campaign aims to encourage Thames Valley residents and businesses to protect themselves online. The campaign is aimed at helping residents stay one step ahead of cyber criminals by producing top cyber security steps everyone needs to take. It not only explains the risks of cyber crime, but also what steps you should be taking to stay safe and how you can complete them.

### Top Tips for #ProtectYourWorld

1. Use a strong, separate password for your email
2. Install the latest software and app updates
3. Enable two-factor authentication (2FA) on your email account
4. Use a password manager to help secure your passwords
5. Watch out for fake emails and texts asking for your info
6. Always back up your most important data
7. Secure your social media

For more information on our seven top tips, visit the [Protect Your World page](#) and follow the campaign on our social media channels using #ProtectYourWorld.

Message Sent by:

Ffion Jones (Police, Communications Assistant, HQ South)

*How to report a cybercrime:*

Know where to go if you become a victim of cybercrime: ACTION FRAUD - [www.actionfraud.police.uk](http://www.actionfraud.police.uk) External Link or 0300 123 2040

## PARISH WALKS

We have had some lovely walks through the summer. The walk through Christ Church Meadow has thrown some questions up about the species of trees planted, and we are investigating one particular tree which none of us could identify. Our latest walk started at The Plough at Wolvercote! We had a leisurely lunch (because we had decided that we would not walk back if it was raining and the rain had been forecast to start at lunch time!). However, no rain so we walked to Oxford along the canal, admiring the paintings on the sides of the canal boats and seeing what wildlife was around – and this is what was watching our progress from the bank on the other side of the canal:



If you are interested to joining the walks, please let Sally Hemsworth have your email address (or leave it at the Parish Office) so you can be notified when the walks are happening.



## RIDE AND STRIDE 2019     St James Rider Lesley Williams writes:

As I generally only cycle around Cowley and into Oxford, I always look forward to this day of riding further afield, alternating annually between countryside (*last year out to Chalgrove*) and city, when one can of course easily log far more churches.

The weather this year, on Saturday 14 September, was idyllic so I was happy to be out from 11.00 to 5.30, visiting 32 (*although some were not open so just received a fleeting prayer on my way past*) churches and chapels. My route was Cowley – Headington – New & Old Marston (*I met Skye just finishing her duty stint at St Nicholas*) – Summertown – Wolvercote – Wytham – Botley – North, South and New Hinksey – Iffley.

It was good to pray in churches which I hadn't previously visited and chat to the welcomers, and politely decline many drinks and biscuits. Special was Marston United Reformed Church; having grown up as a Congregationalist (*which became URC*), I still like to know how those particular congregations serve their communities. Tucked into that small building on the Marston Road is a very clever flexible space.

But the best part of the day was at All Saints, Wytham; it is tucked away at the end of a lane so I was aided by the 'D & M wedding this way' sign by the White Hart. I spent a few minutes reading the interesting history of the church board just before the stone archway into the churchyard. As I then stood in the archway, the wedding party issued out of the church doorway. The priest looks remarkably like John Tomlinson, I thought; and then that lady in a hat, she could be Clare? I dared to get closer and, still clad in cycle helmet and high viz jacket, infiltrated the crowd. And of course it *was* John and Clare and the marriage was of David and Milly, who live in Eynsham! There was much hugging and laughter with the Tomlinsons – and then with Lyn and David Lord! It was such a wonderfully timed, happy coincidence. I also know the All Saint's Church Warden – another former headteacher – so we had a useful catch up too, actually about Hazel ffennell and the Hill End Centre, but that's another story.

I was delighted that I didn't ache at all the next day....and sponsorship is still coming in. John Booty, Jane Coutanche and I have paper sponsorship forms and I also have an on line page: <http://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/>

The money raised is divided equally between the Parish and the Oxfordshire Historic Churches Trust, from which we hope to get a grant for the flush fund, so giving is a win-win.

## RECIPES

This recipe is from World Cancer Research Fund

### Haddock and Bean Chowder (Serves 2)

#### Ingredients:

- 1 teaspoon olive oil
- 1 small leek, thinly sliced
- 1 clove garlic, finely diced
- 1 small courgette, sliced
- 6 medium sized new potatoes, quartered
- 1 x 198g can salt-free sweetcorn, drained
- 500ml skimmed milk
- One-quarter teaspoon salt (optional)
- 1 bay leaf
- One-quarter teaspoon cayenne pepper (optional)
- Freshly ground black pepper
- 200g haddock (or other white fish), skinless, cut into bite-size pieces
- 400g beans, such as haricot, flageolet, cannellini, or butterbeans, drained and rinsed
- Small handful parsley, chopped
- ½ lemon, cut into wedges

#### Method:

- ∅ Preheat the oven to 180°C/Fan 160°C.
- ∅ Warm the oil in a non-stick pan and gently fry the leek and garlic for 2 minutes. Add the courgette and fry for a further 2 minutes.
- ∅ Add the potatoes, sweetcorn, milk, salt, bay leaf, cayenne pepper and black pepper; and bring to the boil. Carefully pour into an ovenproof dish, cover and place in the oven for 15 minutes.
- ∅ Remove from the oven. Gently stir in the fish and beans; cover and return to the oven for a further 15 minutes or until the fish is cooked and the vegetables are tender.
- ∅ Gently stir in the parsley. Transfer to a serving dish and garnish with a lemon wedge.



The following recipe is from Cakes, Bakes, Puddings and Prayers by Susan Over:

### Crafty Mandarin Pudding (Serves 3-4)

#### Ingredients:

- 50g (2oz) butter or margarine
- 2 Eggs
- 159 ml (quarter pint) milk
- 1 teaspoon vanilla essence
- 225g (8oz) tin mandarin segments
- 4 slices 'day old' thick granary bread or use white bread if you prefer
- 4-6 squares of plain chocolate for decoration

#### Method:

1. Melt butter or margarine in a medium-sized casserole dish in the microwave for about 3-40 seconds.
2. Add eggs and beat well.
3. Stir in the milk, sugar, vanilla essence and drained mandarins. Mix well.
4. Remove the crusts from the bread, cut into cubes and stir into the mixture. Leave to stand for about 5 minutes.
5. Microwave on FULL power for 5-6 minutes or until set.
6. Melt the chocolate in the microwave on LOW power for 1 minute, then drizzle or zig-zag it over the top.
7. Allow to cool for a couple of minutes before serving with vanilla ice-cream or single cream.

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Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.

Philippians 4L6 (NIV)

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Father, thank you for who you are and thank you for all you have done and will do for me, forgive me for forgetting your promises so often and worrying about tomorrow unnecessarily. Help me to live today relaxing in your love and resting in your care. Amen

## 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 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.

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.

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

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

Clear role descriptions are now being issued to clarify everyone's responsibilities and their supervisor. We also have some catch up training for those who missed it last year, plus new church committee and PCC members and other recently enrolled volunteers.

Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility

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# From the Archives

ST LUKE'S HOUSE

JUNE 1958

## VALUABLE LAND

It is a tremendous advantage for the family life of a parish if all its buildings are close together. It is then easier for everyone to have a real sense of belonging, not just to a building but to the family of Christ.

Two and a half years ago the management committee started to try and purchase a piece of land adjoining the church with a view to building a priest's house, and if possible, some rooms adjoining the church for general parish purposes. Now at last it seems that the parish will be allowed to buy from the City a strip of land with a 40ft. frontage onto Temple Road facing the Library, and flanking the exit from Morris Motors transport. At the back end, the land adjoins the existing church property. During the past three years St. Luke's have managed to gather a reserve of £800, which should be sufficient for the purchase of the land.

## DESIRABLE RESIDENCE

A plan for St. Luke's House has been produced by Messrs. Beecher and Stamford, Architects, and it is hoped that building will start within a few months. It is possible to see how much of the cost of the house will be met, but there is still a sizeable gap to be covered. Somehow a lot of extra money must be raised. It is proposed to have a special gift day on St. Luke's Day, October 18th, but not the sort of gift day which you only start thinking about when it comes, but one you save and prepare for. A model of the proposed house will be on view at the Fete and at other times. There will be a list of items needed in the house, for example:

Boiler	£60	Bath	£15
Window frame	£5	Door	£4
Pair of taps	£2	Joists	14/-
Floorboards	8/-	Bricks	4/- per doz.

You are asked to accept a target for yourself, which you can then save for during the next four months. Will you help to build? Look at the full list of items that will be shown beside the model house and take the biggest you can as your target. You can make a lovely picture in your mind of a home full of little brass plates giving the name of the donor of each list! Of course there will be no such thing, but will you try and catch the imagination of anyone you