

## Prayer Space

O, My God, You and You alone are all-wise and all-knowing!

I believe that You love me better than I love myself, that you are all-wise and all-powerful.

I thank You, with all my heart, that You have taken me out of my own keeping and have invited me to put myself in your hands. I can ask nothing better than this, to be in your care, not my own.

O, My Lord, through your grace I will follow wherever you go and will not lead the way. I will wait on You for guidance, and, on obtaining it, I will act with simplicity and without fear.

And I promise that I will not be impatient if at any time I am kept by You in darkness and perplexity; nor will I complain or fret if I come into any misfortune or anxiety.

Amen

John Henry Newman

Alone with none but thee, my God,  
I journey on my way:  
What need I fear, when thou art near,  
O King of night and day?  
More safe I am within thy hand,  
Than if a host did round me stand...

The child of God can fear no ill,  
His chosen dread no foe;  
We leave our fate with thee, and wait  
Thy bidding when we go.

'Tis not from chance our comfort springs, Thou art our trust, O  
King of kings.

Taken from THE AWESOME JOURNEY  
By DAVID ADAM

# From the Editors

*Sally Hemsworth and Nicki Stevens*

Another subscription year begins – many thanks to you all for subscribing to the Cowley Chronicle. We hope you enjoy its contents but, as you know, we are always open for suggestions on future articles.

It is lovely that life is opening up again – the “Dates to Remember” show that there are a lot of church events during September and many which include eating, one of the things we have missed very much during the lockdowns. In addition, singing has begun in the churches which is so heart-warming.

During the summer months work has taken place on providing a toilet in St James Church – this should be finished early September so will be a valuable addition at the church.

Parish Walks are continuing with the next one planned for Monday, 13 September 2021, meeting at St James Church Centre at 2 pm (unless different information is put in The Link).

Perhaps you would like to let us know how your Sunflower seeds progressed – so far we have had one picture of a six foot sunflower and lots of stories of unsuccessful ones? How did yours compare – we would love to hear how you got on?



As usual, there is a plea for articles, recipes, etc – we would love to hear from you. There is a lovely article by Sheila Tree on the good things about Cowley. Do you have anything like this you would like to contribute?

All our best wishes to you

Sally and Nicki

# HELD TOGETHER IN THE LOVE OF CHRIST: Pastoral Principles for living well together



## Why?

As communities of Christians we are held together in the love of Christ. Our many differences are gifts that can build us up in trust and mutual affection ... or they can mar the image of Christ that we are called to reflect through our life together. Individual people in our churches have not always experienced this unconditional love of Christ and we need to admit and address this reality.

## What?

These Pastoral Principles invite church communities to examine afresh their life together. They apply to all sorts of difference and diversity among

God's people. They are commended by the House of Bishops for the dioceses and parishes of the Church of England.

## How?

The Bishops' hope and prayer is that they will be used to improve welcome and pastoral care in the church and as a resource for discipleship and study groups in all churches.

Paying attention to them will help church communities to live out the good news of welcome to all people with its biblical understanding of new birth, the transforming power of the Holy Spirit, the common call to repentance and faith, and our new identity in Christ.

Over 5 weeks we are going to look at the Pastoral Principles and think about how they might help us build God's Kingdom in our lives and in the community around. The timing for this will need to be confirmed but do please let Geoff know what

## CHILDREN'S CORNER

I wonder if you can remember the first time you..... wrote your name, or managed to stay upright on a two wheeled bicycle?

While I can't remember those things, after all it is a long time ago, I can still remember the first time I swam across the swimming pool in Cowley, without touching the bottom. It seemed a bit scary at first, and then I found the art of floating, and soon I was swimming properly.

We were very lucky because we lived in Cowley and went to St Christopher's School. We would walk to the swimming pool and although we were only allowed half an hour in the water, it was amazing to us how much we learned in that short period of time. Of course, out of school hours we went swimming as families or in groups and most of us could swim the length of the baths (25 yards) before we were eleven. But it needed practice. That is true for all sorts of things, so you must try to do your best at all times, not only when there are tests.

One small boy, who was very naughty in class, was extremely good at diving from the high board. He had practiced so hard on the lower levels that he was allowed to use the top level, and he was only 10 years old! Yes, we even had a set of diving boards, but when the divers were practising we had to stay in the shallow end. So the naughty boy had a special privilege.

I didn't manage to do a lot of swimming or progress very far, but was always proud to say that I could swim, and it helped me when the youth group hired boats on the river during the evenings because only swimmers were allowed to hire the very fast and wobbly Canadian type canoe that I loved. All the others had to be happy with the slow safe punt. The first time in the canoe or later on, in a kayak, it was a bit scary, but with practice, you are able to become better each time. And you went further and faster!

Some of you will be going to a different school, or most certainly have different teachers or subjects to study. Don't worry. It's just the same as learning to swim. Learn to 'float' or at least listen and learn the rules. Practice what you are taught and in no time you will be doing swimmingly!

And a little play with words that the older ones who are reading this will understand. Don't get 'out of your depth' or 'dive in at the deep end' without a 'safety net'. At the same time, don't 'drown yourself with facts'. Just follow the instructions and the rules, and practice to be perfect! You *can* do it, God speed you on your way.

Uncle Ben



# RIDE + STRIDES for Churches

The Oxfordshire Historic Churches Trust will be holding the annual Ride & Stride on 11 September 10:00 - 6:00 and the parish will once again be taking part in this very worthwhile event. We will receive 50% of the sponsorship money and we can also apply for a grant towards the present work being done in St James Church.

For those who are interested and wanting to accept the challenge of the St/Ride, the link to register is <https://ohct.org.uk/ride-and-stride/>

If you would like a paper copy of the sponsor form please contact June Smith on the details below.

Email: [junesmith@ntlworld.com](mailto:junesmith@ntlworld.com)

Tel: 01865 662892

We are also asking for help as welcomers/stewards in both churches throughout the day and cake makers, the sign-up sheets are in both churches.

Lesley Williams and Jane Coutanche would welcome your support. At the time of writing, Lesley is not sure whether to Ride or take on a 20-mile Stride, in training for the Camino trek in the first week of October. There's a paper form for Lesley (St James) and Jane (St Francis) and Lesley also has a Virgin Giving on-line page

<https://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/LesleyWilliams-StRide-Cow>

Thanks to everyone for your continued support.

June Smith

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## SUNFLOWERS

I thought it was a brilliant idea to give out sunflower seeds with the Chronicle in Spring. Granddaughter Isabella and I duly planted the seeds on the Easter weekend and were delighted when 4 out of the 5 germinated. We potted them on and staked them the best we could when they got tall until they all had beautiful yellow heads. Bella took two to her garden and I kept two for mine. However, I forgot to take photos of them to show how tall they became – so we can't enter the 'competition'.



Never mind, there's always next year!

Ruth Goodwin

## RECIPES

### Cold Tea Loaf

#### Ingredients:

1 cup cold tea  
2 cups dried fruit  
1 cup brown sugar  
2 cups Self-Raising flour  
1 egg

#### Method:

Soak together the tea, fruit and sugar for at least 2 hours. Add the flour and egg and mix well. This is enough for a 2 lb loaf tin.

Bake in a greased loaf tin at 325 °C (170 °C fan) for approx 1 hour but keep checking. This mixture works well in two 1 lb loaf tins, check after 40 mins. Suitable for freezing.

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The following recipe is from Cakes, Bakes, Puddings and Prayers by Susan Over – a real treat

### Sunday Sundaes

#### Ingredients:

Good quality soft-scoop ice-cream  
A selection of chopped jelly, fresh or tinned fruit, grated chocolate, chocolate drops or flakes, chopped nuts or desiccated coconut, small sweets, crunchy cereal  
Bottled sauces – chocolate, strawberry or butterscotch, or use one of the home-made sauces described later  
Squirty aerosol cream.

#### Method:

Combine your own favourite ingredients in a tall sundae glass. Add one of the following sauces and then top with cream.

Chocolate sauce: Melt 50g (2oz) plain chocolate with 4 tablespoons of double cream and 10g (½ oz) butter, stirring until smooth.

Caramel sauce: Heat 4 tablespoons double



cream with 3 heaped tablespoons brown sugar and 20g (¾ oz) butter. Stir until the sugar dissolves and the sauce is smooth.

Strawberry sauce: Wash and hull 450g (1lb) fresh strawberries. Puree together with 25g (1oz) sifted icing sugar. Sieve before serving.

Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy!  
Exodus 20:8(NIV)

Remind us, Creator God, that you set the pattern for sensible living when you rested on the seventh day. Encourage us to remember the Sabbath and keep it holy. Help us to sort out our values and to be prepared to be salt and light in a needy world. Amen

## DATES TO REMEMBER -

Covid-19 restrictions dependant

Sunday, 5 September 2021

9.30 am Harvest service; bring & share brunch, St Francis

Saturday, 11 September 2021

10 am – 6 pm Ride & Stride/Open Doors  
St Francis, St James

Sunday, 12 September 2021

9.15 – 10.45 am Big Brunch, St James Church Centre

After church service - St Francis Church Committee

Wednesday, 15 September 2021

2 – 4 pm Cowley Women's Institute  
3 pm St James Church Committee, Ranklin Room, St James Church Centre

Sunday, 19 September 2021

11:00 Harvest service; bring and share lunch  
St James Church

Monday, 20 September 2021

2.15 pm Mothers' Union  
Ranklin Room, St James Church Centre

Friday, 24 September 2021

7 pm Christian Aid Quiz  
St James Church Centre

## The Induction of Gemma Beesley into the Bernwode Benefice

The evening of Thursday, 8 July 2021 had arrived for Gemma Beesley's induction into Bernwode Benefice at All Saints Church in Brill. A party of six from Cowley Parish (restricted because of COVID regulations) arrived to the sound of the bells ringing out to welcome the arrival of the family and friends of Gemma and Jason. The Church looked glorious with beautiful floral arrangements and the love and warmth felt in the Church for them both was very evident.

The Bishop of Buckingham and the Archdeacon of Buckingham conducted the service of Induction of Gemma into the Bernwode Benefice and with seven churches represented there was a large gathering of Church Wardens and members of the community present. The choir was allowed to sing which added something extra special to the evening.

It was very apparent that Brill and the other villages that come under the Bernwode Benefice were delighted to have Gemma join them as their Rector. Gemma was well loved by us in Cowley and I know her new Parish will love her just as we did and appreciate her qualities and dedication to her life in Ministry.

The following is an extract from Gemma's piece of writing which was included in the Order of Service.

"Jason and I are grateful that God has called us to live, work and serve in the Bernwode Benefice. The gift of God's peace which He gives when you know you are exactly where He wants you to be is wonderful. Thank you to all involved in helping us to discern our calling here, and for the warm and enthusiastic welcome you have given us so far.

I spent the first half of my childhood in urban Milton Keynes, and the second half in rural Oxfordshire, attending the Royal Latin School, Buckingham. I was not brought up with a faith, but was always interested in the diverse faiths of my childhood friends. My life circumstances meant I was ready to say yes to Jesus at the age of 29, and I was baptised in the river Cherwell. My call to priesthood started that day. I trained for ordination at Cuddesdon and was ordained at Christ Church Cathedral, Oxford in 2018.

God called me back to urban life again in my curacy in Cowley. While that context may seem quite different from village life here in the Benefice, our God is one of generous provision, and I feel well-equipped to begin this new phase of ministry alongside the people here."

Chris Woodman

# SAMARITAN'S PURSE

Are you interested in participating in this scheme – If so it is the time to think how you are going to participate. The National Collection Week is 15-22 November.

The Parish Office would be grateful for help with this scheme, particularly at the beginning of November.

Special boxes are NOT available from the Parish Office this year so if you wish to participate in the scheme you can:

1. Use old shoeboxes which you can cover and fill.
2. Donate shoeboxes to the Parish Office so that they can be given to people who want to fill a box. If you cover them with Christmas paper before donating them, even better!
3. Donate items for the boxes, following the guidelines shown below.
4. Each box that is prepared needs a £5.00 donation to cover transport costs. This can be done by making a donation via the Parish Office.
5. Give money on-line - £20 includes the £5 transport contribution and you choose the gender, age and gifts. Details are on <https://shoeboxonline.samaritans-purse.org.uk/step/1>.
6. In the past many people have donated smaller amounts through the Parish Office (via me) and I have made the donation on-line. I am very willing to do this again so please let me know if I can be of help. You can leave a message at the Parish Office.

Please remember, all boxes are opened at the collection places. They are checked to ensure the items donated are acceptable. In the past difficulties have been experienced as if one box is found to have a "wrong" item the whole consignment can be refused so great care is taken about this.

Details of suitable gifts can be found on-line but the following gives a broad idea:

TOYS: A football and pump, cuddly toys, dolls, toy cars, small musical instruments, yo-yos, skipping ropes, balls, small puzzles etc.

SCHOOL SUPPLIES: Pens, pencils & sharpeners, crayons or felt pens, stamps & ink pad sets, writing pads or notebooks, solar calculators, colouring & picture books etc.

HYGIENE ITEMS: Toothbrush, bars of wrapped soap, comb or hairbrush, flannel.

OTHER ITEMS: Hat, gloves, scarf, sunglasses, cap, socks, T-shirt, flip-flops, hair accessories, jewellery set, watch, wind-up torch etc.

## DO NOT INCLUDE



Toothpaste, sweets, lotions and liquids; used or damaged items; war-related items; seeds, gum, chocolate or food items; religious or political literature; medicines, aerosol cans, sharp or fragile items.

Items packed from this list will be removed from shoeboxes.

**OPEN THE BOOK** telling scripted Bible stories in assemblies for our three Parish schools – an essential part of our mission to the children of Cowley

New team members are urgently needed in each school for the coming term! During the pandemic, we recorded stories on Zoom and sent the link to the schools. Now we can go back in person but have lost several of our faithful team members and hope there are some new volunteers out there.

The commitment is for alternate weeks in each school but you can do as little or as much as you wish:

- alternate Mondays at 9:00 – arriving at 8:40 – St Christopher’s School, Temple Road
- alternate Tuesdays 10:30 – arriving at 10:00 – Church Cowley St James School, Bartholomew Road
- alternate Thursdays 10:30 – arriving at 10:00 – St Francis School, Horspath Road

To learn more about what’s involved, talk to Geoff – Lesley Williams – Joan Coleman – Jill Ling



**Shaun Guard**

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# HARVEST THANKSGIVING

St Francis Sunday 5 September 9:30

followed by a bring & share brunch

St James Sunday 19 September 8:00, 11:00

followed by a bring and share lunch

Invited donations at both will be:

- tinned, bottled and packeted food and toiletries for CEF (the Community Emergency Food Bank);
- cash for Water Aid

The Community Emergency Food Bank (CEF)

Despite our Welfare system, in this country many thousands of people still go hungry through debt, sickness, sudden job loss, addiction, marriage breakdown, or simply delays in receiving benefit.

A number of similar projects which have started up in cities all over the country have been amazed to discover this well-hidden poverty right in their midst.

We are proud that we have maintained an excellent service and have fed over 3,500 Oxford families and well over 5,500 individuals since the start of the Covid-19 pandemic.

We are very pleased to announce that we have finally been able to stop the food delivery service that we provided for people during the past 18 months and return to a collection service. This finally was able to happen at the beginning of August, returning to our CEF Cafés at Barton Community Church on a Monday and Wednesday, St Francis Church on Tuesday and Friday and Littlemore Baptist Church on Thursday.

It is lovely to meet people again and to be able to chat to them and hear their stories, rather than waving to people at their doors as we dropped off the food. We see CEF as providing a personal service and to build up some form of relationship with people when they come for food. Transitions are always difficult, and the uptake has been slower than usual during August, but we anticipate it getting busier in September, not least because of the end of the £20 increase in Universal Credit during the COVID pandemic, at the end of September.

All those attending must have been referred through the CEF electronic referral link by a statutory or non-statutory organisation.

We are hugely grateful to the many people who helped with packing and driving over the past 18 months and we are holding a party for them at St Francis Church at the end of September. Thank you to all who have continued to contribute both food and money, all of which are invaluable to our ability to continue our work for those most in need in our city.

Requested stock:

Tins of meat

Tins of vegetables - sweetcorn, peas, carrots etc (*not tomatoes and 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>

Jane Benyon

## WATER AID

Come rain or shine, we all need clean water we can rely on.

Climate change is causing more floods that pollute water sources and longer droughts that dry up springs. Water Aid is working globally to get communities a steady supply of clean water, whatever the weather.

When a community gets clean water for the first time, it's the start of something truly life-changing.

Right now, millions of people living in some of the lowest-income countries in the world don't have [clean water](#) to drink, [decent toilets](#) to use or [good hygiene](#) to protect themselves. Without these basics, overcoming poverty and the COVID-19 pandemic is just a dream.

But when you help WaterAid dig a well or install a tap in a community, you're changing lives. Clean water helps people dream again.

# A WARTIME CHILDHOOD

(Part 12)

The spring and summer of 1941 turned a four-year-old child from suburban London into a five-year-old country lass. I had so much to learn, and I soaked up all the wonderful new experiences like a piece of blotting paper.

Our little cottage boasted a very large garden which, when we moved in, had been rather neglected. However, it didn't take my dad very long to get it into shape and for me it was a source of happiness and wonder. Along one side ran a small stream and in the springtime it had big blobs of frog's spawn. To my delight, little wriggly tadpoles hatched out and very soon the grass on the edge of the stream was alive with adorable baby frogs.

Next to the little 'house' at the bottom of the garden (our privy), grew a fine old laburnum tree. My dad taught me how to climb trees safely (hold in with three hands and feet – before you move the fourth) and laburnum trees are very easy to climb. He set up a solid platform high up in the branches where I could climb to, maybe with a favourite book, and while away time to my heart's content.

Then, of course, there were the birds of the countryside. Mummy taught me their names and how to recognise their calls. "*I can't come, Taffy, my toe hurts, Taffy*" cooed the pigeons. "*Pee-wit, pee-wit*" the pee-wits would call across the fields. "*Teacher, teacher*" was the cry of the blue-tit and "*A little bit of bread and nooo—cheese*" from the yellow hammers. Of course, there were lots more – robins, jackdaws, rooks and so on. I learnt about what grew in the hedgerows and not to pick berries, however inviting they looked. We went blackberrying, usually with a grown-up who could reach the best berries, out of reach of a small child. I learnt not to be scared of grass-snakes which we might see basking in the sun along a dusty cart-track. I learnt how adorable a baby bat could be when

I found one under the tree in our school playground early one morning.

In the spring our garden was full of blossom. We had three good plum trees, a greengage tree and a damson in the bottom hedge. I didn't know then that these beautiful flowers would turn into fruit in the autumn when they had been visited by the bees. I would sit on the grass and watch ants, beetles, ladybirds and all sorts of other insects going about their business. Sometimes, Mummy would give me a slice of cake to take out for a treat and I don't think she knew I'd scatter tiny crumbs for the ants to enjoy.

But best of all, I learnt about, and developed a life-long passion for wild flowers. First of all I loved their names – *moondaisies, ragged robins, buttercups, scarlet pimpernels, Tom thumbs*, (which was the village children's name for bird's-foot trefoil) *bird's eyes* (again the country name for tiny blue speedwells). So many beautiful names, so many beautiful flowers. Buttercups held under the chin tell if you like butter.

There were minnows and leeches in the brook that ran past our school. Leeches were called 'bloodsuckers' and it became easy to know why! There were bird's nests to find, the swallows and cuckoo came and went. "Where to?" I wondered.

As children in wartime, we were deprived of sweet things (sweet rations were pretty meagre) but the village children showed me how to pluck the flowers of white dead-nettles and suck the sweet nectar at the base, a tiny sip of sweetness. Later on, at grammar school, we learnt that lovely Shakespeare song: "Where the bee sucks, there suck I," and I knew exactly what it meant because I had done it myself as a little village child.

Rosanne Butler

## 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 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 we introduced the Diocesan training programme for all those Parish volunteer roles requiring it - and that training must now be refreshed. We hope many of you will be able to follow the courses individually at home on-line but, when C-19 regulations soon allow, we will again be offering group training at St James Centre both for the Basic Awareness course, which Lesley Williams, Parish Safeguarding Officer, can deliver, and Foundation, which requires a Diocesan trainer.

All those who require the refreshment have received an email and attached letter with details of how to access the on-line courses; those without e-mail access should have had the letter delivered. There's quite a bit of nudging to do of those who have not yet said they will undertake the training.

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 3 times a year, with clergy, church wardens and leaders of all our Parish groups.

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 time of 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](mailto:safeguarding@cowleyteamministry.co.uk)

# Blighted!

I am without home grown tomatoes this autumn. At the beginning of August, I noticed some curling and browning on leaves on some of my tomato plants in the greenhouse. I cut all affected leaves off and into the brown bin they went. However, the following day I was met with the sorry sight of all the plants having blight. The only thing I could do was to cull them all. I had quite a decent crop forming too! All the plants went into the brown bin and I disinfected my secateurs afterwards.

Blight is a fungal disease spread by spores in the wind and it kills very quickly. It is also the same fungus that causes potato blight. We still have chillies and cucumbers in the greenhouse. Tomatoes and potatoes belong to the same family and so are similarly affected especially if the weather has been warm and wet. I think our summer so far would be described as wet and definitely warm rather than hot. Some papers had been predicting a heatwave for most of the last couple of months which has not come to pass!

We have been away for two weeks and we are told the weather has not been great and it wasn't great where we were either! In fact I had 12mm or about half an inch of accumulated rain in my rain gauge. Consequently, we return to very lush growth in the garden and on the allotment plot. The lawn has taken a while to cut and as for the bindweed in the borders.....!

Happily, the runner bean row on the plot is still mainly intact. It was a bit wobbly as the

ground was so hard when we were setting up the poles in May that they couldn't be pushed very far into the ground. We were expecting it all to have collapsed in the wind but we were rewarded with a good picking of beans, enough to give away to neighbours as well as to eat for ourselves. The courgettes had produced several marrows and the pumpkins have gone mad, threading their way through sweetcorn, raspberries and beyond.

My other half is gradually harvesting our main crop potatoes of which there is a decent crop with just a bit of slug damage but no blight. I hope that we don't get mice eating our stored spuds this winter! Our shallots and onions are already in store.

When the ground is clear of spuds we are going to cut down our jostaberry bush. It is quite old and woody now and there were few berries this summer. I will take a few cuttings but we will have a bonfire of it when we are allowed a fire from November onwards. Its spread has been a nuisance to neighbouring plot holders and it has harboured brambles too. Getting scratched, is not fun when picking berries. I blame them on the roosting birds and their droppings full of blackberry seeds.

So the allotment year is now slowing down and we will be continuing a harvest from our labours of sweet corn, beetroot, parsnips, chard, beans and cabbages but we will also be looking forward to next year as our seed order has already been sent.

Joan Coleman

# CAMINO to Santiago de Compostela, Galicia – the Way of St James

2-9 October for Traidcraft Exchange

Lesley Williams

After a long wait to see how the pandemic restrictions progressed, we have been given the go-ahead for our trek - flying from Stanstead to Santiago very early on 2 October, bussed to our start at Sarria, and then walking 96 km over 5 days, staying in simple hotels along the way, finishing with a pilgrims' service in the cathedral, at the shrine of St James the Great, where tradition holds that the remains of the saint are buried.

I still have a personal uncertainty in that my COVID-19 vaccine was in the trial for Novavax, which is still not approved for release and therefore, although accepted and recorded on the NHS app, is not recognised internationally. I'm just praying they will have it sorted by 1 October.

My 250.5 mile walk during April raised £1,375, and with some other donations, I have raised £1,875 towards the commitment of £2,500, for Traidcraft Exchange. Watch Link for a short notice coffee morning, to help top up my necessary contribution!

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## MOTHERS' UNION NEWS

After many months of lockdown, our MU branch now plans to be up and running again on 20<sup>th</sup> September. It will be a short business meeting followed by a talk by our favourite speaker, Reverend Mark Oxbrow, ending of course with a cuppa and biscuits. The meeting will begin as usual at 2.15pm and we hope that as many members as possible (and former members too) will come along to the Church Centre to join us.

Rosanne Butler

## CHRONICLE

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If possible, please send entries by email to Sally at [chronicle@cowleyteamministry.co.uk](mailto:chronicle@cowleyteamministry.co.uk).

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

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# ST FRIDESWIDE PILGRIMAGE to Christ Church Cathedral

## Saturday 16 October



Christians have felt drawn to pray at the Shrine of St Frideswide for many centuries. Indeed, the Priory on which our Cathedral was built was an important destination for medieval pilgrims. The Shrine is the oldest monument in the Cathedral, though what remains is only the platform on which the actual Shrine rested. Many came to pray for healing in the belief that the saint could cure them of a wide variety of complaints. In the 16th century Catherine of Aragon prayed at the Shrine in the hope of giving birth to a son. Today, people remain drawn to the Latin Chapel and the Shrine it houses because they sense this is a place where the veil between our earthly life and the Kingdom of Heaven is very thin. It is a place that has been soaked in prayer over the centuries.

Following the success of the pilgrimage in 2019, its cancellation in 2020, this year there will be a slimmed-down St Frideswide Pilgrimage on Saturday 16 October.

There will be five guided walking routes, ranging from 1.5 miles to 9 miles, for a maximum of 25 people in each group, to the Cathedral, where there will once again be prayer stations. Tea will be served in the Great Hall before a special service at 5:00 pm.

The organisers also hope to be able to accommodate a limited number of pilgrims who are unable to walk and just wish to attend the tea and service, but this will be confirmed nearer the time according to COVID conditions.

Please note that [booking is essential](#). Details and free tickets are available [on the website](#).

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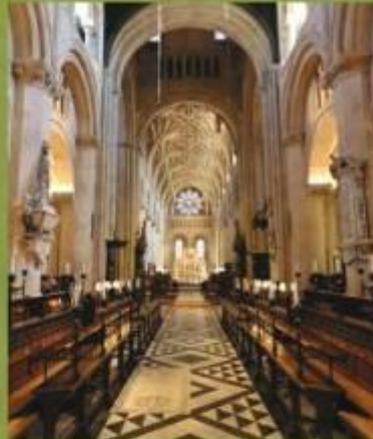
### IN MEMORIAM

Frank Butler died suddenly on 2<sup>nd</sup> August, aged 86. After a private cremation there will be a memorial service in St. James' Church at 2.30pm on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> September. Anyone who remembers Frank and would like to attend will be very welcome. Dress code is optional. Following the service everyone is welcome to join Rosanne and the family for a cup of tea and cake in the Church Centre.



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## JOHN SHREEVE'S ARTICLES

### Our Wonderful Hymns

You notice that I don't say English hymns because although they're printed in the English language in our books, many come from all corners of the globe. For example, what many regard as the quintessential English harvest hymn, '*We Plough the Fields and Scatter*' was actually translated from the German and dates from a very early period. Of course, many were written by English people, and we have a very rich heritage of talented English writers.

Our Methodist friends are just now celebrating three hundred years of their movement, and we owe a tremendous debt of gratitude to Charles Wesley, a prolific writer, who gave us some of our finest hymns. However, it is when a good hymn is accompanied by a great tune that it becomes really special, and a real treasure and a joy to sing. Hence the enduring pleasure of the BBC's 'Songs of Praise'. We are lifted up by the music and then the words become more meaningful.

We are indebted to the Welsh, not only for some wonderful words but also superb music.

For example: William Williams' '*Guide Me O Thou Great Jehovah*', a hymn that never fails to move us and inspire.

The sources of our hymns come from many aspects and shades of religious life. From the Evangelicals and Non-Conformists, from High Church Tractarians, the Oxford Movement, from the missions, from the Victorians, and from devoted and committed Christians from all walks of life. Many of them didn't have easy lives and endured many years of hardship and ill-health; facts which come out in moving words and expressions of their utter reliance on Christ to see them through their difficulties. It is precisely because of this that we can readily identify with them and find them helpful in our own lives.

For many years the Established Church only sang what was known as metrical psalms, and rather frowned on the hymns as only for Non-Conformists and Evangelicals. However, they began to realise that hymns were a great way of bringing home spiritual and biblical truths to ordinary people. So they became mainstream and part of the regular pattern of our worship in church, and we have never looked back. Many of our best-loved hymns are over 200 years old – some even older. It is impossible to do justice to the subject in a short article such as this, and so I would encourage you to get hold of a book about hymns and their writers, and the musicians who gave us the melodies. There are some fascinating stories behind them.

John Shreeve  
November 2007

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- phoning 03450 700 707 – that’s a special department set up by the police *OR*
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# From the Archives

What the Papers say

October 1979

An independent survey of the Top Ten newspapers carried out recently has revealed the following results:

THE TIMES:	Read by people who run the country.
THE DAILY MIRROR:	Read by people who think they run the country.
THE GUARDIAN:	Read by people who think they ought to run the country.
MORNING STAR:	Read by people who think the country should be run by another country.
DAILY MAIL:	Read by the wives of the people who run the country.
FINANCIAL TIMES:	Read by the people who own the country.
DAILY EXPRESS:	Read by the people who think the country ought to be run the way it used to be run.
DAILY TELEGRAPH:	Read by the people who think it still is.
SUN:	Read by the people who don't care who runs the country so long as she has a big bust.

(Reprinted by Northender Magazine of London South Region)

Children aren't the only ones going to school!

February 2009

Full Circle is starting work soon at Church Cowley St. James Primary School.

Full Circle is a charity that works in schools, bringing younger and older people together. It started in 2001 with just one school, running lunchtime clubs where older people could share activities such as games, gardening and crafts with young children.

For many different reasons, young people and older people have far less opportunity to spend time together these days. Full Circle brings the two generations together in a friendly environment where the two groups can enjoy each others' company and engage in different activities.

Full Circle groups are about having fun and building friendships. Getting involved with Full Circle groups really can change people's lives and we are currently looking for older volunteers for the Church Cowley St. James' project.

The intergenerational project had a glorious finale last Wednesday, when the group appeared in front of 200 children at their assembly at Church Cowley St. James' School. This was our opportunity to share with the whole school some of the delightful stories that had emerged from both age groups during the project. After a warm welcome and tea in the children's classrooms, we filed into the hall and performed.

A song, which poet Jenny Lewis had created out of group members' memories of bells, formed the basis of our show. Each one of us read a piece of it, but there were frequent interruptions (or *eruptions*?) as the children acted out some of the lively scenes, one of which depicted Cyril's Room's secret childhood adventures as a bird nester and general scallywag!

Various children came to tell me how they enjoyed our presentation. 'Our' children expressed delight with the whole project. Here are some of their comments:

'I liked all the friendly people we were with.'

'The best was working with Rosanne. We had a lot of fun together.'

'I liked it because I met Cyril who lived near my nan.'

'It was really exciting to work on the project, and nice to meet the elderly people who all had lots of stories to tell us.'

'It got us in touch with old people and we found out that they had a long history that we could learn a lot from.'

'I'd like to do it all over again..... and I'd like other people to try this experiment as well.'

Somehow, I get the feeling that St. James' Tuesday Lunch Club hasn't seen the last of these children or their friends.

With many thanks to the Lunch Club for putting up with us, and to members of the group for being so generous, thoughtful and inspiring. A special thanks to Denise Hinton for her brilliant support.

*(This was a project where the school children got together with the Tuesday Lunch Club diners to hear their memories of times gone by.) LEH*

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## MORE MESSAGES FOR THE MILKMAN!

Dear Milkman,

I've just had a baby. Please leave another one.

Please leave an extra pint of paralysed milk.

Cancel one pint after the day after today.

Milkman please close the gate behind you because the birds keep pecking the tops off the milk.

Please cancel milk. I have nothing coming into the house but two sons on the dole.

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# CHRISTIAN AID



**BIG BRUNCH** Sunday 12 September 9:15-10:45

With the extra time now available between our two St James services, we can move from the former rather rushed 45 minute breakfast to a relaxed, leisurely brunch although sadly it clashes with the service time at St Francis.

Please come and enjoy all the usual breakfast offerings plus a couple of special treats.

Volunteers are invited to join the kitchen and serving team - *Information from and offers to Lesley Williams, please*

**QUIZ AID** postponed from June to Friday 24th September, 7:00, St James Centre

- Teams of up to 6 – if you haven't organised your own, we will put one/several together on the night.
- £5 or more donation per head
- Soft drinks and nibbles provided – bring your own supply of anything stronger/more substantial -
- and there will of course be a raffle

The previous Chronicle invited you to answer the postponed June event's 'in the news' round questions. No one did but, in case they left you frustrated to know, and didn't consult a web-search

1. What was the date when we were first allowed to eat inside a restaurant after the latest lockdown? *17 May*
2. How many years is the University of Oxford celebrating, as the anniversary of women first being allowed to graduate? *101*
3. Who is the current Health Secretary? *at the time Matt Hancock but soon after Sajid Javid*
4. Which country won the 2021 Eurovision song contest? *Italy*
5. How many wives has Boris Johnson had to date? *3*
6. Name the horse that won the 2021 Derby *Adayar*
7. Which street in Oxford is being turned into a public garden square for the summer? *Broad Street*
8. Robert Maxwell's daughter Ghislaine is in jail in America, on trial for sex trafficking. How many times has she applied for and been refused bail? *5*
9. What type of creature has been sent into space to understand more about human muscle loss? *worms*
10. How many days of celebration can we look forward to in 2022 for the Queen's platinum anniversary? *4*

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# The Parish of Cowley

What does the parish of Cowley mean to you. For me the lovely old church of St James is the centre of Cowley with its arms outstretched to all its parishioners. Cowley is a diverse area with treasures in unexpected places. The calm and peace of our ancient church dating back to Saxon times, and probably before then. surrounded by its interesting graveyard with some tombstones over 400 years old and still a resting place for present day souls.

Florence Park, an attraction enjoyed by many, from toddlers to adults, space to run and breathe, peaceful and tranquil at times or busy and joyful with multi-national events. Hopefully we will see the fetes and festivals returning when we can again meet freely. The variety of voluntary work and volunteers is quite amazing in Cowley.

We have The City Farm in Cornwallis Road making progress with every passing season, (have you had a look yet?), exciting things planned with their new kitchen, growing their own veg-ies and tending their livestock of sheep, chickens and even bees. Nearby the Florence Park Community Centre, struggling but doing extraordinary things with a limited budget, keeping contact with the pensioners of the estate, providing and delivering a free meal every Friday through all the lockdown times. Can't wait for their fabulous panto to start again. What a talented bunch.

Another community effort is Flo's The Place in the Park, offering a variety of services from a cafe to children's centre and refill shop, run mostly by dedicated volunteers.

And of course there is "Restore" helping many through the power and peace of gardening, on the allotments of Elder Stubbs Charity in Rymers Lane. Elder Stubbs is an ancient charity held by trustees for the Poor of Cowley. First mentioned in 1643. Originally to protect the right of the poor of Cowley to gather firewood etc at an Elder Stubbs' coppice in Shotover Forest.

Hidden away behind houses are further green spaces, some playgrounds, some busy allotments, all adding to the thriving community of the Parish of Cowley.

I've only mentioned a few of the amazing groups of volunteers that are part of the everyday life of Cowley, there are many more, all offering a helping hand whenever needed in these strange times. I can only say a BIG THANK YOU on behalf of the parish to all of you caring and dedicated people.

Thank you.

Sheila Tree



## BIBLE SOCIETY 'MORE THAN A BOOK' REGISTRATION



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# Our Prayer for a Just and Fair Future

Great Spirit, heavenly Father, source of life and love. We rejoice and give thanks for your bountiful planet. Great plains, verdant forests, deserts of rock, sand and ice, mountain ranges, rivers and oceans: ecosystems to meet the needs of all your creatures.

We mourn our separation from you, each other, ourselves and all creation.

We have forsaken your calling to be custodians:

When we drill for oil, gas and minerals, despoiling the earth, poisoning the waters and fouling the air with climate changing gases;

When we fell ancient trees, over-exploit the oceans and techno-farm food, destroying soils, traditional food systems and indigenous communities;

When we desecrate your world with trash where nothing in nature is intended to go to waste;

When we live lavish lifestyles and turn our other cheek to poverty, injustice, war, famine and unbearable human suffering.

When world leaders and multi-national corporations put profit before the wellbeing of people, communities and a flourishing planet.

We pray that our words, our pilgrimage and our actions may be a witness to world leaders, encouraging and inspiring them to make radical commitments at the forthcoming climate talks. Commitments that will restore the earth and lead to justice for communities confronted by the climate crisis. And may they lead us onto a new path for a *sustainable future where we live in harmony with all life.*

Open our senses to all we encounter and be with us that we may walk in safety. Awaken us to our true nature, to live in peace with you, each other and all creation. By restoring harmony and balance we too will be restored to wholeness.

Amen.

Prayer written by Bishop Geoff Davies, South Africa's 'Green Bishop' Bishop Geoff Davies, or more affectionately known as the Green Bishop, and his wife Kate were founders of the Southern African Faith Communities' Environment Inst



## ART AND FAITH. A RE-LAUNCH

Now that the worst of the pandemic seems to be behind us, our Art and Faith group has started to meet inside St. James Church Centre again.

Over the past 2 years our members (involvement from around a dozen people) have found great satisfaction and joy in creating visual artworks of many different sorts.

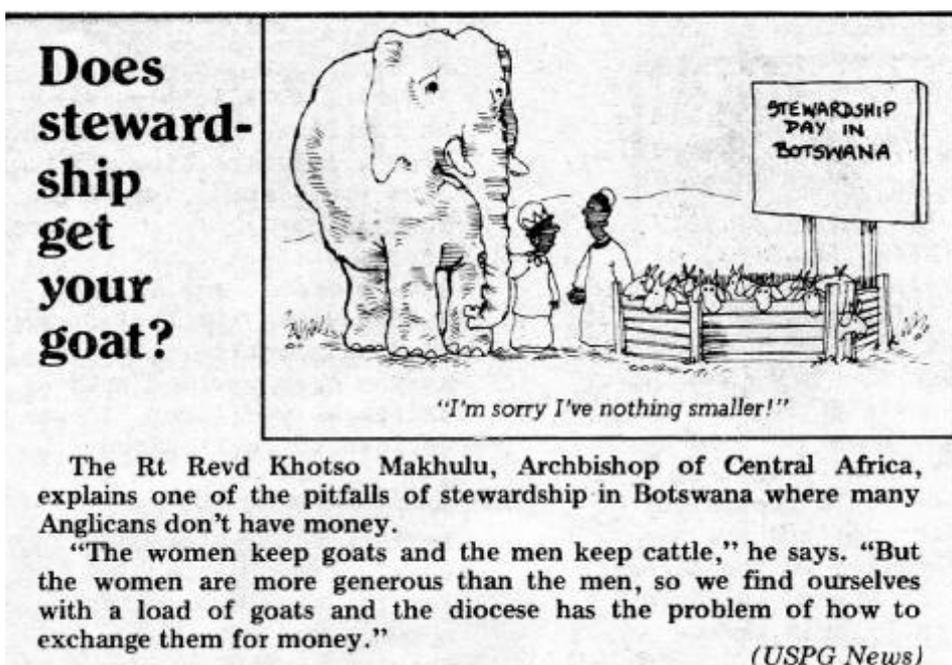
Despite restrictions we were able to assemble artwork last Christmas and decorate a tree for the Christmas Tree Festival in St. James. We provided a table displaying some work from the group as a focal point at the Day of Prayer at St Francis in July. Thanks again to all of those who took part. In late spring and over the Summer we met in the Churchyard on the first Saturday of the month. Although the weather was sometimes chilly, it was worth it.

Turning to the future, we are aiming to show a selection of the work done by Art and Faith members from 11<sup>th</sup> September onwards in St. James church. That date coincides with Ride and Stride and that Saturday's Open Doors across Oxford.

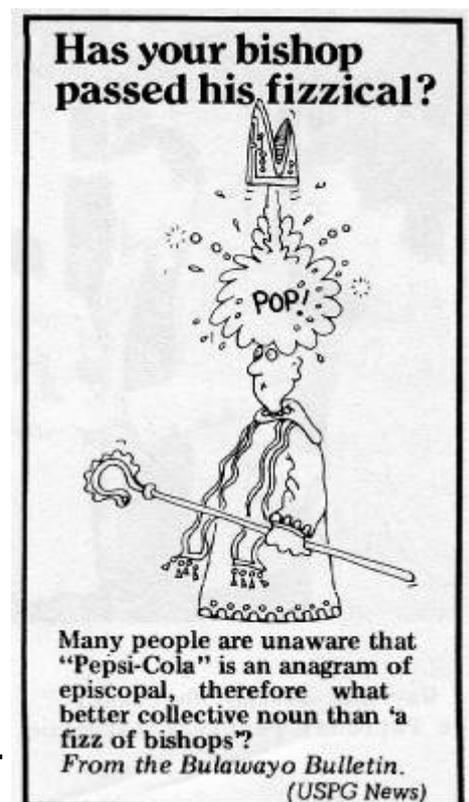
So, we are all thankful for the guidance and inspiration God has given us throughout the last 2 years and we look forward to a bright future full of creativity.

We would welcome new members to join Art and Faith whether you have any church connections or not. If you are interested, do contact me on 01865 770836 or at [john.booty@hotmail.com](mailto:john.booty@hotmail.com)

John Booty



June 1984



Sept 1984

## UNA'S CORNER

### NHS and Dr Firth

I remember when the NHS started – my father said that the doctor's surgery would be full of people wanting two free aspirins for a headache! Well, it wasn't quite like that.

In my young days Dr Firth was our doctor.\* He lived and had his surgery on the Oxford Road, among the group of houses just before Cleveland Drive. It was a double-fronted house and on entering, the waiting room was on the right and the surgery was the room on the left. There were no appointments, just hours of opening. The waiting room was normally crowded and there was no particular order, one just watched those who came later than yourself and made sure that they didn't go in before you! When it was our turn, we just crossed the passage into the surgery. If he prescribed a medicine, or tablets, we went down the passage to the kitchen. It had a stable-type door and the top half would be open and the bottom closed. There was a shelf on the top of the lower door. Mrs. Firth was there and would give us our medicine for which we paid. We would return to the front of the house and leave by the front door.

Later, more doctors joined and had rooms. When Dr Firth retired, his room was used by the nurses, dealing with paperwork etc. It became a regular surgery, moving several times and is now Temple Cowley Health Centre in Temple Road.

Dr Firth and his predecessors were my family's doctors for generations. Even now, his successors are still my doctors.

I discovered when I was older that my elder brother, when aged about 4½ years, developed pneumonia and Dr Firth attended him. It was rare for hospital stays then. My mother was expecting me at that time and was also under Dr Firth's care. This clash of happenings nearly bankrupted my parents. Later a man came every Saturday and collected money as an insurance for medical fees and it was about a penny (in old money) each. In those days doctors came to the house when called, even in the middle of the night. That still happened when my daughter was taken ill. Dr Firth attended my mother when I was born at home and he attended me when my daughter was born here, where I have lived.

I remember that during the blackout in the war, my brother and his friend were coming home and he walked into a blacked-out lamp and cut his forehead badly. The cut went from his forehead through the eyebrow and Dr Firth came and stitched it. My brother had the scar for the rest of his life.

In the war ARP wardens really did bang on the door and holler '*Put that light out!*' Car lights were hooded, and we were only allowed to carry a small torch, hooded, so that it couldn't be seen from above. Thereby

a person could only see the pavement as far as their toes.

I remember Dr Firth coming on Sunday lunch time to remove the stitches from my brother's face. I was very nearly sick, being very squeamish.

When the NHS came, we no longer paid the doctor on the spot but via taxes. Nowadays it

is only the OAPs who pay for care. Two years ago I was in hospital for 7 weeks. The seventh week my pension was cut although I still had to maintain my home while still in hospital. Nowadays things have changed and we no longer call the doctor out at all hours, but have appointments in a civilised way.

UNA DEAN

Dr Firth was in practice for 37 years from January 1927 to retirement in September 1964. He lived in Temple Cottage, which has now been converted into four flats.

Editor

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## COWLEY FESTIVAL OF CHRISTMAS TREES 2021

### Shine a light

Our next planning meeting is on Thursday 9 September, 9.00 – hopefully a face to face one but, if necessary, on Zoom – still to be decided. Let Lesley Williams know if you are able to join in.

Our second planning meeting in June developed some of our earlier ideas, particularly for a torchlight or lantern procession, with groups coming from across the Parish for an outdoor carol service at St James. We also hope schools will have their own version of that.

Please send us further ideas for activities during the festival

AND, as ever, ideas of how we can reach and involve other community groups, schools etc.

AND if you are confident and have time to be our PROMOTION & SOCIAL MEDIA person.

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## YCCN RELAY

Members of the Young Christian Climate Network are walking a relay from the G7 summit in Cornwall in June to the COP26 conference in Glasgow in early November. The walkers reached Oxford on Sunday 15 August from London via Aylesbury and Brill and travelled on to Birmingham. After a 3-day residency there, at the time of writing (30 August), they are on the way to Nottingham.

Lesley Williams joined 10 others for the Deddington to Banbury 8-mile section on Wednesday 18 August. It is such an inspirational concept with people of all ages and backgrounds walking daily; local churches providing a back-up driver, hospitality and respite all along the route. Bishops and clergy, MPs, Mayors and Councillors have met and greeted the walkers.

There are also 'tributary' routes across Norfolk and South Wales – and more to come further north.

This is what the Young Christian Climate Network says:

*The climate crisis is both the cause and result of deep injustice in the world. We believe in God's imperative call to work for justice and repent of our broken relationships with our planet and our global neighbours who contribute least and suffer most from the consequences of climate breakdown.*

*That's why we at the Young Christian Climate Network (YCCN), an action-focused community of Christians aged 18-30, are organising a Relay from the G7 in Cornwall in June 2021 to the COP26 UN climate talks in Glasgow in November. We're doing this as an act of solidarity and faith, believing that no country should be pushed further into debt because of climate change.*

*Through the relay we hope to rally the church towards climate justice, so that when we look back on 2021, we can say "we did not sit at home while unjust decisions were made on our doorstep; we set sail towards a just future."*

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

Rise to the moment prayer

The response to 'Father strengthen us' is, 'And lead us to justice'.

Dear Father,

The Young Christian Climate Network is journeying along the length of our island in their pilgrimage to the COP26 Climate Conference in Glasgow. In your name, they ask for climate justice and fair climate finance for all nations. Bless everyone involved in the relay – those walking, those involved in local celebrations, those online, and those joining in prayer. Inspire all of

us to seek change, and put compassion and understanding into the hearts of governments and decision-makers. In this crucial year for the future of our earth, help us to rise to the moment.

Father strengthen us, *And lead us to justice.*

People of all ages and across the world have campaigned for climate justice. Today, we listen to the call of young Christians. Help us to support and nurture the young people in our lives. Bless the young people living in communities that are suffering the effects of climate change, and who are fearful for their lives, homes, and futures. Inspire young people in the UK and elsewhere to seek justice for their brothers and sisters across the world, and to take action for what they believe in. Open the hearts of governments to listen to the voices of their young citizens. Help us to rise to the moment.

Father strengthen us, *And lead us to justice.*

For decades now nations all over the world, and particularly in the Global South, have been experiencing climate change in their daily lives. We pray for those who are suffering from extreme weather events, rising temperatures, food insecurity, rising sea levels, and floods. We pray for those who are exploited and harmed in order to supply our greed for fossil fuels. Help us to show love for our global brothers and sisters through our actions, and through planning for real change at COP26. Help us to rise to the moment.

Father strengthen us, *And lead us to justice.*

Our world is vastly unequal. We pray for those who live in poverty, and especially for those who have faced destitution because of climate change. We pray for nations who are going into debt in an attempt to recover from natural disasters. We ask forgiveness for our complicity in this inequality, and ask for your strength to fight for change. Inspire the governments at COP26 to make decisions for fair climate finance that benefits all nations. Help us to rise to the moment.

Father strengthen us, *And lead us to justice.*

Many are still feeling the repercussions of the Covid pandemic. We pray for those who are mourning loved ones, experiencing ill health, or suffering from loss of livelihood. In this moment of rebuilding our communities afresh, help us to work towards sustainability, equality, and peace. Inspire us and our governments to build back better. Help us to rise to the moment.

Father strengthen us, *And lead us to justice.*

Today, this year, and always, help us all to rise to the moment. We ask this for the sake of your Son, our saviour Jesus Christ. AMEN

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

# SUNDAY SERVICES

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

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## 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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