

# Harvest FESTIVAL

Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> September  
10 am at St James  
10.30 at St Francis



Our Harvest celebrations will take place on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> September.

Harvest gifts of dry and fresh food stuffs, will go to the Community Emergency Food Bank (CEF), that works out of St Francis Church. Specific cash gifts will go to the charities highlighted on the harvest posters (look out for them!). However much you give it will be very gratefully received.

## A Joint celebration of the Feast Day of St Francis

Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> October  
St Francis Church

10:30 am  
Hollow Way  
OX3 7JF



**There will be no 10 am  
service at St James  
Beauchamp Lane on this  
day**

# Chronicle

September  
2017

# From the Editors

*Sally Hemsworth and Nicki Stevens*

The summer break is over! And the first edition of the 2017/2018 subscription is here. We are pleased to see that most of the people who had ordered the Chronicle last year have continued to do so. Thank you very much.

Of course, we are still open for more subscribers – if you know anyone who is interested please pass on the details. Order forms are still available in both churches and the Church Centre.

Please note articles on the following where support is needed:

Samaritans Purse  
Parish Walks  
Group Holiday

If you have ideas for articles/or indeed articles please let us have them. They can be emailed to the address given (see page 7), or a handwritten copy can be delivered to Sally at the Parish Office. We would love to hear from you.

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As the first Tuesday in the summer holidays fell on St James' Day, we thought that St James would make an excellent theme for the Messy Church summer session.

So, as usual, there was a time for crafts and activities. As the weather was kind to us we could do some bubble printing with paint and bubble mixture and bubble making outside. The church centre garden did look pretty with its washing line of artwork. Inside, origami

fish, woven fish, 3D fish and starfish with sand decorations were created alongside "Under the sea" edible oceans. On one table, a world map allowed us to think of places we would like to go on pilgrimage to, remembering the famous pilgrimage place of Santiago de Compostela where St James' shrine is situated. This was followed by a short time of worship including a story of St James, songs and a prayer.

Many thanks to everyone who came- to enjoy the activities, run an activity or welcome people in. It was great to see all ages joining in and having fun together. Adding up the numbers at the end we realised 131 people had been present!!

The next Messy Church, we are suggesting, is on the Tuesday of the October half term break- Harvest.

Mary Bayliss

## A word from the Rectory

I am a very mixed up man! My diary runs each year from January to January. As a Vicar, I have a year that runs from Advent to Advent. Having been involved in teaching for so many years I still find that September brings me to that feeling of a new year. With children and staff I get drawn into the beginning of the school year and come back refreshed from a summer holiday.



As I grow older I am more and more amazed that the life of one man, Jesus, is so dominant in our history. So much so that our very dating system starts when he was born. Whatever the starting point of a year, still the dates remain the same. They celebrate his birth! And this reminds us how important he was, and how important he remains.

How is it that the world still sees the death, resurrection, ascension of Jesus, alongside the first Pentecost as such important events? It is simply that the world changed. God came and lived inside his people. Inside us. The Holy Spirit came and lives in the heart of every follower of Jesus, since that first Pentecost every follower has that gift. It is like the wedding ring worn by the bride or groom, a sign and seal of the relationship. The Holy Spirit is a gift we get at baptism and personal commitment. Every Christian is equal, every Christian receives.

Life is full of journeys and we are all on a spiritual journey. What we believe and how we live our lives is shaped by our experiences and our knowledge. For the Christian, something about Jesus caught their attention. That

interest led to questions being asked and belief being developed. At some point we moved from being enquirers to followers. But the journey does not end with following Jesus.

To 'follow' implies coming along behind and watching what is going on. We have some committed followers of Oxford United. But they stay in the stands and watch. They don't get onto the football field and play. The journey for the Christian goes beyond changing from enquirer to follower. We become servants of the kingdom of God.

Graham Kendrick's wonderful hymn, 'The Servant King' tells something of that story.

*"So let us learn how to serve,  
And in our lives enthrone him;  
Each other's needs to prefer,  
For it is Christ we're serving.*

*This is our God, the Servant King,  
He calls us now to follow him,  
To bring our lives as a daily offering  
Of worship to the Servant King"*

The journey of the Christian goes from enquirer, to follower, to servant of the kingdom of God. All of us have our own gifts and skills. Some of these lead to upfront roles, other roles are in the background. But each of us has a calling to serve.

Times of new beginning are good times to think about what we do. You will be aware of the ways you already serve but are there any other ways you can help build the kingdom of God?



Benson Cottage

# Prayer Space

A prayer for Michaelmas (September 29<sup>th</sup>)

Good Saint Michael, if we must  
Leave our bodies here to dust,  
Grant our souls a heaven where we  
Still your Michaelmas may see.  
Do not make me quire and sing  
With radiant angels in a ring,  
Nor idly tread a pearl-paved street  
With my new unearthly feet;  
Do not shut me in a heaven  
Golden bright from morn to even,  
Where no shadows and no showers  
Dim the tedious, shining hours.  
Grant that there be autumn still,  
Smoke-blue dusk, brown crisp and chill,  
And let the furrowed ploughland bare  
Curve strongly to the windswept air;  
Make the leafy beechwoods burn  
Russet, yellow, bronze by turn,  
And set the hedgerow and the briar  
Thick with berries red as fire.  
Let me search and gather up  
Acorns green, with knobbled cup,  
And prickly chestnuts plumping down  
To show a glossy kernel brown.  
Splendid cities like me ill,  
And for song I have no skill;  
Then let me in an autumn wood,  
Sweep and pick up sticks for God.

Viola Garvin

## SAMARITAN'S PURSE OPERATION

This is the world's largest children's Christmas project and in 2016 the Samaritan's Purse was able to deliver nearly 11.5 million shoebox gifts to children in over 100 children around the world.

This Parish has participated fully in the past, and thanks must go to Joyce Titchell for the work she has done over a number of years. Although not able to reach the numbers she did she is still working on boxes and will have a number ready by the collection date in November.

Boxes have been purchased and will be available in both churches and the Church Centre from the 10 September. A leaflet setting out what is required will also be available.

**PLEASE TAKE PART IN THIS VALUABLE PROJECT  
– WORK ON YOUR OWN, WITH A FRIEND, OR  
A GROUP OF FRIENDS.**

**DO YOU FANCY GOING FOR A WALK?**

**COME TO ST JAMES CHURCH CENTRE  
AT 2.15 PM ON MONDAY,  
11 SEPTEMBER 2017**

A walk to Iffley is planned – walking through the alley ways from Beauchamp Lane, and then down Tree Lane.

We will then find somewhere for a drink – and plan future walks.

**DO JOIN US – THE MORE THE  
MERRIER**

## HOW IS YOUR MEMORY?

Do you remember Cowley in the years before the Cowley Centre Shopping precinct was built? I know for many Chronicle readers that is a silly question. I know from chatting with so many of you that you grew up here – even born, attended school, joined the Cowley youth club, got married, had your babies here – and that you have vivid memories of all those years.

For instance, do you remember when The Nelson pub had a nice garden and was situated on “the other side of the road”? Do you remember being a Young Wife in the early days of St Luke’s congregation? Do you remember the shops and Morris and Beecham coal offices in Between Towns Road? For that matter do you remember the shops along the Oxford Road? Did you spend some of your school days in the old Parish Hall? And so much more ....

Well, if that has got you reminiscing then that is wonderful because a new exhibition is going to be mounted at the end of September in The Venue (the Cowley Community rooms) in Barns Road. The exhibition is going to be entitled “Cowley Centre Now and Then” and will mainly comprise of a huge selection of photographs and maps. The exhibition will open on Friday, 22 September and the staff have asked me to give a brief introductory talk outlining how Cowley changed from a rural to a suburban area in about sixty years. Now, I do not remember all the details as I only arrived here in 1959, far too late to talk at first hand about the questions I have posed above. So I have asked the organisers to advertise an open forum to follow my short talk and for that I am relying on you. Please come along and share your memories. Once you get started I am sure there will be someone else to add to yours. And anyway, I promise you that the photographs are well worth seeing and they will be on show for at least a week. Watch out for posters advertising the event and do go and see it. I think you will be delighted.

Rosanne Butler



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# The Centre of Cowley

## NOW AND THEN

23 September to 1 October  
**12NOON-4PM**

**Opening event on 22 September, 2-6pm**

3pm – Talk about Cowley by local historian Rosanne Butler, followed by a Forum of Shared Memories. Let's hear your stories!  
4pm – Storytelling about Cowley with Vivien Verneide (with thanks to the WEA).

**FREE EXHIBITION**

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# Fruit and more fruit

Nature is amazing. On the Sunday we celebrated St. James' day, I was delighted to see what looked like red jewels under the Magnolia tree in the churchyard. Where grass was sparse after our dry early summer, wild strawberries had grown in recent rains and produced a thick sprinkling of fruits.

Wonderful!

We have been having a fruitful time with our raspberries on the allotment. Now producing loads of berries in their second full year. I had bought just 5 canes of summer raspberries, 5 mid-season and 10 autumn ones. All of them have expanded sideways, as they do, with many upright canes. The summer ones cropped really well but the mid-season ones were very sparse and have got motley leaves being the sign of mosaic virus. We shall have to think what to do about those. But the autumn raspberries, variety Joan J (!), have produced loads of big and tasty fruits and continue to do so. As well as eating them fresh, lots have gone in the freezer just as they are, more into making raspberry preserve, more have been made into ice cream and yet more into jellies for which I use my collection of vintage jelly moulds.

Other pickings on the plot have included onions which we brought home early as they are sadly prone to theft. They now are laid out in the garage. French and runner beans have done well and respond to frequent picking as are the courgettes, of which you can tire very easily! My other half now embraces

beetroot, after a lifetime of hating, after being force fed it at nursery, so he says. I have always loved it especially salted in a sandwich, sliced and still warm from boiling it. We have cylindrical beets and different coloured round ones, but somehow a golden beetroot is not the same as the red with its ability to stain everything.

We have just returned from Southern Brittany, holidaying with our son and daughter with their respective families. Gardens and roadsides were full of blue agapanthus and pink hydrangeas. Locally to our campsite, the roundabouts were full of these with the addition of quirky models or sculptures. One had basking seals, another had a monstrous mammoth head and another fighting gulls and a heron. All good fun.

On our return, it is obvious that Cowley has been well watered! Our lawn is lush and green and many weeds have popped up and grown on the allotment. The other half has been harvesting our potato crop which has been plentiful. My peach tree in the garden has produced lots of small but juicy peaches. Many had fallen but we have really enjoyed those unblemished ones still attached to the branches. Thoughts now go towards next year with the need to order a load of manure for the plot this autumn and - the seed catalogues have arrived!

Joan Coleman

# COWLEY WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Be Aware!                      Be Warned!                      Beware!

How to avoid becoming the victim of a scam was the subject of practical advice given by the Trading Standards Service of the Oxfordshire County Council at the July meeting of Cowley Women's Institute.

We are now enjoying a summer break before our meetings start again on Wednesday, 20 September, at 2 pm in the Church Centre, when there will be a presentation – Music of London – and we shall hold a Harvest Bring and Buy Sale.

We have a full and varied programme planned for the new autumn season. Do come: visitors are always very welcome.

Ann Withers  
President, Cowley WI



  
**St Andrew's Church**  
NORTH OXFORD

## Hymns of Praise

Presented by Pam Rhodes



**Come and join St Andrew's Church Choir and friends to sing favourite hymns and hear their inspiring stories.**

**Date:** 23 September 2017  
**Time:** 7:00 pm  
**Venue:** St. Andrew's Church,  
Linton Road,  
Oxford, OX2 6UG

Tickets: £5(Adults)  
Concessions available  
18 years and below free



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## CHRONICLE

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# Christian Aid 2017

March	Fairtrade Super Soup Lunch	£ 145
May	Christian Aid Week	£2,088
June	Quiz Aid	<u>£ 202</u>
		£2,435

This Chronicle will go to press before my WINGWALK for Christian Aid and Oxfordshire Outdoor Learning Trust (OOLT) on Saturday 2 September, 12.00, at Chiltern Park Aerodrome, Ipsden, near Wallingford OX10 6AS.

There will obviously be a full write up and photographic record of the experience next month. As at 14 August 2017, I have sponsorship of £200 + gift aid for Christian Aid on paper forms and £425 + gift aid on line (target £1,000) for OOLT, of which I am Secretary – it 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](http://www.justgiving.com/lesley-williams-wingwalk)



Although by the time you read this, weather permitting, it will be done and dusted, you are still invited to acknowledge my crazy exploit by contributing to either or both causes, please!

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## BIBLE SOCIETY 'MORE THAN A BOOK' REGISTRATION

The Open the Book resources are published by the Bible Society. The Parish is now registered for the 'More than a book' cash back scheme. The unique Parish reference number is: 12044.

The more people who use this number or select the church from the drop down menu when placing an order from the Bible Society on line shop – Bibles, prayer books, courses, fiction, DVDs etc. - the more money the church will earn!

As we are all set up and ready to go, there's no better time to visit the shop and start browsing through all the great Bible resources.

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

## Time to 'up the ante' on the banks



Since November last year, thousands of people like you have emailed the biggest high street banks and signed petition sheets asking them to stop funding climate change with our money.

All the banks have (at last!) responded, but we haven't seen the action required to back up their words.

Now, we need your help to 'up the ante'.

Every day in September and October, campaigners will take the campaign to a high street branch of one of the biggest UK banks.

Are you in? Email us today at [campaigns@christian-aid.org](mailto:campaigns@christian-aid.org) and we'll get in touch to support you with whatever you need!

The banks need to act now: The big shift from fossil fuels to renewable energy is already happening, but not fast enough. The banks must put our money where their mouths are, and the pressure needs to come from us.

Thank you,



Luke Harman  
Campaigns Manager  
Christian Aid

PS If you're interested in getting involved please email me at [campaigns@christian-aid.org](mailto:campaigns@christian-aid.org) and we can work together to help bring about a better, cleaner and safer world for us all.

# Tea

After the recent spell of hot weather, you may be wondering how did I survive? The answer is simple. Tea! Not hot British style tea, but some of the speciality teas I like, either brewed cold or chilled with ice.

The more I look at the subject of tea the more I am fascinated with the variety and types of the *Camellia Sinensis* plant and what humans have done to it over the years. It is no exaggeration to call Tea the Wine of the East. It has numerous methods of preparation. The soil that the plant is grown in, the climate and even the time of year and day that it is picked, and its picking method all play a role in the resultant flavour profile that you get. All of the different regions of China, Taiwan, Malawi, Japan and more exotic locations have their own traditions as to how the tea is harvested and prepared. The different styles of tea-ware from the different areas all show how the artisan potters have interpreted how the tea leaf reacts to the water and expands based on their cut and leaf shape. Anything from the ball rolled oolong to the flat green leafed Dragonwell.

Once you have got your tea, you then need to have a good idea as to how to prepare the brew. A good tea vendor may even give you a temperature guide as to how hot the water needs to be and how long to steep the tea for as well as the quantity of leaf to water ratio to create the brew that is required. If you lack this information, then get on the internet and have a quick google around to work out what you prefer. One thing I have noticed is that fresh filtered water works better than tap water. The change in flavour and texture is

like going from a standard definition television to widescreen HD and 3D. Also the material that the brew is brewed in and the material that the tea is served in also has an effect on the enjoyment of the flavour and different cultures around the world have specialised in different brew methods to bring about their own culturally preferred flavours. Bone china is reported to bring about the best.

But what about in hot weather? What do you do then? Well! You certainly don't follow the same protocol of a hot drink. Instead you either brew a strong "shot" of tea. More tea, less water and with any sweetening agent you prefer in the infusion time and then pour that over a large glass of ice. The ice cools the hot tea to the right temperature and you end up with a cool refreshing brew that keeps you cool, calms your nerves and helps you to concentrate and be sociable no matter how hot it is.

The other method is a little more esoteric. It provides a different chemical extraction of the leaf and therefore provides a different flavour profile. It's the wonderful cold brew method. You take a thoroughly cleaned jar with a thoroughly cleaned lid, add the tea (possibly a little more than you would when brewing a pot of the same size), put the lid on it and leave it in the fridge for 8 – 24 hours. ("Matcha" powdered tea also lends itself to this brewing method. Be sure to sift it first.) Then you just pour that cold refreshing and healthy brew through a strainer into your awaiting drinking or serving vessel. It helps if that vessel is chilled too and possibly contains

ice. Tea may contain caffeine, but it is also reported to rehydrate you better than coffee. What classifications of teas would I recommend for this? White, green and oolong varieties especially lend themselves to this method, especially those which are lighter in flavour. I have been enjoying a rather nice "Sow Mee" which is a white tea that I purchased from aliexpress using the hot tea poured over ice method. As you can reuse a good tea for multiple steeping, it can even work out more economical than

commercial British tea per brew. I also buy my teas from nbtea.co.uk, but there are many other providers in the UK you can choose from.

Did I mention you can also add other flavours like dried herbs or fresh fruit to your teas?

Some of the flavours you can get can be really quite amazing. We still have more of the summer left, so happy brewing!

Nick Dewey



One of the wonderful things about being a church in a town are the visitors that join us. There are always new people moving into the area and people popping in and out. The welcome that we give them is very important. A good welcome can mean they will come back and see us again. A repeated good welcome makes them feel at home and increases the chance that they will want to become part of church family.

So what makes a good welcome? Well, it is more than just a handshake. Here are some pointers!

- ∅ Smile.
- ∅ Make eye contact
- ∅ Take initiative and greet them.
- ∅ Check they have got the things they will need for the service.
- ∅ Personal warmth — look like you enjoy talking to them.
- ∅ Say "I don't think I've met you yet, I'm {insert your name here}", or be honest and say "Sorry I've forgotten your name. Mine is {insert your name here}"
- ∅ If they are new, offer to show them where the toilets are and offer information about childcare if necessary.
- ∅ Invite them to join you for coffee/breakfast at the end of the service.
- ∅ Introduce them to another member of the congregation.
- ∅ Let them know that you look forward to seeing them again in the future.
- ∅ Don't ask "Are you new?"
- ∅ Don't ask "Is this your first time?"
- ∅ (If you want to make a good impression make sure that you have clean good smelling teeth, etc.)

## New Blood needed!

I have been Treasurer for the Parish now for nearly ten years. I have found the job fascinating and have learned a lot in that time and am still learning. However I feel that it is time to move on and allow someone else to take the helm. The job has involved the recording of donations by standing order, envelope scheme and cash and the claiming of Gift Aid to HMRC. This is done by a clever software package.

Another piece of software is used to record all the money coming in and out and from which we can get reports on all aspects of our finances. There are always bills to be paid and you need be proactive to keep up to date.

I have enjoyed meeting other treasurers within the Deanery as well as across the Diocese who are having the same problems or successes that I have.

Many changes have happened in my 10 years and, no doubt, more will surface. Who knows, we may have chip and pin or contactless terminals in church sooner than we think!

If you are interested, please contact me.

Joan Coleman

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## MOTHERS' UNION NEWS

On a warm, breezy July afternoon the Cowley Mothers Union held its annual summer tea party and what a happy occasion it was. We had an excellent attendance and were pleased to welcome three guests. They were Renée Buxton, our area vice-president, Eve Madeley-Wyatt, the membership member from CMS house and Sally Hemsworth, who was on a mission to secure new material for the autumn issues of The Chronicle.

After opening prayers a letter of thanks was read in gratitude for the £50 we sent towards the Mothers Union nationwide Summer Appeal. Our autumn collection of items for the local Children's Hospital was discussed and the new programme for 2017-2018 was distributed. The programme was prepared by Mary Biggs who for many years now has produced a neat and professional little

booklet for members.

Tea followed and was much enjoyed. Members had all contributed and their contributions were lovely. As a finale to a light-hearted afternoon, members shared recommendations of happy holiday books to take us through the summer.

The next branch meeting will be on September 18<sup>th</sup> when our speaker will be the Revd. Mark Oxbrow. Mark's talks are always full of great stories about his missionary work around the world and the interesting people he has met. I am sure that we shall have a full attendance for that date. Of course, as always we are pleased to welcome visitors to our meetings. We begin at 2.30 pm in the Church Centre and end with a cuppa and biscuit at 4 pm.

Rosanne Butler

# National Prayer week

Are there 5 people you could ask for things to be included in our prayers?

Archbishop Justin Welby has three priority areas for his ministry: Prayer and the Religious Life, Reconciliation, and Evangelism and Witness. National Prayer Week is a chance for each of us, together with others in the local and national Church, to pray for neighbours and the needs of the world. One way you can do this is to give them one of the prayer slips below (they will be available in the churches and Church Centre). They can return it to the church office, to you, or the National Prayer Week stand that will be in Cowley Centre on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> September. You could pass the leaflets to them by hand or, if you are a little shy, drop it through their letter box.

You might like to use this prayer for the days before and after you drop off your leaflets.

*Father we thank you for the gift of prayer*

*We ask that over the weekend of the 29<sup>th</sup> September to 1<sup>st</sup> of October many will talk to you.*

*We ask you to send your spirit to encourage those who pray to you daily.*

*We ask you would give confidence to those who have never spoken to you before.*

*And we ask that you would throw wide your arms to those who have not spoken to you for some time.*

*In Jesus name we ask. Amen.*

**Hello!**

Look out for the stall at Templars Square Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> Sept.

Write your prayer request here and return it to the church or person who gave this card to you.

Have you ever thought about praying, or hoped that somebody would pray for you?

On 29 Sep - 1 Oct 2017, Christians in your local community are getting together to pray. Please let us know if we can pray for you, your family, friends or work. There is no prayer request too big or too small.

Please complete this and return this to:  
**Cowley Church Office/ St Francis Church, or,  
The National Prayer Week Stall at the Cowley Centre on 30<sup>th</sup> September,**  
or,  
**the person who gave this to you.**

Name (optional)  
.....

www.national-prayer-weekend.com

## WHY HAVE YOU COME TO CHURCH HERE THIS MORNING?

Two questions were asked recently of worshippers: at St James (on 2 July) and St Francis (on 30 July). They were invited to complete a small survey form with answers to each question in a single sentence. They were assured that replies would be treated as anonymous. These are some of the responses.

Meeting and being with others were seen as important

- "To worship and see people"
- "To give and receive as part of God's family"
- "To be part of a family in worship"
- "To meet my friends"
- "To make space for God and other people".

Worship was seen as a major reason for coming to church

- "To worship and give thanks to our God"
- "Because I love to worship here"
- "God's command to give him worship"
- "To praise God and worship"
- "To be part of a family in worship"

Coming to a particular place (St James or St Francis) was seen as important

- "To come to God in a holy place"
- "Love to come to the Lord's house"
- "I love St James Church and the family we belong to"
- "The church is my second home and it is here I really feel in the presence of God"
- "To be in God's house for prayer & gospel"
- "It's local, I find it calming and helpful"
- "To worship the Lord in the congregation of St Francis"

People came expecting to receive from their time at church

- "To get my batteries recharged"
- "Like to start the week with a visit to church"
- "To learn to be a better person"
- "To start the week or it isn't the same"

## WHAT DO YOU HOPE TO RECEIVE/GET FROM YOUR ATTENDANCE TODAY?

Attendance was seen as relevant for the week ahead

- "Inspiration for the coming week"
- "Food for the coming week"
- "Peace"
- "Encouragement: sustenance for the week ahead"
- "Good feeling for the week ahead"

People came with expectation that they would receive from their attendance

- "Renewal and learning, maybe something new"
- "Deeper relationship with God"
- "An encounter with Jesus and fellowship with others"

“Spiritual refreshment”  
“To be uplifted”  
“God's help in my life”  
“Peace”  
“Connections, fellowship and stimulation to my faith”  
“A good sense of understanding the bible”  
“Happiness & inspiration”

A big thank you to everyone who participated in this survey. Copies of the full survey results are available on request.

Tony Beetham

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### **THE REDUNDANT BELL FROM ST FRANCIS HAS FOUND A HOME**

Some time ago it was decided to sell the redundant bell from St Francis Church. This had been hung in the original bell tower when the church was first opened but had been removed many years ago when the bell tower had to be removed.

The sale was handled by the Keltek Trust, an organisation which tries to find suitable places for such bells, and we have recently learnt that the bell has been installed at the church of the Holy Family of Nazareth in Lindfield, NSW, Australia. The information we have received says:

“A light ring of five bells has been installed at the church and rung for the first time on 15th July 2017. Four second-hand bells have been incorporated into the ring. The tenor bell is an ex-Trinity House buoy bell; the treble is from the redundant church of St Mark, Edgeley, Cheshire; the second from the redundant church of Christ Church, New Houghton, Derbyshire and the 4th a surplus bell from St Francis, Cowley, Oxford.”

If anyone is going to Australia they could visit the church in Lindfield and also the Parish Church of St Mark, Fitzroy, Australia, where the redundant organ from St Luke's Church is now situated; one in New South Wales the other in Victoria (next door – but quite a distance between!)



Photograph courtesy of Tom Perrin

# Churches Within Our Deanery

## St Clements, Oxford

### Old Church



The old church at St Clements was sited where the roundabout is now at The Plain, and was used until the new church was built, around 1828.

John Henry Newman became curate in 1824 and due to expansion of the area between 1821 and 1824, when over 300 houses were built, he preached to an overfilled church with only room for 250 worshippers.

### New Church



This church was to be bigger and away from the noise and bustle of traffic. It was built during 1827 - 1828 by John Hudson in Hacklingcroft Meadow, an area given by Sir John Lock. Daniel Robertson was the designer, a man who later went on to design the Clarendon Building in Walton Street.