

May 2024



New bench installed at St Margaret's by Danny and Clare

Benefice Newsletter



www.osneybenefice.org.uk

Summary of Services

Please refer to the Worship at home on page for the zoom links

Special Services in May

Thursday 9th May	7pm	Ascension Day Service for the Benefice St Lawrence
Sunday 12th May		Parish Service for Christian Aid Week at St. Peter & St. Paul, followed by the APCM NO SERVICE AT ST. LAWRENCE

Regular Sunday and Weekday Services

St Frideswide

Sundays	8.30am	A said service of Holy Communion according to the Book of Common Prayer (No service on the last Sunday of the month)
	10.30am	Sung service of Holy Communion
Tuesdays	9.30am	Morning Prayer
Wednesdays	3.00pm	Messy Church for younger children and their carers during term time

St. Margaret of Antioch, Binsey

Last Sunday of the month	9.00am	Holy Communion
Sundays	4.30pm	Evensong according to the book of Common Prayer

St Lawrence, North Hinksey

Sundays	11.30am	A sung service of Holy Communion
3 rd Sunday of the month	11.30am	Mattins according to the Book of Common Prayer
Thursdays	9.30am	Morning Prayer

General Notices:

Acts 8:26-end
 Psalm 22: 25-end
 [1 John 4: 7-end]
 John 15: 1-8

Dear Friends,

Have you ever thought about going on a retreat or a quiet day? Withdrawing from our normal daily routine and environment to intentionally focus on God is a spiritual discipline that has stood the test of time. People who join religious communities make a whole life choice of withdrawal in order to pray, but most of us have to make time in our days, weeks and years to ensure we have dedicated time for listening to God and ourselves. For some people silence can be a frightening prospect, for others a blessed relief. Joining others in retreat is one way to be supported through the process. There are many different types of retreat – some that give lots of input for the mind, others that take a more creative approach eg a painting retreat. The good news is that God can speak to us in a variety of ways, so looking for something that suits you is the best option.

Why not come and join our **Quiet Day on Saturday, 22nd June** to be held in the beautiful surroundings of St. Mary's convent and grounds at Wantage? The theme is: Questions Jesus Asked and the cost is £30.00 for the day, to include lunch. Sign up in church if you are interested.

Clare

Leave:

Clare is on leave 29th April -2nd May
 Gwen the office is closed 6th, 24th, 27th and 28th May for bank holidays and leave.



The Diocesan Pathways magazine is out now and ready to collect in church.



**Christian Aid Week: 12–18 May
2024**

Help raise funds by sending your friends and family a personalised message in a [Christian Aid e-Envelope](#).

Or you can share the one set up for Botley and West Oxford:

<https://fundraise.christianaid.org.uk/envelope-2024/botley-westoxford>

Or donate here by scanning the QRcode:



£5 could buy the savings book that will help someone set up the small business that enables them to escape the inhumanity of poverty.

£27 could buy the lockable safe that protects a community's savings, hopes and dreams.

£100 could provide ten people with the training that supports their families to set up small businesses, such as selling home-grown vegetables.

With your support, more families can build reliable and diverse incomes that bring them food security, better health, safer homes, increased resilience and hope.

Susannah Sheffield, Christian Aid Week coordinator, Osney Benefice
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Scam warning from Oxfordshire County Council

We've learned of a new scam which is targeting older people in Oxfordshire. The person calling is saying they are from Oxfordshire County Council and are completing a means test as part of a care assessment.

The assessment is completed on the phone and at the end of it the caller asks for a fee of £150. Means tests are a standard part of an assessment which make this approach particularly credible.

This is not us. If you are contacted to complete a means test over the phone and have any concerns, please call our Adult Social and Health Care Team on 0345 050 7666 select Option 2

We know of one person who has experienced this. Scammers make their living from doing these kinds of things over and over. Please talk to friends and neighbours who might be vulnerable.

New Stained Glass Window for Christ Church Cathedral

For the first time in more than a century, a new stained glass window has been installed in Christ Church Cathedral. The vibrant statement window was designed by celebrated artist John Reyntiens MBE and produced in London by the world-renowned Reyntiens Glass Studio.



This project was made possible by a generous donation from the barrister Marilyn Kennedy-McGregor. Marilyn has dedicated the window to her late husband, Dr Edward Burn (1922–2019) – a D-Day veteran, barrister, and Official Student and Tutor in Law at Christ Church from 1955 until his retirement in 1990.

At the heart of Christ Church's new window is a depiction of St Francis – patron saint of the environment and animals – who is displayed amid a rich and uplifting natural scene that both evokes Christ Church's gardens and reminds us of our obligations to our planet.

Are your contact details up to date?

Under General Data Protection Rules we need your permission to add you to any Worshipping Community Contact records used by our churches.

The Worshipping Communities list is used for sending out by email the newsletter, other important information about both parishes, and for the Clergy to be in touch with you if need Pastoral Support.

Please tell us:

- If you have you moved
- Have a new email address
- Would like a member of the Clergy to be able to contact you in the future about church matters
- Or no longer wish to be on our mailing list

Please update the office in writing via osneybenefice@outlook.com

Thank you, Clare



café at the Hall



Come and ask experts the awkward questions about dying

Talk about the things that are worrying you

Takeaway information to help you talk to your loved ones

Friday 10th May 10am – 2pm

Free refreshments, & free soup lunch 12noon – 1pm

St Peter & St Paul Church Hall,

West Way Botley, OX2 9JY (Elms Parade parking)

A joint event run by

St Peter & St Paul and Oliver & James Funeral Directors



Cumnor Choral Society
Come and Sing Day!

May 18th
Starts 10am

St Peter and St Paul Church
West Way
Botley
OX2 9JY

Gilbert and Sullivan Musical Workshop
ending with a fun performance at 5pm
drinks reception at 6pm

**Tickets £15 include lunch, tea & coffee and the drinks
reception**

Book with Steve Morris 07789 183804 or
seamouse1827@gmail.com

www.cumnorchoralsociety.co.uk/this-season/



BOTLEY ARTS

Botley Arts new exhibition opened on Monday 29 April and continues until the end of June in SS Peter & Paul Church on West Way. This is the third time that talented local photographer Miles Gomme has exhibited with Botley Arts and his pictures are always well received. Please

pop in when you're near the Botley shops.

Miles' exhibition theme this year "Wanderlust", from the German word, the desire to travel and he says of his work:

'It is based around the holidays with my wife, before, during and after the lockdown and how much we wanted to get away into the great outdoors. Lots were taken while travelling in a camper van as this was the only way we could ensure that we were sticking to Covid restrictions. It was during these strange times that it became apparent to me that after being stuck in our houses for such a long time we just wanted to get away from our surroundings and see what else there was to see, but within the restrictions of the UK, and not being able to travel abroad.

We travelled sometimes only to Oxford city centre, other times to the further outreaches of Scotland or the south west and east coast.

Some are from before the world changed, but my favourites are when we really knew how glad we were to be outside and enjoying these spectacular views.

Our first Scottish holiday in a camper van was where we saw the beauty of this small island. We were in a campsite with no signal, just like in the olden times. No phone, no internet, just a pack of cards and a cup of tea. It made us realise how lucky we were.



In Cornwall & Devon (Dorset, ed.) we saw the beauty of Durdle Door, In Kent, feeding seagulls was a joy, watching the sunrise over Bournemouth beach gave a new meaning to the morning.

Some of the images, from before Covid, were on holidays that were on

bucket lists. Places to go to, things to see, something outside of the four walls we live in and can touch.

I will continue to add to this collection so that in the future I can remember all the places that we saw, touched and the food we ate there.

My favourite must be the Fairy pools on the Isle of Skye. To actually capture a Fairy dancing in the water was spectacular. In order to see it I had to precariously climb over several large boulders; balancing on one with my tripod and camera I took the long exposure photo, trying to keep everything steady, while not falling off into the pools below. Sometimes you have to go to great lengths to get that shot. Enjoy...' Miles Gomme Images



St Peter & St Paul Church's usual opening times for visiting the exhibition are 10.00am-4.00pm Monday to Saturday and 12.00-4,00pm on Sundays.

Oxford Deanery News

The Revd Anthony Buckley, Vicar of St. Michael at the Northgate, Summertown has served as Area Dean for the Oxford Deanery for the past five years. He is stepping down from this role and the Bishop has appointed The Revd Gavin Knight, Vicar of St. Michael and All Angels, Summertown to start as our new Area Dean in June. He will be licensed at the Archdeacon's Visitation Service at the Cathedral on 13th June. (the occasion of the swearing in of churchwardens for this coming year).

In case you are wondering about what a 'deanery' is or does – it is a collection of parishes in a geographical area that work together. Oxford city is split into two deaneries: Oxford and Cowley. Oxford has 19 churches, forming 12 benefices. The deanery is an arm of church government when it meets as the deanery synod.

Benefice Quiet Day

Saturday June 22

St Mary's Convent, Wantage

£30 pp to include a lunch, tea,
coffee, cake and a beautiful setting!

Sign up with Clare
revclare@btinternet.com

If you would like to go, but don't
have transport please let us know

St Frideswide with Binsey



Bishop Steven visits St Frideswide

We were delighted to welcome Bishop Steven at St Frideswide to lead the Good Friday Liturgy. He met our amazing band of volunteers who work so hard to make the Friday Community Meals such a success.

Bishop Steven presented James with a certificate of thanks for all his volunteering, from the Community Larder, the Diocese and St Frideswide's.



@ St Frideswide
SUMMER TERM 2024
Wednesdays 3.00-4.30pm

24th April The Lost Sheep

1st May The Precious Pearl

8th May Jesus goes home
(Ascension)

15th May Happy Birthday Church!

Half Term 27th - 31st May

Messy Church breaks for Summer and begins on **11th September**

12th June The Two Sons

19th June The House on the Rock

26th June Peter the Fisherman

3rd July The Ten Silver Coins

10th July The Little Gate

More information from: revrachel.osneybenefice@outlook.com

Bible Group

A new group is starting at St Frideswide and the first meeting will be on Wednesday 15th May 8pm at 23 Bridge Street. The first book is Ruth in the Old Testament, so pick up a leaflet from the back of church with background information, fun facts and questions to think about, and then come and join the discussion

North Hinksey with Botley

Thursday Police Commissioner Election 2nd May This will take place in St Peter & St Paul Church on the same day as the Botley Larder takes place in the hall. The carpark will be very busy with larder deliveries, the election team vehicles and people coming and going on foot.

This means no general parking is available on the premises at all on this day. Please use the public car parks on Elms Parade.



Annual Parish Meeting – Sunday 12th May after the 9.30am service
No service at St. Lawrence on 12th May

New people from both churches are needed to join the PCC and keep our churches open and relevant.

Please consider standing and forms are in church for:

Standing for the PCC
Nominations for the position of churchwarden

The Annual Reports and Accounts will be in church ready for collection before Sunday 5th May.



Give as you Live
Online

Have you signed up yet?

If you are a regular online shopper a small change to the way you visit your websites could make a big difference to your parish.

Go to www.giveasyoulive.com or download the app and set up your personal Give as You Live account. Then you can nominate the **Parish of North Hinksey with Botley** as your chosen charity. Every time you want to shop online you open up your Give as You Live account (either

use the website or the app) and use it as your front door to access your choice of shops. It then takes you to the shop website as normal and tracks your purchase and the shop gives a donation to the parish.

Each shop sets their own donation amount so donations can vary, the rates are shown on the Give as you Live Online website, and in the app.

- A £100 shop with Sainsbury's, will generate a donation of up to 6% meaning you would earn a £6.00 donation.
- Tesco gives up to £3.00
- Crocus gives up to 5% of plants purchased
- Clarks donates up to 3% of your purchase

Please let Hugh Manson know that you have signed up.

Thank you for supporting us.

CREAM TEAS

AT THE CHURCH

27TH MAY

2 PM - 4 PM

£5 PP
KIDS GO FREE



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NORTH HINKSEY

VILLAGE

OX2 0LZ

Worship at home

Daily Prayer and Readings are now available on the Church of England website, this replaces the weekly email.

You can also listen to the most recent daily service of Morning and Evening prayer, in contemporary form, using the audio player below via the link below.

Full-text versions are available of Services of Daily Prayer, in both Contemporary (Common Worship) and Traditional (Book of Common Prayer) forms and for all times of the day.

<https://www.churchofengland.org/prayer-and-worship/join-us-service-daily-prayer>

Mondays: 9.30am Morning Prayer

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85336186259?pwd=NmtrdUJya216WkFubjd2ekpCRTdKQT09>

Meeting ID: 853 3618 6259 Passcode: 990521

Wednesdays: 9.30am Morning Prayer via Zoom hosted by St. Peter and St. Paul.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85788317955?pwd=UUUxOWUzdnYxczVsaUJPNnk5N2FyZz09> Meeting ID: 85788317955 Passcode: 933670

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Benefice Office, Hall and Church bookings

The office is open on Mon, Wed & Fri 9.30am – 2pm. The office can be reached by email osneybenefice@outlook.com or by the office phone 01865 242057. Email is more reliable for messages.

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Pastoral Care across the Benefice

We are here to care and support each other in times of need, in faith, and when guidance is sought.

If you (or someone you know) would particularly appreciate a pastoral visit or a phone call from one of the clergy, please contact Clare 07468 454686, or Rachel 07761 952026.

The next newsletter will be out in June 2024 the deadline is **Wednesday 22nd May** for all items osneybenefice@outlook.com