

St Michael & All Angels Church
All are welcome!

Sundays

8.00 am Holy Eucharist - a short service.
10.00 am Parish Eucharist - with choir and hymns.
Have a coffee and a chat after.

Children's Church - Meets in the church during 10.00 am Eucharist. We have a Godly Play session every 4th Sunday. On the 1st Sunday of the month the children participate in the All-Age Eucharist.

6.30 pm Taize Worship - A short candlelit service which includes chants and silent prayer.

3.30 pm 3rd Sunday of month: Messy Church
Cutteslowe Community Centre, Wren Road.

Weekdays

9.30 am Morning Prayer

10.15 am Tuesdays: Baby & Toddler Group
Play for children and chat for grown-ups!
Contact Juliet Field (see below for details)

8.00 pm Tuesdays: 20s/30s (Twenties Group)
For fellowship, fun and learning.
Contact Daisy and Yin at yinyaodong@yahoo.co.uk

10.00 am Thursdays: Holy Eucharist
Ministry of healing on the 1st Thurs of the month.

5.20 pm Thursdays: St Michael's Choristers 4+:
Term-time only. Contact Alice on 07791 328108

6.30 - 7.45 pm Thursdays: Adult Choir Practice
Contact Stephen on 07717 852020

9.00 am Saturdays: Men's Breakfast
An informal social on 1st Saturday of the month.
Contact Steve on 01865 552475

Contact details

Revd Gavin Knight (vicar)
01865 556079 / 07833 251939

"St Michael's has a lovely family atmosphere. We can be found just off the Banbury Road opposite BBC Oxford.

Come and join us!"



The upper & lower Church Halls (with kitchens) are available for hire. We advise early booking.

Contact Juliet Field
01865 311762 or email:

summertownchurchhall@tiscali.co.uk

Making a difference

The Church of England recently released attendance figures which have halted a long decline.. Asked about this trend on the local level, Gavin Knight, Vicar of St Michael's, told BBC Radio Oxford that the congregation of his church has nearly doubled in the last two years. He said: "The church is involved in the life of the community that it is situated in. Sunday worship is not an end in itself. We try to engage with the issues that make a difference in peoples lives." Gavin, who used to work for the advertising agency Saatchi & Saatchi, has also brought some marketing skills to the church. To reach out to people, he has helped to create an important new website ('the best in the Church of England' says the new Archdeacon of Oxford!), as well as initiating the Guardian Angel community newsletter. However, Gavin maintains that the most important element for church-goers is the warm quality of welcome and inclusiveness given to all who cross the threshold. 'We thrive in our differences - at St Michael's, all are welcome!'

The Gathering Exhibition - 28 to 29 Sept

St Michael's hosted a remarkable and eclectic exhibition for Art-weeks this May. Over 700 people viewed some wonderful art and sculpture in the exhibition area of the spacious North Aisle. An exhibition to showcase artwork by members of St Michael's and other partnership churches will be held at the same venue in September to coincide with St Michael's patronal festival.

Coffee & Cake for a good cause

Saturdays 10am: 4th May —14th September
United Reform Church gardens, Banbury Road, opposite South Parade. Relax after shopping. Delicious home made cakes are sold for a range of charities from Young Dementia UK and Samaritans to Teach a Child Africa and Labrador Rescue Trust. Profits from coffee sales go to the Cutteslowe Community Association.

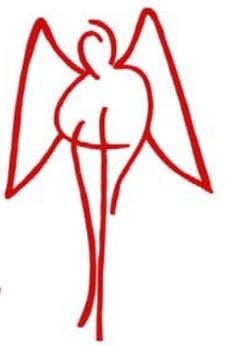


Goodbye to Emma Racklyeft...

Emma has been on training placement at St Michael's for the last year and played an important role in the parish, especially in organising Messy Church in Cutteslowe. We send our thanks and best wishes to Emma, husband Chris and family for life in their new parish following Emma's ordination on 29th June.

...Hello to Samantha Stayte

New curate Samantha will be joining the team at St Michael's this summer. She will be ordained on 29th June at Christ Church Cathedral. Samantha says "Coming to be the curate at St Michael & All Angels will be a joyful return to Oxford for me. I lived in the city centre and off Cowley Road many years ago, whilst a student, and more recently in Headington, whilst a teacher and Lay Chaplain at Headington School. Now I really look forward to meeting my new neighbours in Summertown" Samantha was brought up, and has family by the seaside, in Devon. Her interests range from creative craftwork, short story and poetry writing, to gardening and 'gentle' walking.



This publication is produced by a team at St. Michael & All Angels Parish Church, belonging to the Summertown-Wolvercote Church Partnership.

50 Years of The Cherwell School



1964—Do you recognize anyone?

When the Cherwell School began in 1963, the Marston Ferry Road was a little lane and the River Cherwell was crossed by ferry. In school, girls and boys sat

separately in assembly and uniform was worn. There was no sixth form and pupils left school at 15. In 1973 when the Marston Ferry Road and bridge were built, the school became comprehensive. The school buildings on two sides of the road were linked by an underpass, on which in 1986, a stunning mural was painted by 200 students.

The Cherwell is now an autonomous Academy with over 1,800 students and nearly 500 in the sixth form. It is the



largest comprehensive school in Oxfordshire and is a High Performance Specialist School with specialism in Science with Mathematics.

The longest serving Head of the school from 1981-2002, Martin Roberts, reflects that 'today teachers have to work harder to gain respect, students don't naturally do what they're told!' Fortunately, however, staff student relationships at Cherwell have always been good and the school has thrived both socially and academically. Well known old Cherwellians include supermodel Yasmin le Bon, world champion athlete Hannah England, musician Tom Poster, novelist Rachel Seiffert, actor Rupert Friend, record producer Orlando Higginbottom (DJ TEED), and international chess master Adam Hunt.

'The Cherwell School: The First Fifty Years, 1963–2013', a commemorative book is now available for purchase from the school.

Swing and Beasties

There were plenty of feet tapping on 4th May when the Arts Weeks Festival in Summertown got off to a swinging start in the Banbury Road shopping area, with live music from the Hackett's Rhythm Boys jazz and swing band.. Blues and swing standards with vibrant vocalist Tara Hunt roused an enthusiastic all-age audience, with spontaneous dancing from the most energetic!



This first day of the nine-day festival took off with a programme of activities mainly for children, but which the whole family enjoyed. A mini-beasts parade, and an exhibition courtesy of Oxford University Natural History Museum, was sheer fascination for the children, who had a rare chance to hold and stroke giant beetles from Madagascar. At the North Wall Arts Centre children made beasties shadow puppets for use in their own performance There was plenty of face painting and street art, and a spinning wheel to 'spin a yarn' whilst listening to a real storyteller! Over 50 Arts Weeks exhibitions with woodwork, sculpture, stained glass, jewellery, paintings, and ceramics were on show for all to enjoy in the Summertown area, private homes, shops and schools.



13th JULY - Festival of Cherwell School

All with any past or present connection to the school are invited 'Come and join our community party' says Rebecca Nestor, co-chair of the Cherwell PTA. This will be a festival with performances, silly games, music, food and gardening stalls, nostalgia tours of the school and a fascinating range of workshops including teen yoga and the working of the teenage brain. Can you contribute in any way? Please email rebecca.nestor@btinternet.com



Margaret's Maundy Money

In March, Margaret Fulford was thrilled to receive Maundy money from the Queen at the traditional Royal Maundy Service in Christchurch Cathedral, held there for the first time since 1664. A retired midwife and bereavement counsellor, she has tirelessly worked for years, for many good causes, both in the community and from St Michael's church. She was one of 87 pensioners nominated within the Diocese of Oxford, the number honoured always being that of the Monarch's age. In the ceremony the Queen gave each a red leather purse with one £5 and one 50p coin commemorating the 60th anniversary of the her coronation. A second purse given, of white leather, held 4 coins: 1p 2p 3p and 4p. The specially minted, sterling silver coins bear the same portrait of the Queen as that on coins at her coronation.



From Germany to Green Gates,

Gaby Ferrar recently celebrated her 100th birthday at Greengates nursing home in Hernes Road, Summertown. Born and raised in Germany, when she was 21, Hitler came to power and she refused to go to Nazi rallies and was thrown out of her Arts & Crafts school. She then met and married a young Cambridge undergraduate visiting Germany to learn the language. Shortly after starting a family in England, he was posted to war with the British Army. Gaby took her British son to post-war Germany to meet her family, some of whom, as he uneasily realised from later teenage holidays, had been Nazis. With roots in two countries, Gaby's love has always been for England; the kneelers she embroidered for Worcester Cathedral are still used today. She is proud of her Oxfordshire brother-in-law – one of those brave bomber pilots who gave their lives fighting for Britain in WWII. *A Foot In Both Camps: A German Past For Better And For Worse* by Gaby's son, Marcus Ferrar, is available in Summertown Book Store.

Continuing News.....

Cotteslowe outdoor gym: There has been a keen demand for Trim Trail Equipment for teenagers and young adults. A further application to the City Council will be made in July.

Thank you Sainsbury's, Summertown! In response to your requests, seats have been provided for weary shoppers.

Neighbourhood Forum: Next meeting Thursday, 13th June, 7.30pm, Ferry Centre, Diamond Place, Summertown. The topic for discussion is 'retail and the future'.

Prison Phoenix Trust – 25 Years

Prison Phoenix Trust is a national charity with headquarters in Summertown, which introduces prisoners to the calming effects of meditation and yoga. Sam Settle, the director and a former Buddhist monk, explains, 'Prisoners can find something they like in themselves– it's empowering and increases their self-respect. It can lead to prisoners smoking less, needing less medication, become less aggressive, or to reconnecting with their families.



They gain the confidence to think about taking up educational or training courses for their future.' Classes are run locally at Campsfield House, an immigration detention centre, and in two hostels for ex-prisoners in Oxford. 165 classes are held in England and Wales in 81 institutions. In the future PPT hope they can train prisoners to teach yoga; hopefully some may find employment as yoga teachers when they are released. **A jazz evening on July 11th will celebrate PPT's 25th year.** Patron and actor Jeremy Irons will also speak. all@theppt.org.uk tel 01865 512 52111

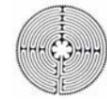
yours truly

David Faber, Headmaster of Summer Fields School

David is a man with a colourful career pattern; first as a Member of Parliament and in various government roles, then as a successful author in political history. Lecture tours during his writing years led to an interest in the world of teaching, and finally to his appointment in 2010 as headmaster at his own former boys' preparatory school in Summertown, also that of his son and his grandfather.



His new role draws on his wide experience, but also requires endless patience and listening skills and he sees a sense of humour with the boys as vital. Away from management work, he teaches history, referees the football and umpires for cricket. His aim in school is for every boy to grow in confidence through developing his own particular talent or passion, academic or otherwise. He himself admits to being completely non-musical and non-artistic, but a sport and TV sports addict. His lifelong love of cricket, nurtured as a boy at Summer Fields, eventually achieved him committee membership of cricket's governing body, the MCC.



A hidden gem in Summertown

Have you ever passed through the Library and into the garden beyond? This was originally waste ground, until a chance discovery by local garden designer and artist Katherine Shock inspired her to plan the lovely Turrill Sculpture Garden, which opened in 2000. Sponsorship has been through the Venables family (of Shepherd and Woodward) and support and maintenance from the Friends of the Garden. Surrounded by exhibitions of contemporary sculpture, you can read, relax, take your lunchtime sandwiches, or just let the children explore! **Not to be missed** In June 'The Sylvansmiths', by Nigel Williams and Ed Elliot, an exhibition of unconventional metal and wood sculpture, including intricate flower styles, made from recycled guns and other metal objects. In August, Eve Shepherd, a national sculptor compared by some to the great Rodin, exhibits her stunning life figures.



Opening daily, except Wednesdays & Sundays **free admission** www.turrillsculpturegarden.org.uk

Rare finds at the Library

Oxford Professor J.O. Westwood, a naturalist and contemporary of Charles Darwin, drew colourful illustrations of his discoveries in the world of insects. In June 2013, the Oxford University Museum of Natural History is lending rarely-seen manuscripts of Westwood's work to Summertown Library. These show fine examples of natural discoveries of that time and are beautiful and accurate works of art, says Kate Santry, head archivist. The loan during the Museum's year of closure for renovation was organised through the Friends of Summertown Library, who see this as an excellent way of making Summertown Library a more attractive environment. **They are shortly to launch a fund-raising campaign** to update and enhance the conditions in our library to very best effect for everyone.



cool for school

A Spring Clean at Cotteslowe School meant a Saturday morning all-family affair. Jobs included painting the school gates, clearing old slabs to redevelop an old site, trimming overgrown bushes, planting fruit trees and developing planting areas for each class. All this is part of the Friends of the School plan for the school grounds over the next 3-5 years.



St Edward's School raised the roof in more ways than one on the 28th April, when its choirs, together with the St Edward's Singers sang the German Requiem by Brahms at St Michael's Church. The beautiful performance raised £600 in donations for the school's charity 'Such Hope' which promotes education for underprivileged children in Africa. Every congratulation to Harry Keen who has raised £6400 from a sponsored climb of Mount Kilimanjaro in aid of 'Ride High', a Milton Keynes charity to help disadvantaged children.

Northern House School Congratulations to the seven pupils between the ages of 6 to 8 who had artwork selected by the children's illustrator Korcy Paul to be displayed in the Ashmolean Museum in May; one pupil was also awarded a commendation. This year's topic for the competition, organised by the Young Art Oxford group, was 'What I love' and funds were raised for Cancer Research. The school's Art Department has the Arts Mark from the Arts Council and is now aiming for Arts Gold.!

Lynams School has found a novel way for children to learn the art of housework! 215 dusters have been donated, one for every child in the school, (ages 4 to 8 years), with a challenge for each pupil to take theirs home for the holiday, and use it to raise money for a charity!

Best wishes to all school leavers this July!



Active Cotteslowe JUNE 28th 3pm-8pm Sunnymead Park

Fun for all – A free event



Taster sport sessions, dance workshops (Zumba!), arts, craft, cookery, treasure hunt in the park, competitions, teas. Organised by the Cotteslowe Community Association & Oxford City Council.

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