

NEWSLETTER FOR THE PARISH OF CALNE & BLACKLAND



*... keeping you in touch
with your church family.
September 2024*

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*Church House is open from 10am to 12noon
on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.*

Prayer for September

*Praised be You my Lord
through our Sister, Mother Earth
who sustains and governs us, producing
varied fruits with coloured
flowers and herbs.*

(from St Francis)

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Thought for September



By the time you read this, the Olympic Games will be fading from your memory, but as I write, we're in the midst of all the excitement! Team GB has won a number of gold medals in really exciting contests - the men's mountain biking, the women's quadruple sculls, and the men's triathlon all come to mind. And the individuals and teams concerned can inspire us all, in Tom Pidcock's words, never to give up. He'd been forced to withdraw from the Tour de France a couple of weeks earlier, as he'd contracted Covid. In the Olympic mountain bike race, he had to

fight his way back to the front of the race after his bike had a puncture shortly before the halfway point. The women's rowing team were in second place for much of their race, but overtook the Dutch boat as they crossed the finish line.

In the triathlon, Alex Yee was 14 seconds behind the leader at the beginning of the final lap of the run, and really struggling, but as he said, 'I didn't give up,' and 400 metres before the end of the race, he took the lead and went on to win.

'Never give up' doesn't mean that we should always plough on, regardless of circumstances. The American gymnast Simone Biles made the wise decision to pull out of the Tokyo Olympics when she realised that she needed to put her

own mental health first, and take care of herself. There are times when we all need to take a step back, and take stock, before going ahead once more, possibly in a different direction. As I write, Simone Biles has won a team gold medal in Paris, and she's expected to do great things in the individual women's competitions.

Christians can learn a great deal from sportspeople; the writer of the letter to the Hebrews in the New Testament of the Bible pictures us as competitors in an athletics stadium, cheered on by all the Christian believers who have gone



before us. They urge us to *run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus...* If you are a Christian, be inspired by our Olympians, and by those who have gone before us, not to give up. If you'd like to explore what it might mean for you, please make a start by talking it over with a Christian friend and/or joining us for a Church service sometime very soon.

*With prayers and best wishes,
Sarah Errington, Team Vicar
(email address see page two)*

Calne Bike Meet

On 27th July the annual Calne Bike Meet took over our town – not a square inch was left without a motorbike close by – all sorts, sizes and ages! St Mary's Church was not left out and Kathy Moore organised a work party to provide refreshments for the visitors. There was a service at midday and

the communion table was flanked by two motorbikes! The service was well attended by locals and visitors, including members of the Christian Bikers, with two of them giving their testimony. It was a very busy day and a special 'well done and thank you' goes to Kathy and her helpers.

Jane Ridgwell



SMUFs Saint Mary's Under Fives Group

The last meeting of the term on 23rd July was an outing to Fairfield Animal Centre, near Trowbridge. We looked at lots of animals and the children enjoyed feeding some of them. We had a picnic together and then the children had a fun time in the play area. This outing was enjoyed by all the children and their parents/carers

as well as by the volunteers.

Next term begins on 10th September. We meet upstairs in Church House from 10.00am to 11.30. We do have room for a few more babies or children, so if any parents/grandparents or child minders want to come along please get in touch.

Jenny Colby, Tel: 01249 819097

RIDE+STRIDE for Churches

14th SEPT
2024

WILTSHIRE'S CHURCHES
OPEN DAY

Join us on a bike, on foot or on horseback to help keep Wiltshire's historic churches, chapels and meeting houses looking beautiful and open for the future.



*All Saints Church,
Oaksey*

Half of the money you raise for Ride+Stride goes to the church of your choice and the other half to the Wiltshire Historic Churches Trust, enabling us to make grants to local churches to help with urgent repair and maintenance costs.

Choose your own route and travel at your own pace – enjoy the day.

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'Anyone who thinks sitting in church can make you a Christian must also think that sitting in a garage can make you a car.'
- Garrison Keillor

St Mary's Tower Roof Repairs

The tower roof of St Mary's Church has been leaking for some time, it was only when the bell work was carried out that it became clear how much damage had been done by the water ingress. The

repair was clearly a priority and this will go ahead from 19th August for approximately two months. The work needs scaffolding, so that it can be done safely and this will go up outside of the tower. At the same time a lightning conductor is being installed and some masonry at the top of the tower is being stabilised. The work will cost over £57,000 and is being

mostly funded by a generous legacy from David Buckeridge. There was hope of getting a grant so that more work could be carried out, but the application was unsuccessful. This means that the work that is being done is that which is essential rather than including some that would be desirable.

Jane Ridgwell



Calne Mothers' Union

Friday 9th August was Mary Sumner Day. To mark the occasion Calne Deanery Mothers' Union held a service in St Mary's Church attended by members of the three MU branches in the deanery, Royal Wootton Bassett, Derry Hill and Calne. Revd Sarah Errington led the service, and the speaker was Rosie Stiven, former Diocesan President. She spoke about the life and work of the founder of Mothers' Union, Mary Sumner. Of particular interest was her work in Algeria where girls were not educated and the lives of women were

very hard. She also spoke about the work of MU Literacy Classes which have helped women to become more independent. After the service tea and cake was served enabling fellowship between the members of the three groups.

The next meeting of Calne MU is on Tuesday, 10th September at 7.30pm in Church House. The speaker will be Revd Craig Manley, speaking on Policing to Pulpit, Part 2. All are welcome to MU meetings.

*Jenny Colby,
Branch Leader*

Dates for your diary

- 9th** Start of Calne Fairtrade Fortnight
 - 10th** Mothers' Union meeting at Church House, 7.30pm
 - 14th** Ride and Stride fundraising event (see page 5)
 - 20th** Cameo – Come and Meet Each Other – Church House, 2.00pm
 - 21st** Harvest Supper at Marden House
 - 29th** Confirmation Service at St Mary's Church with Bishop Andrew
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Focus for Prayer

Please remember to pray for ...

- Everyone enjoying the rest and refreshment of summer holidays.
 - Schools, colleges and universities starting a new academic year.
 - Our government and for progress towards social justice and peace throughout the world.
 - Giving thanks for the fruits of God's creation and the people who work to enable us to enjoy them.
 - For people throughout the world who experience hunger when we have plenty.
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For more information about blessing of same-sex marriages search for 'Together in Love and Faith' by Bishop Steven Croft of Oxford.
This pamphlet is available as a PDF download.

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And finally ...

If you organise any groups or events in the parish and would like them to be included in this newsletter then get in touch with the editors.

We would also love to have articles about the different groups in the parish to spread the word more widely and encourage people to come along.

Please email or give copies of items to us in plenty of time for the next newsletter, the deadline is 10th of the preceding month.

email: cbp.news.editor@gmail.com



Regular Activities in the Parish

*Please check Website or Parish Notices for Zoom Link.

Day	Time	Place	Activity
Sunday	8.00am	St Mary's	Holy Communion.
	9.30am	St Peter's	Holy Communion (BCP) – 4th Sunday of the month.
	10.00am	St Mary's	Parish Eucharist, (4th Sunday of the month; Morning Prayers).
	10.00am	Holy Trinity	Family Service (1st and 3rd Sunday of the month).
	10.45am	Holy Trinity	Holy Communion (4th Sunday of the month).
	3.00pm	Holy Trinity	Family Service (5th Sunday of the month).
Tuesday	10.00am	Church House	SMUF's parent and toddler group. Only during term times.
Wednesday	10.00am	St Mary's	Holy Communion (Mothers' Union Corporate Service 1st Wednesday of the month).
	3.30-5.30pm	Church House	Wednesday Club for 4-11s. Only during term times.
Friday	8.30 am	Zoom	Morning Prayers – Whole Benefice*
	2.00 to 4.00 pm	Church House (Downstairs)	Cameo – Come And Meet Each Other. 3rd Friday of the month only. You'll be welcomed with a cup of tea... plus board games and time to chat.
	7.00pm	St Mary's	Choir Practice.
	7.30pm	Bell Ringing	Please contact Jane Ridgwell for further information.

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