



NEWSLETTER FOR THE PARISH OF CALNE & BLACKLAND

*..keeping you in
touch with your church family.
August 2022*

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*Teresa is available on Tuesday to Friday mornings
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*Church House is open 10am to 12noon Mondays,
Wednesdays and Saturdays.*

Prayer for Holidays

*Thank You, Lord, for the times of refreshment and opportunities
to go away on a holiday, so that we may be renewed in body soul
and spirit. And Lord, we particularly thank You for this lovely
summer holiday time, and pray that You would be with us
as we spend time away from the hustle and bustle of the
work-a-day week and take time to rest awhile.*

Amen

Church addresses

Holy Trinity Church, Quemerford, Calne, London Rd, Wiltshire, SN11 0AR

St. Mary's Church, Church Street, Calne, Wiltshire, SN11 0HU

St. Peter's Church, Blackland, Calne, Wiltshire, SN11 8UQ

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What Gives You Joy?

I recently led a service at a church in Calne and I asked the question, 'What Gives You Joy?' We had begun the service with the hymn 'Give me Joy in my heart keep me praising' and we then said part of Psalm 16 with the last verse we read being, 'You will show me the path of life: in your presence is the fullness of joy'. The responses from the congregation to the question, 'What Gives You Joy?' included - being with family, particularly grandchildren, holidays, seeing a rainbow and one person said seeing the joy on people's faces when being given a plant for free. I continued the service with other hymns about joy and spoke about us as workers in God's garden growing the fruit of the Spirit. The first fruit that Saint Paul lists is love and the second is joy. (The others in the list are peace, patience, kindness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. See Galatians chapter 5 v 22-23).

There are 100's of references to joy in the Bible yet many believers do not seem to experience it. I believe joy is something God gives us, but it is, as Saint Paul says, a fruit; so needs nurturing. Is the fruit of joy in your life being attacked by pests, (imagine an apple being eaten by a maggot) pests such as physical pain or grief; perhaps the verse 'The joy of the



Lord is your strength' could help. Perhaps the fruit of joy is not ripening through lack of moisture, do you need to spend more time in prayer or Bible reading, thus watering the fruit. Joy could be lacking in your life because of loneliness as joy is something that needs to be shared. If you are

reading this and do not feel joy, then perhaps you need to meet up with a friend or family member and share joy or even make a phone call.

Joy is shown on people's faces by their smile. I love the old saying, 'If you see someone without a smile give them one of yours'. Who has smiled at you today and who have you smiled at? Was it a family member, the person on the supermarket checkout, (much friendlier than the self-service machines) or a person you passed in the street? Let us share the joy that we have with everyone.

Within the Marden Vale Benefice we are sad that Bob and Sadie have moved away but we can know joy by remembering their ministry and friendship among us over so many years and we wish them joy in their retirement. There may be changes in the benefice and we may experience difficulties and problems but let us face them knowing that 'The joy of the Lord is our strength' and it is that joy that we want to grow and share.

Sister Jenny Colby

Bob's Farewell Service

Some of the facts that we have learnt about Bob Kenway, after knowing him for 25 years, is that he loves poetry, jazz and St Edmund. On 17th July Bob was at his last service at St Mary's, as we wished him farewell. The church was packed with many clergy and towns people; of course, Sadie was at the service too and other members of Bob's family. Bob has played a part in so many lives and been present at so many occasions - both happy and sad. Bishop Andrew of Ramsbury gave the address and spoke about the importance of that which holds everything together - giving the example of the 'Jesus nut' which is part of the rotor mechanism of helicopters. We had lovely hymns, which could be sung with gusto and the Howard Goodall setting of Psalm 23 (The Vicar of Dibley theme tune!).

At the end of the service Bob spoke about his time in Calne and his feelings about his imminent departure from the house and town that have been his home for 25 years. He can certainly be forgiven for being a little wistful. Bob's leaving present was a lovely picture of St Mary's



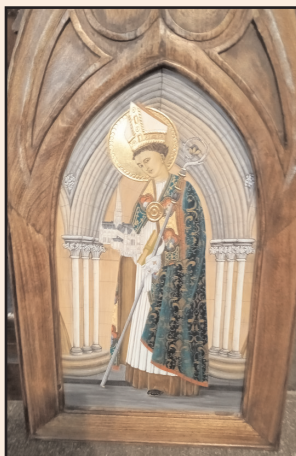
Church by local artist Mark Peskett. Sadie was given a bunch of flowers and there was also a monetary gift to allow Bob and Sadie to treat themselves to something for their new home and life. Bob also left a gift for the



parish-a beautiful icon, with a wood carved surround, of St Edmund, one of his predecessors who was Vicar of Calne at the beginning of the thirteenth century.

The recessional music was 'Georgia' from jazz band 4+1, who played whilst the refreshments were enjoyed. Thank you, Bob and Sadie for all you have done for Calne people and parish for the last 25 years and we wish you rest, refreshment and relaxation in your retirement.

Jane Ridgwell



Bishop Stephen of Salisbury - Welcome Service

Bishop Stephen was inaugurated as 79th Bishop of Salisbury in June. He gave away £10,000 during his welcome service. Preaching on the Parable of the Talents, Bishop Stephen spoke of how togetherness in the diocese can transform lives, and that we can invest what we have for the good of God's Kingdom. He pointed out that it only takes one person out of 50 to bring someone to faith in order to see Church growth, and that this takes everyone's collective involvement. Instilling courage into those listening, he said, "If it can't be done in Salisbury Diocese, it can't be done... well it can be done, and it starts now."

What followed was an operation to hand out mystery envelopes to every person present - inside was a share of £10,000, which had been generously donated by two anonymous benefactors.

With the £10 note, came a mission from the bishop - "this is your talent", he said, "What will you do with it? Will you bury it, save it, or make it grow so that good can come from this?"

Bishop Stephen suggested ideas of how to use the money: buying a meal for someone struggling, donating to the local food bank, buying some tiles for a church roof, taking someone lonely for a drink, donating to the Sudan Medical

Link. All the suggestions were linked back to the Gospel, as Bishop Stephen reminded us to share Jesus' love at the same time.

He closed with a strong rally cry to all listening:

"We have the power to change the world pound by pound - Salisbury's got talent. It's all about us now - only we can make the church grow."

Some have already invested their money, giving to charities that are matching funds, and therefore multiplying their talents. One man is planning on buying ice creams for Ukrainian Refugees, to help them celebrate their Constitution Day.

Speaking to BBC South Today, Kathryn Furnell, who was present at the service, said, "It was astonishing. No one expects to leave church richer than we went in. Then we realised that we needed to think back to the sermon, and that the onus is on each of us to do something good with our £10."

(from Grapevine)





Rev Derek Frost R.I.P

We were shocked and are very sorry to hear of the unexpected death of Rev Derek Frost on 20th July. Derek was originally from Oxfordshire, moving to Wiltshire as a member of the clergy in the 1980s, first to Broad Hinton, then Seend. Derek was appointed as vicar of Derry Hill, Bremhill and Foxham in 2001 and moved to Calne when he retired. Derek was a key member of the clergy team in Calne and also served at St Peter's Church in Devizes. Derek was a quiet, unassuming man with a great faith. He will be greatly missed. We send our condolences to Derek's wife and family.

RIDE & STRIDE.

This is an annual national sponsored event, organised locally by County Historic Churches Trusts. Wiltshire Ride + Stride (or its predecessor the Great Cycle Ride) has been going since 1984 and has raised over £1.5 million for the county's churches. 50% of the money raised goes to the participant's chosen church and the other half to the County Historic Churches Trust.

It takes place on the second Saturday in September between 10.00a.m. and 6.00p.m.

The next annual Ride & Stride will take place on Saturday 10th September 2022.

Participants may be cyclists, walkers, horse-riders or drivers of mobility scooters. They can be of any age, but under-13s must be accompanied by an adult.

All denominations are welcome.
Visit as many churches as you like, planning your own route.

Seek sponsorship from friends, relations and colleagues, so much per church visited or a lump sum.

Contact the Parish Organiser, Stan Anniss (stananniss@aol.com) or (01249 817211) for more details.



Dates for your diary

6th August: Festival of the transfiguration of our Lord

8-12 August: A bishop from our link diocese in the Sudan is visiting Calne Deanery following this year's Lambeth conference. He will be hosted by a Parishioner from Bremhill Church.

9th August: 2pm Mothers Union - "Mary Sumner Day" Service at St.Mary's church

10th August: The Funeral of Rev Derek Frost, 2pm Derry Hill Church

15th August: The Blessed Virgin Mary

19th August: 2pm Cameo in Church House, all welcome

24th August: Bartholomew the Apostle

Mothers' Union News

At our evening MU meeting in June we had a very interesting talk by Alison Keighley about her work at a Farm School with children who have special educational needs. She shared many stories some amusing and some sad. We thanked Alison for giving us an insight into her challenging but rewarding work. We had a very pleasant meeting on 12th July with 15 attending and Bob did pop in for a while. We are very grateful to Kathy for once more wel-

coming us to their lovely garden. Jane and Deirdre assisted in serving a delicious spread and it was a chatty and happy social gathering followed by a raffle in aid of MU. We all signed a card with good wishes for Bob and Sadie.

On Tuesday 9th August at 2pm there will be a service in St. Mary's church celebrating Mary Sumner, founder of Mothers' Union. All are welcome.

*God Bless
Sister Jenny Colby*

Focus for Prayer

- Bob, Sadie and Hazel as they move to a new home and a new way of life.
- Teresa, Linda and all those who will be continuing to work in the Parish of Calne and Blackland during the interregnum.
- All those fleeing from war and violence, especially people from Ukraine who have been welcomed to homes in Calne
- All who are on NHS waiting lists for treatments and NHS workers seeking to address the backlog
- Rest and refreshment for everyone taking holidays

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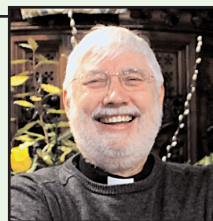
And finally...

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.

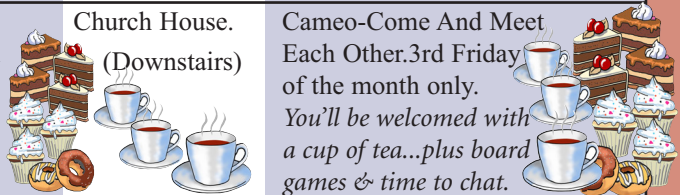
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*There was a young vicar
called Bob,
Who went off with a sigh
and a sob.
Says he "It's never too late
To rejuvenate.
I just hope someone else
wants the job!"*

Regular Activities in the Parish

Day	Time	Place	Activity
Sunday	8.00am	St. Mary's	Holy Communion
	9.30am	St. Peter's	Holy Communion (BCP) - Third Sunday of the month.
	10.00am	St. Mary's	Parish Eucharist
	10.00am	Holy Trinity	Family service (First & Third Sunday of the month).
	10.30am	Holy Trinity	Holy Communion (Fourth Sunday of the month)
Tuesday	10.00am	Church House	SMUF'S parent and toddler group. Only during term times.
	6.30-7.00pm	Various or Zoom	Parish Prayers-check notices for relevant information.
Wednesday	10.00am	St. Mary's	Holy Communion (Mothers' Union corporate Service first Wednesday of the month).
	3.30-5.30pm	Church House	Wednesday Club for 5-11s. Only during term times.
Thursday	6.30-7.00pm	St. Mary's	Christian Meditation..
Friday	2.00 to 4.00 pm	Church House. (Downstairs)	Comeo-Come And Meet Each Other. 3rd Friday of the month only. <i>You'll be welcomed with a cup of tea...plus board games & time to chat.</i>
	7.00pm	St. Mary's	Choir Practice.
	7.30pm	St. Mary's	Bell-ringing Practice.



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