

# NEWSLETTER FOR THE PARISH OF CALNE & BLACKLAND



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

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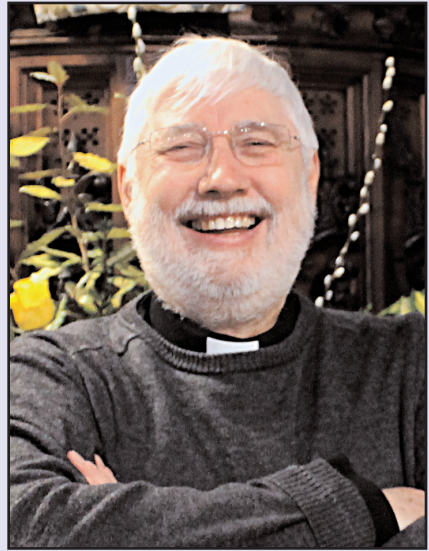
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*Church House is now open.*

***Prayer for Pentecost***

*Lord God Almighty, pour upon us your Spirit and  
set us on fire with love for you that we may bring  
forth the fruits of love, joy and peace and  
live to the praise of your holy name through  
Jesus Christ our Lord.*

*Amen*

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***Look out in both these places for information about online  
worship and services during the corona virus lockdown.***

## Thought for June

**A**s Teresa said in her 'thought for May' article in the last newsletter 'At the end of this Easter period, we wait for Pentecost and a renewed life and possible change again.' Pentecost is a time when we recall the empowering of the disciples by the Holy Spirit after they had waited in Jerusalem. Why did the Holy Spirit come upon the disciples? It tells us in Acts 1:8 "But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." [NRSV]

The day of Pentecost brought changes for the disciples as they received the power of the Holy Spirit. They became witnesses to Jesus and all that he had done, and continues to do, in our world. How can we, in our ever-changing world, bear witness to the constant love of God for all of His creation?

At Marden Vale Academy they made doves with messages of support to the people of Ukraine. They tied the doves on to the fence along the front of the

school. A visible witness to the school's Christian concern for the people of Ukraine. Choosing to write their prayers on dove shapes is particularly appropriate as the dove, as well as being a sign of peace, is also a sign of the Holy Spirit. The picture shows you some of them. Our local schools are places where we can be witnesses to God's love. We don't always need to use words - but actions. Many local schools would appreciate people going in to listen to children read; or to volunteer to be school governors. What a great witness that would be to the staff at the school if you go into the reception in the school and ask if there is any way you can help at the school. Tell them you are doing it because you see it as part of your calling as a Christian. In your daily prayers listen to the prompting of the Holy Spirit as you ask how you are to be a witness to God in your community. Even though I have no children of my own I have spent many years working with children in the church and more recently in schools. I would have missed out on a lot of fun and fulfilment if I had not followed the prompting to do this all those years ago. Trust Jesus to lead you to some exciting ways of witnessing, and the Holy Spirit to empower you in God's work. I am sure it won't be too difficult, remember Jesus tells us in Matthew 11:30:

"For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light". [NRSV]



*Steven Colby*



# Spring Harvest

Jenny and I recently went to an event called Spring Harvest at Butlin's in Minehead in the week after Easter.

This is a big Christian event that happens at Easter time every year, though the last two years it was on-line! It takes place over 5 days, with three full days in the middle. In the morning there is the 'Big Start' all-age worship, then Bible teaching on the week's theme with different teaching sessions to suit different tastes. In the afternoons there are various seminars on too many topics to list here! Then in the evening there is worship, adult and all-age. There are even 'after-hours' events (at 9pm) if you have the energy!

Throughout the day there are activities for children and young people in their own age-appropriate sessions. Plus of course the Butlin's activities, such as the swimming pool, fun-fair and the high ropes activity.

This year we studied the first few chapters of Nehemiah. When he returns to Jerusalem and organises the people there to rebuild the city walls and set up the gates again. Much to the annoyance of the surrounding tribes! There was an

artist in residence and during the week there was a call for people to bring their recycling rubbish for use in a sculpture.



The photo shows the result, a sculpture made from rubbish showing people rebuilding a wall.

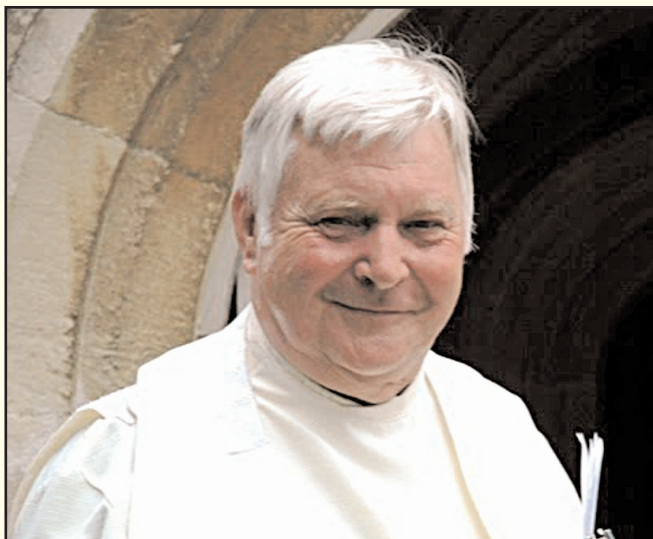
We came back enthused by all that we had learnt and with a few ideas to try in our work in the parish. If this sounds like something that you might be interested in learning more about do talk to us about it. We would love to go back next year with a group of people from the parish.

*Steven and Jenny Colby*

## Focus for Prayer

- The cost of living crisis and people trying to survive on a limited budget
  - Students who are leaving school or changing schools this year
- We pray for peace in our world and especially for the citizens of the Ukraine.
  - Queen Elizabeth II and communities celebrating the Platinum Jubilee
  - Our NHS at a time when services and staff are under pressure
  - People experiencing suffering as a result of climate change.

# Reverend Jim Scott RIP



**J**im Scott, who died on 21st April, was extremely well known in this area. Bremhill was his home and where he served as priest, but he was a great presence locally, often to be found filling in for other clergy. Jim was cheerful and full of stories. He will be much missed. We send our condolences to his wife Judy and his family.

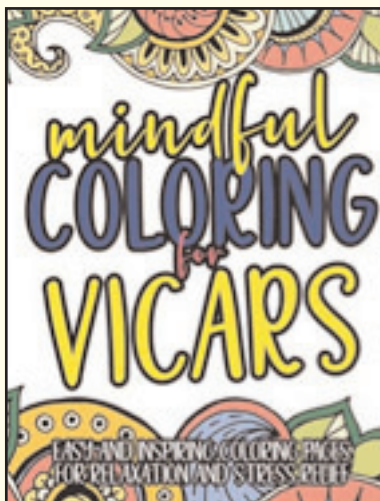
## Calne Mothers' Union Report

**T**he subject of the May meeting was 'Royal Memories' when branch members brought items of memorabilia, including Coronation and Jubilee mugs, books and articles on local events at the time of the Coronation of Queen Elizabeth II, and other events during her long reign as we approach the Platinum Jubilee celebrations. Especially interesting were individual accounts of attendance at the royal Garden Parties and of seeing royalty at other events, all of which made for a lively sharing of memories.

The next meeting is an evening one commencing at 7.30 pm on Tuesday 14th June in Church House, when our speaker will be Alison Keighley to tell of a 'day in the life' of her working with children in education.

*Jenny Colby*

**A gift for the Vicar who has everything?**



# Dates for Your Diary

2nd to 5th June - **Platinum Jubilee celebrations** - including  
Saturday 4th - Full peal of bells from St Mary's Church 9.30-1pm  
Sunday 5th - 12 noon. Civic Service at St Mary's Church followed  
by Picnic on The Green

Sunday 5th June - Pentecost

12th June - Trinity Sunday

Sunday 19th June, 3pm - The Enthronement of  
the **Rt Revd Stephen Lake**, as the **79th Bishop of Salisbury**,  
will take place at Salisbury Cathedral.

Friday 24th June - Feast of the birth of St John the Baptist

Wednesday 29th June - Feast of Saints Peter and Paul - apostles.



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## Cathedral cycle route challenge

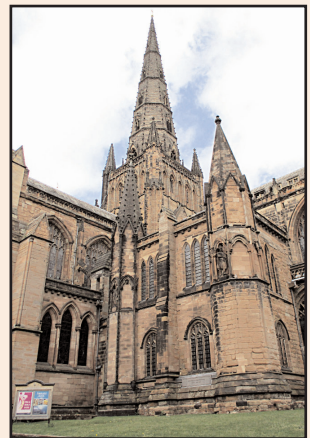
**G**eoff Elkins has been undertaking this challenge which was Launched during bike week 2021, 2000 miles across England between 42 cathedrals.

It is a unique partnership between cycling UK, the British pilgrimage trust, Sustrans and the association of English cathedrals to promote greener travel and mental and physical well-being.

Although Geoff says that he is not particularly religious he enjoys visiting churches and cathedrals and is interested in the history and the magnifi-

cent architecture. Geoff says "I must admit to experiencing some spiritual comfort in my visits as well as meeting some wonderful people. My goal is to complete the challenge of cycling to all of the 42 cathedrals in England, so far I've cycled to 21 and collected a stamp in my pilgrim's passport."

A favourite cathedral, now that's a hard one to answer as they are all amazing; maybe Exeter and Lichfield (see below) if I had to pick and Durham is the one I'm looking forward to.





# A holy island...

In the late sixth century, just as St Augustine was arriving in Canterbury to convert England to Christianity, St Columba was dying on the island of Iona. He was one of the great Celtic Christian saints, who arrived in the Inner Hebrides off the west coast of Scotland to begin his Christian mission. His grave became a place of such importance that the monastic complex around it was soon one of the most significant in Western Europe, despite its remote island setting.

Around AD750 there was an explosion of scholarship, literacy and development of doctrine in European Christianity and the trigger on Iona was the raising of Columba's bones from his grave into a shrine. This was a brave move, when a saint's bones were thought to emanate the force of the Holy Spirit.

The shrine became a pilgrimage destination and Iona's Gaelic golden age lasted more than 100 years, producing wonderful manuscripts and artefacts and carved stone high crosses. A charismatic abbot, Adomnan, wrote a "spiritual guidebook" detailing the layout of the sites of the Holy Land. Academics now believe this is repli-



cated on Iona. A "Via Dolorosa", cobbled like a Roman road, led to three high crosses representing Calvary.

The abbey echoed the Holy Sepulchre in Jerusalem, which housed the tomb of Christ, in this case Columba's shrine in its chapel. The monks wanted to contemplate the Passion of Christ in their worship - 'a ritual surrogate landscape'.

Iona went into decline from the 1600s until restoration began in the early 20th century. This work was continued by volunteers from the ecumenical Iona Community founded near Glasgow during the Depression. Today you can stay on the island or visit to see the abbey, monastery, a ruined nunnery the 12th century chapel of St Oran, the museum and the island layout reflecting the Jerusalem of 2,000 years ago.

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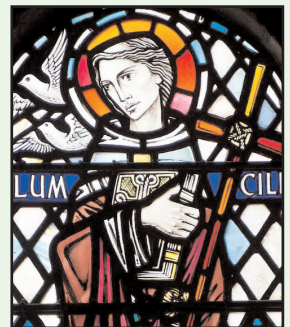
## And finally...

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.

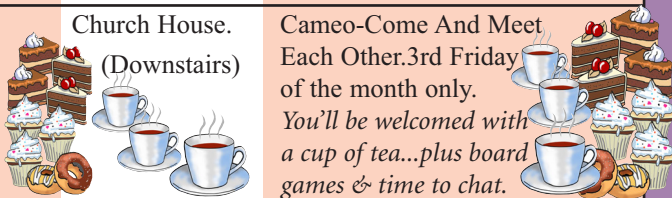
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*The stained glass window of Saint Columba in Iona Abbey*

# Regular Activities in the Parish

Day	Time	Place	Activity
Sunday	8.00am	St. Mary's	Holy Communion
	9.30am	St. Peter's	Family Service - 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)	Cameo-Come And Meet Each Other. 3rd Friday of the month only. <i>You'll be welcomed with a cup of tea...plus board games &amp; time to chat.</i>
	7.00pm	St. Mary's	Choir Practice.
	7.30pm	St. Mary's	Bell-ringing Practice.



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