

NEWSLETTER FOR THE PARISH OF CALNE & BLACKLAND



*He was lifted up and a cloud took
him out of their sight*

Acts 1v.9

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

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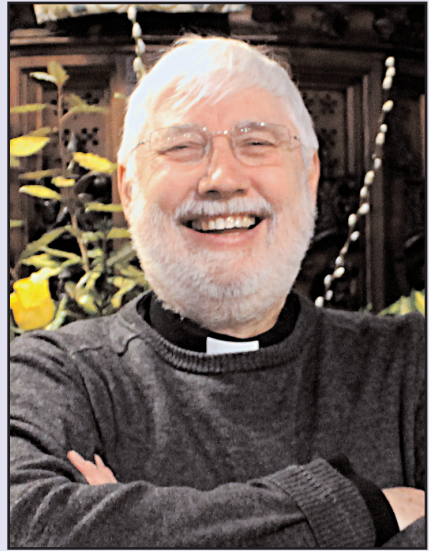
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Church House is now open.

Prayer for May

Our LPA prayer - a version of the prayer of St. Teresa of Avila

Lord Jesus, teach us that you have no body now on earth but ours,

No hands but ours, No feet but ours.

*Ours are the eyes through which your compassion
must look out upon the world,*

Ours are the feet with which you must go about doing good,

Ours are the hands with which you must bless men and women now.

For your name's sake.

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 May

ALL CHANGE': once upon a time that could be heard shouted out on a bus or a train, when the terminus or final destination was reached. Those words were welcomed then, celebrated even. We had arrived. There is so much change happening in our town and country at the moment (and beyond in the world of course) that rather than being welcome, the word 'change' can be daunting, frightening even. The new housing in Calne means change for many of our schools, businesses and doctors' surgeries. The surrounding fields have changed, the Church has changed, some clubs and associations have changed, the horizon has changed. All these changes are related to people... Resources, business, moving, retirement, so many reasons why individual people move on or in and change then becomes inevitable. There is no point at all in bemoaning change, or wanting to live in the past - yes it's good to remember the past with affection but I believe the only way we can be truly welcoming and loving to new people and new initiatives is to embrace change in a positive way.

Hopefully the Church will be welcoming new people that have moved into the town and especially wanting to get married or their children baptised. We learn from their ideas and the wisdom they bring and we are grateful to grow in this way.

This month I want to say - don't be fearful of change; don't complain about change, but be positive and look to a bright future. Let's welcome the inevitable change and make it work for



us, our visitors and our offspring. We remember and know many of the stories of Jesus' life but if you can imagine how people felt at the time of His life, listening to some of the things He said and did... He brought about shocking changes, far more than we are going through right now. He did this not just politically, but imagine the change of being blind and then able to see! Deaf and then able to hear! Hungry then fed! Dead then alive! Pretty big changes, but the biggest change of all was that by defeating an eternity of death at His time on the Cross and rising again on Easter Day. He opened up the route to heaven through belief in Him.

At the end of this Easter period, we wait for Pentecost and a renewed life and possible change again, with the coming of the Holy Spirit - but that's for the next issue of this wonderful newsletter! In the meantime, I hope you live well, love well and learn well through the changes that this month will bring to you, and following the APCM, may I extend my heartfelt thanks again from me and on behalf of God for everyone who works so diligently to make the Parish of Calne and Blackland all that it is and all that it offers.

In all the changes, then and now, His Father, and Our Father God is constant. Unchanging. All loving and understanding. If you fear change around you or within you, turn to the one constant we have in life - God, our Father. He understands and He works for the positive.

Rev Teresa Michaux

LAY PASTORAL ASSISTANTS or LPAs -

What are we? What do we do?

In the Diocese of Salisbury, at the discernment of parish clergy and with approval from the local PCC, those who feel a calling to engage in pastoral ministry are trained and then authorised to fulfil that ministry, working as part of a team of clergy and laity.

LPAs may carry out a wide variety of work, including taking Communion to those unable to come to church. In all cases the ministry calls for a loving and compassionate heart, a willingness to listen and support those in need.

We are lucky enough to have 7 LPAs in the Marden Vale Benefice, 6 of whom are based at St. Mary's, Calne. Our LPAs work under the direction of Revd Bob Kenway and in conjunction with our Clergy and Licensed Lay Ministry team. Some of the areas in which LPAs in this Benefice are involved are:

- Baptism preparation
- Supporting the bereaved
- Taking Home Communion to the sick or housebound
- Participating in worship
- Hospital and Care Home visiting
- Open the Book - playing out stories for children in local schools
- Work with children and families

- Regular prayers for our local community and an Emergency Prayer Chain for urgent needs

CAMEO - Come And Meet Each Other for normally housebound parishioners offering tea and cake, conversation and entertainment.

Our local LPAs are: *Joanna Childs, Sadie Kenway, Kathryn Miller, Liz Roberts, Chris Robins, Jane Wells, Judy West,- Anita Uttley (Derry Hill).*

Look out for our mug shots due to appear in Church shortly! We are not a substitute in any way for the Licensed clergy, but we can provide a listening ear and act as a signpost for you if you need help. Hopefully we will lighten your load and ease the strain on the clergy.

All our LPAs are subject to DBS clearance and have to undertake regular Safeguarding training at Level 2.

Several LPAs have retired over the last couple of years, so if you think you would like to undertake this role, please speak to a member of the clergy team or any of the above. Of course, there are many who are involved in aspects of church life and minister to others without becoming an LPA and we give thanks for them. We can all care for the needs of others through prayer.

Chris Robins

Focus for Prayer

We pray for peace in our world and especially for the citizens of the Ukraine. Queen Elizabeth II and all those preparing for the Platinum Jubilee celebrations.

Our NHS at a time when services and staff are under pressure

Students preparing to take exams

Celebrating the Platinum Jubilee of HM Queen Elizabeth II

Everyone will be looking forward to a long weekend from 2nd to 5th June in celebration of our Queen's platinum jubilee. One of the events taking



place in Calne is a full peal on the bells of St Mary's Church on the morning of 4th June. A peal is a sequence of bellringing, during which the permutations in the order of the bells changes over 5000 times. On 5 bells the number of permutations or 'changes' is 120, on 6 bells it is 720 and on 8 bells it is 40,320. The



bell ringers will be working to a system that ensures that any particular combination does not occur more than once. The peal will - if successful - last about 3 hours and 15 minutes starting about 9.30am. The peal will also be dedicated to Rev Bob Kenway as he prepares to leave Calne after 25 years as our parish priest.



It will be the last time that a peal is attempted on the bells of St Mary's Church before the bells are taken away for restoration and then rehung early in 2023. A peal is an equivalent achievement for bell ringers to running a marathon for athletes.

When the bells are restored there will be two new bells and one of these will bear the inscription

"I celebrate the platinum jubilee of HM Queen Elizabeth II".

In the Garden

With spring comes the need to address the garden, and all the digging, weeding, sowing and planting that requires. The following quotes speak from long experience!

"Seedsman reckon that their stock-in-trade is not seeds at all - it's optimism". (Geoff Hamilton)

"The principal value of a private garden ...is not to give the possessor vegetables and fruit ...but to teach him patience and philosophy, and the higher virtues - hope deferred and expectations blighted".

(Charles Dudley Warner 1829-1900)

Confirmation of Election and consecration of the new Bishop of Salisbury

The Confirmation of the Election of Dean Stephen as the Bishop of Salisbury took place at St Mary-le-Bow, London, on Friday 1 April. the next stage of his arrival into the diocese was his Consecration. Dean Stephen was consecrated Bishop at Southwark Cathedral on 25 April at 11am.

Bishop Karen says "Please join me in praying for Stephen as he prepares to be ordained Bishop, for Carol and his family, as they prepare to leave Gloucester just before Easter and move to Salisbury. There will be an opportunity for all of us in the diocese to welcome Stephen early in the summer as he is enthroned at the Cathedral. More details about this will be given in due course."



Photo shows Dean Stephen Lake with Justin Welby, Archbishop of Canterbury

Calne Mothers' Union Report

At the April meeting Steven Colby gave an interesting talk on Vocation (from the Latin "vocare" meaning to call) - and asked us to think about our calling.

"Vocation is what God puts in your heart, your head and your hand"

Steven shared with us some background to his own journey; exploring the Christian faith, working with young people, leading worship, and using his ability with technology in the Methodist and then the URC church in Windsor and Bracknell. Steven has explored vocation further



since coming to Calne and this led to four years of training and study to become a Licensed Lay Minister (LLM) in the Church of England and his Licensing at Salisbury Cathedral in September 2021.

Precisely what we do for God at each stage of our lives will be different but Steven reminded us of our calling from God to use what is in our hearts, heads and hands for His glory.

The next meeting of MU is on Tue 10 May at 2 pm.

Jenny Colby, Branch Leader.

THE BALLAD OF THE JUDAS TREE

by Ruth Etchell

(imagining Jesus' forgiveness of Judas)

In Hell there grew a Judas tree where Judas hanged and died
because he could not bear to see his Master crucified.

*Our Lord descended into Hell and found His Judas there,
forever hanging on the tree grown from his own despair.*

*So Jesus cut His Judas down and took him in His arms.
It was for this I came, He said, and not to do you harm.*

*My Father gave me twelve good men and all of them I kept,
though one betrayed, and one denied, some fled, and others slept.*

*In three days' time I must return to make the others glad,
but first I had to come to Hell and share the death you had.*

*My tree will grow in place of yours, its roots lie here as well.
There is no final victory without this soul from Hell.*

*So when we all condemn him - as of every traitor, worst.
Remember that, of all His men, our Lord forgave him first.*

More thoughts for Gardeners

“All gardeners know better than other gardeners”. (Chinese proverb)

“All my hurts my garden spade can heal” and “Earth laughs in flowers”.
(Ralph Waldo Emerson 1803-1882)

“It is good to be alone in a garden at dawn or dark so that all its shy presences may haunt you and possess you in a reverie of suspended thoughts” (James Douglas)

One is nearer God's heart in a garden. Than anywhere else on earth”.
(Dorothy Frances Gurney 1858-1932)

Dates for Your Diary

8th May - Feast day of Julian of Norwich

10th May - Mothers' Union meeting in Church House at 2pm

19th May - Feast Day of St Dunstan

20th May - **CAMEO**

"Come and meet each other"

at 2.30 p.m. in Church House

on the 3rd Friday of each month

...you'll be welcomed with a cup of tea

...there are board games to play,

and time to chat and then tea

home-made sandwiches,

scones and cakes -

before home-time

at around 4.00 p.m.

All welcome

26th May - Ascension Day

Wednesday Club is on every Wednesday 3.30-5.30. (5-12 year olds)

SMUFS is on Tuesday mornings. (under 5 year olds)

During school term time.

Details services will be on the parish notices and on our website at www.parihofcalneandblackland.org.uk

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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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