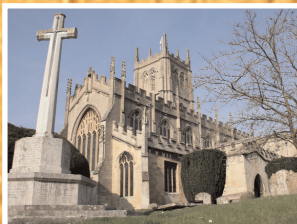


NEWSLETTER FOR THE PARISH OF CALNE & BLACKLAND



*...keeping you in
touch with your church family.
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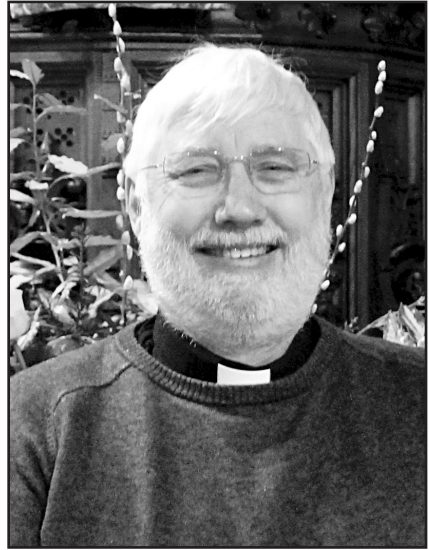
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Church House is closed during the corona virus crisis.

Prayer for October

Generous God

save us from the meanness

that calculates its interest and hoards its earthly gain;

as we have freely received so may we freely give;

in the grace of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

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

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Find us on facebook @stmaryschurchcalne

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

Revd. Bob Kenway announces his retirement

We are all very sad to learn that Bob Kenway will be retiring in July 2022. Bob has been vicar of Calne for 25 years, moving to Calne from his previous parish of New Town, Birmingham. Bob was ordained 40 years ago and brought a range of experience to the Parish of Calne and Blackland. During his time in Calne, Bob has seen a number of changes, not least the move from a single parish to being part of the team ministry of Marden Vale and the change from Vicar of the parish to Rector of Marden Vale.

Bob has been ably supported by Sadie, his wife, who has had the role of parish administrator during most of the years that Bob has been in Calne. Together they have been a formidable team, supporting people in times of joy and times of sorrow and becoming important members of the wider community of Calne. Bob and Sadie



will be greatly missed, but we hope that retirement will be an opportunity for them to enjoy life without the responsibilities that they have so willingly carried during their years in Calne.



We pray for Bob and Sadie at this time of change and also that the right person will come forward to fill the role of Rector, they will have big shoes to fill!

Graveyard Mapping Project

(From Grapevine)

Bishop Andrew, who is a lead Bishop for church buildings said that this impressive national project will make a huge difference to those researching family history, as well as easing the administrative burden on parishes.

It will improve management of burial grounds, and make information more fully accessible than ever before, supported by additional services by subscription for those wishing to go further.

It will soon be possible to visit almost any Anglican burial ground in the country and see in real time the location of burial plots. For those researching at distance in the UK or overseas, the digital records will place detailed information from churchyards at their fingertips.

Church by church, and diocese by diocese, it is hoped that all Anglican churchyards will be surveyed over the next seven years. As well as capturing details of burials, the online interactive map will detail biodiversity in churchyards, including ancient trees and plant-life, as well as green technology such as solar panels.

The project includes around 19,000 churchyards, and the ancient churchyard of St Bega on the shores of Lake Bassenthwaite in the Diocese of Carlisle is the first to be scanned by surveyors, using sophisticated laser equipment as part of the



national programme.

A new website will go online next year giving free access to the map, which is expected to be of special interest to local community groups, conservationists, and those researching family history. The website will also enable the charting of biodiversity and green technology.

The project will come at no cost to parishes or dioceses in the Church of England, and parishes will have free access to the map through a new web-based record system which is set to launch in Spring 2022. There will also be the option to subscribe to additional services.

Substantial funding for the programme has been given by Historic England, with the National Lottery Heritage Fund and Caring for God's Acre supporting the pilot phase, as well as support from genealogy research websites, all of which has allowed the basic service to be made available to parishes free of charge.

Steven Colbey's Licensing

On Saturday September 18th I was at Salisbury Cathedral to see the ending of three years training when Steven became a Licensed Lay Minister (LLM). The service was Choral Evensong with licensing of lay ministers. Bishop the Rt Revd Karen Gorman, Warden of LLM's, introduced the service and then each candidate was presented to her by their incumbent, in their turn, the Rev Bob Kenway presenting Steven. The Bishop then asked had they made the Declaration, were of Christian character, and been sufficiently prepared; the replies coming from, the Registrar and Discernment Adviser and Training Officer. The congregation and incumbents promised to uphold, encourage and pray for them, The candidates were then admitted to the office of Licensed Lay Ministry by the Bishop giving

each a copy of the Scriptures and then vesting each one with a blue scarf. Bishop Karen handed all the candidates their licences with the words "receive the authority to exercise the office of Licensed Lay Minister in this Diocese". All LLM's present were asked to stand and make their Renewal of Commitment to Bishop Karen. The Bishop gave the Blessing and the Choir and Ministers left in procession to a rousing organ voluntary.

We pray for Steven and all the new LLM's for a long and rewarding Ministry.

Jack Robinson



Ride and Stride, 2021

In 2020 we had a bumper year for Ride & Stride participants from the parish. This year we only had two, Simon Hopkins and myself.

Simon has confirmed that he visited 21 churches, cycled 51 miles and expects to raise about £300.00. I visited 31 churches and cycled 59 miles (confirmed by Strava). I hope to raise £475.00. The weather was ideal this time.

Simon and I bumped into each other at St Mary's, Calne and also St Bartholomew's, Royal Wooten Bassett. (not literally). At 6.00pm I was at St Peter's, Langley Burrell. I was beginning

to feel my age, so I phoned my wife and I asked her to collect me from the Pewsham car park. Which she did.

Many thanks to Mike Rawle for welcoming riders to St Mary's and to Val McIntyre for opening the Holy Trinity porch, putting out refreshments and locking up after 6.00pm.

A big thank you to all those that have sponsored Simon and myself.

We hope for more participants from the parish in 2022. You have a year to get yourselves and your bikes or hiking boots ready!!

Stan Anniss

Biodiversity Depletion

The United Nations estimates that a million species are threatened with extinction, and WWF last year found that wildlife populations are less than a third of those in 1970. This depletion of biodiversity is an existential threat to the future of humanity - and yet it commands even less public attention than the climate

emergency.

The environmental movement is complicit in this neglect. While the public is being mobilised for the COP 26 on Climate Change in Glasgow in November, the UN Biodiversity Summit (COP 15) taking place a month earlier in China is attracting much less fanfare.

THE UNITED NATIONS BIODIVERSITY CONFERENCE (COP 15)

...from 11 - 24 October in China, will review the achievement and delivery of the 2011-2020 strategic plan, and take a final decision on a post-2020 framework. The draft for this has included a focus on ensuring that work to preserve biodiversity contributes to “the nutrition, food security and livelihoods of people, especially for the most vulnerable”.

The Conference provides the global

community with opportunities to galvanize efforts at all levels to build a better future in harmony with nature

We need to let our leaders know how much we care for this beautiful God-given world.

Please pray for right decisions to be reached at these Conferences which will be crucial to the health and well-being of this planet Earth and of future generations.

Prayer and Reflection in October...for:

- The ongoing worldwide response to Covid
- Those facing difficulties as the winter approaches
- Everyone seeking to find a solution to climate change.
- People returning to work in offices who may feel anxious about the change.
- Anyone who is experiencing difficulties with mental health and the workers seeking to provide support.
- The Foodbank and all who have need of it.
- Steven Colby as he takes up the role of Licensed Lay Minister.
- The future of the Marden Vale Benefice at a time of change.

Revd. Robert Kenway

Desiderata

- sent in by Enid Powell, who says:

I was recently introduced to this prayer/poem. It speaks of life and how we live it, and echoes much of how we might live our lives in following Jesus.

GO PLACIDLY amid the noise and the haste, and remember what peace there may be in silence. As far as possible, without surrender, be on good terms with all persons.

Speak your truth quietly and clearly; and listen to others, even to the dull and the ignorant; they too have their story.

Avoid loud and aggressive persons; they are vexatious to the spirit. If you compare yourself with others, you may become vain or bitter, for always there will be greater and lesser persons than yourself.

Enjoy your achievements as well as your plans. Keep interested in your own career, however humble; it is a real possession in the changing fortunes of time.

Exercise caution in your business affairs, for the world is full of trickery. But let this not blind you to what virtue there is; many persons strive for high ideals, and everywhere life is full of heroism.

Be yourself. Especially do not feign affection. Neither be cynical about love; for in the face of all aridity and disenchantment, it is as perennial as the grass.

Take kindly the counsel of the years, gracefully surrendering the things of youth.

Nurture strength of spirit to shield you in sudden misfortune. But do not distress yourself with dark imaginings. Many fears are born of fatigue and loneliness.

Beyond a wholesome discipline, be gentle with yourself. You are a child of the universe no less than the trees and the stars; you have a right to be here.

And whether or not it is clear to you, no doubt the universe is unfolding as it should. Therefore be at peace with God, whatever you conceive Him to be. And whatever your labours and aspirations, in the noisy confusion of life, keep peace in your soul.

With all its sham, drudgery and broken dreams, it is still a beautiful world. Be cheerful. Strive to be happy.

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Dates for October

3rd October, 6pm- Choral Evensong for Calne Music and Arts Festival
10am Family Service at Holy Trinity

17th October - Harvest Festival

12th October - Mothers' Union meeting in Church House, starting at 2pm.

Speaker: the Diocesan President Rosie Scrivens.

18th October - St Luke the Evangelist

Family service at Holy Trinity 3pm

28th October - Saint Simon and Saint Jude, Apostles

St Mary's Church - Eucharist at 8am and 10am on Sundays
and Wednesdays at 10am

St Peter's - 3rd Sunday, 9.30am, Holy Communion (BCP)

Holy Trinity - 4th Sunday 10.30am, Eucharist

St.Mary's church is open for **private prayer** (10.00 am to 12.00 noon)

On Wednesdays and Fridays

Join **Parish Prayers** (prayers for the local community as well as the parish)

First Tuesday of the month 6.30 to 7.00 pm on Zoom

Meeting ID 777 199 3235 Passcode 819097

It is intended to start **Parish Prayers** in Church the date has yet to be decided.

Please contact Liz Roberts for further information e.are@btopenworld.com

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For details of the **Meditation** sessions held on Thursdays from

6.30pm contact Kevin Wells - wells4millst@hotmail.co.uk

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For Children and Young People - SMUFS and Wednesday Club
due to restart in October. See Parish Notices for more information.

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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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