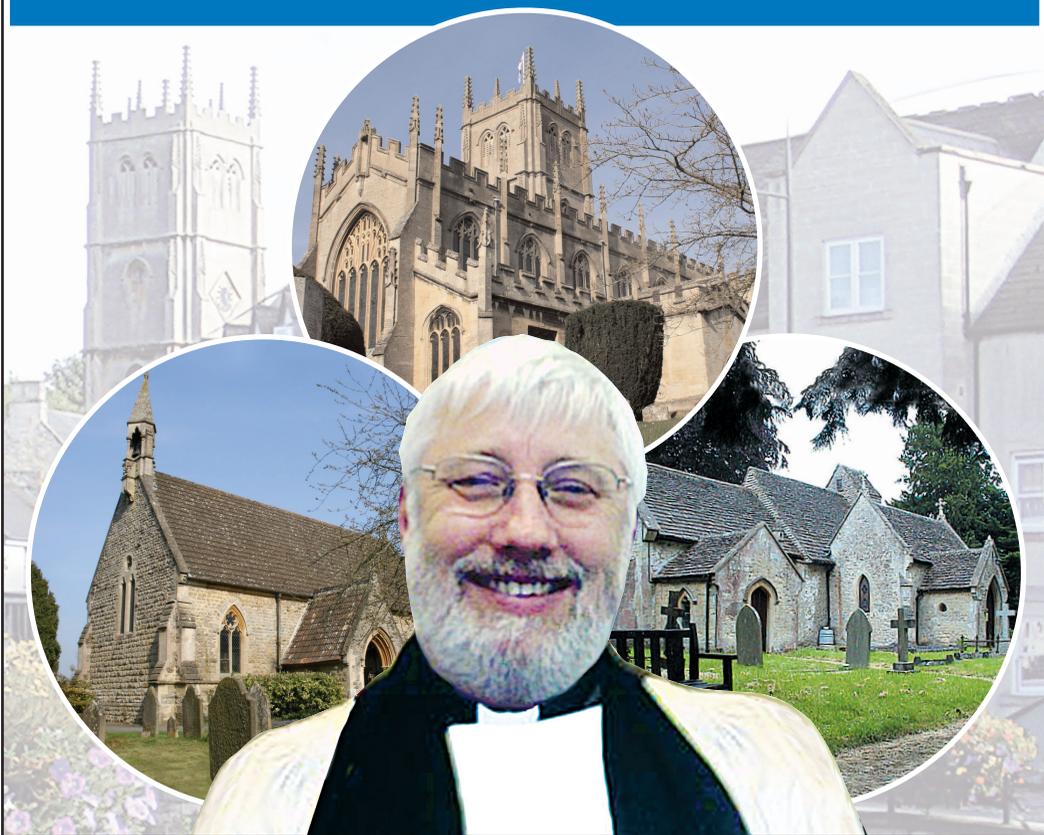


NEWSLETTER FOR THE PARISH OF CALNE & BLACKLAND



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

May 2019

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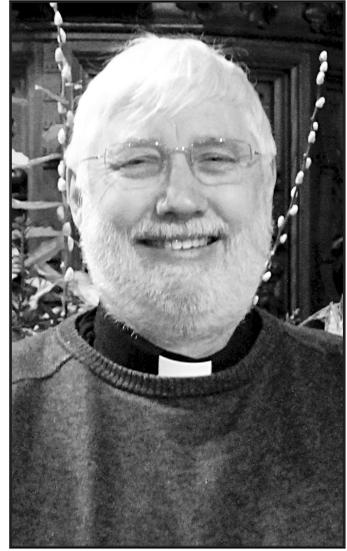
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Prayer for the month

Lord, when I am taking myself too seriously, make me look in a mirror so that I can see reality and not the fine image that I create of myself. Help me to laugh at what I see and to stop being self-important and dramatic.

Make me remember that there is laughter and joy at the heart of the universe as well as sorrow.

Let me acknowledge my weakness and learn to enjoy the absurdity of myself and of the world,

And, Lord, when I become too intense, don't take me too seriously either!

Amen

(If you have a favourite prayer please send it to the editors for inclusion in a future newsletter.)

Our family of Churches in the Parish

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

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

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

Thought for May

God Alone is my Rock - Psalm 62: vv5-8

For God alone my soul waits in silence, for my hope is from him. He alone is my rock and my salvation, my fortress; I shall not be shaken. On God rests my deliverance and my honour, my mighty rock, my refuge is in God. Trust in him at all times, O people; pour out your heart before him; God is a refuge for us'

Waiting isn't something most of us are good at, whether it's the bus that's late, the train that doesn't come or a visit from friends and family we've been looking forward to for a while. We're constantly told in the Psalms that we should 'wait on the Lord', but that's a different sort of waiting. More like the waiter in a restaurant, we are to be ready and waiting to respond to God's

prompting - perhaps to act generously or to say 'sorry' or to offer help where it's needed.

When in that sense of the word we wait on God, all kinds of good things can follow. In the silence of prayer he gives us hope. In times of trouble he holds us fast and offers us a refuge, a place of safety. When we feel we're nobodies he gives us self respect (honour). When nothing seems certain or secure, he alone is a 'rock' to which we cling.

As I silently wait to hear your voice, Lord, show me the sort of person you want me to be. Help me not just to cling to the rock myself, but to be a rock for others.

Amen

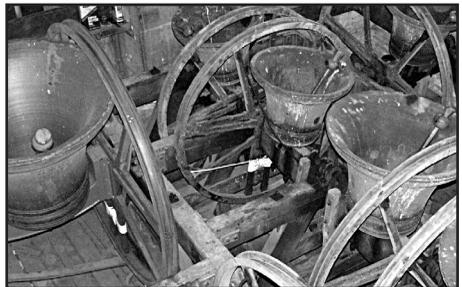
Volunteer Vacancies

Calne Community Day Centre aims to support socially isolated and lonely older people in Calne and district but desperately needs additional volunteers as trustees to manage the charity. The Board of Trustees meets every two months at 1.30 pm, on a Monday, at the Methodist Church Hall.

Board meetings last no longer than 2 hours. A few additional hours are required outside planned meetings. Being a trustee is a rewarding way of giving to your local community. Contact Jan Darts on 01249 740604 or janatbroadacres@gmail.com for further details and to apply.

Trainee Bellringers needed

If you love to hear the sound of the church bells, don't forget that each bell needs a person to give it a voice. Contact Jane by e-mail - calne@sodr.org.uk for more information.



SO WHAT'S ALL THIS ABOUT SOUP DRAGONS?

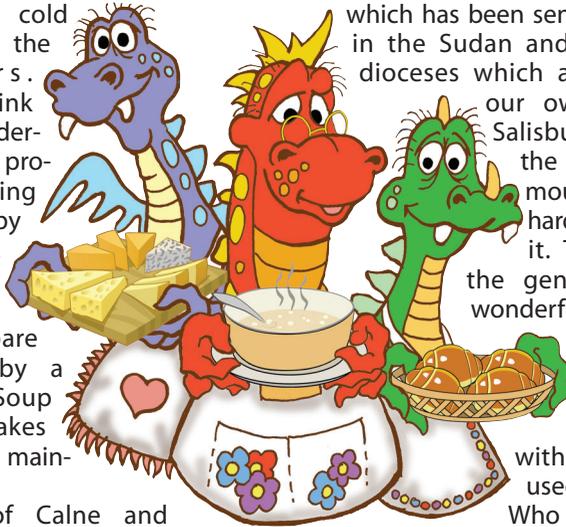
On a bare cold planet live the Clangers.

These small pink creatures live underground in caves protected from falling space debris by saucepan lids. This family of knitted aliens eke out a threadbare existence, fed by a cheery green Soup Dragon who makes green soup - the mainstay of their diet.

The Parish of Calne and Blackland is blessed with many cheerful Soup Dragons who make delicious soups in a variety of colours and flavours and they serve it together with bread and cheese each Friday during Lent - the Lent Lunches. On the third Friday of each month during the rest of the year until the following Lent the Soup Dragons are in action again providing Souper Friday Lunches.

Of course, you see the connection now. Souper lunches are held Downstairs in Church House between 12.30 - 1.30 pm. There is no charge but a donation is welcomed.

From Lent 2018 until Lent 2019 the Souper Fridays donations have resulted in handsome amount of money - £825 -



which has been sent to the Church in the Sudan and South Sudan; dioceses which are linked with our own Diocese of Salisbury and where the need is so enormous that we can hardly comprehend it. Thank you all; the generosity of the wonderful Soup Dragons and all who have feasted on their soup will be received with gratitude and used to great effect. Who would imagine

how powerful a bowl of soup could be?

This new season of Lent lunches and Souper Fridays has already started and there will be many more Fridays after Easter!

We have decided to support the Open Blue Bus with your donations this coming year; it is such a worthwhile project and you will know all about it from the March Newsletter.

You may, of course, wish to become a Soup Dragon and you will be welcome to join the team. If so, please contact one of the Senior Soup Dragons, through Church House, and offer your services.

*Maggie Garratt, Jane Wells,
& Deirdre Aldhous.*

Senior Soup Dragons.

Ascension Day

This important festival is on Thursday 30th May this year.

Ascension Day is one of the earliest Christian festivals dating back to the year 68 CE. According to the New Testament in the Bible, Jesus Christ met several times with his disciples during

the 40 days after his resurrection to instruct them on how to carry out his teachings. On the 40th day after Easter Day he took them to the Mount of Olives, where they watched as he ascended to heaven.

Thy Kingdom Come

Thy Kingdom Come is a global prayer movement that invites Christians around the world to pray for more people to come to know Jesus. You are invited to join the global wave of prayer - calling all Christians to pray for evangelisation from Ascension to Pentecost (May 30th - June 9th 2019). In the week leading up to Pentecost this year we are launching 12 hours of prayer at St Mary's Church, Calne. This will be on Saturday 1st June from 8am - 8pm. We would like to invite all the churches in and around the town to join in with this event and therefore we have divided the day into 12 'one hour slots'. We are hoping that each church or group will volunteer to lead a time of prayer and/or worship in a way that they feel led. It may for example be a time of Taize prayers and songs, simple meditative prayer or even some Celtic worship. It might be on a particular theme such as our town of Calne or our nation, or maybe something topical like the environment-in fact anything that asks that 'Thy Kingdom come'?



We are also inviting people to create prayer stations for people to use as they visit the church on a come and go basis.

We would like to encourage as many people as possible to take part in this event across the churches in Calne and surrounding villages. Please put this date in your diary and come along to help or just sit and join in with the prayers. Come for an hour or stay longer if you wish.

If you have any queries please contact Rev Teresa Michaux.

Giving

I recently received a letter from the Department for Work and Pensions informing me of the increase to my pension from April. This made me think about increasing the amount I give to the church. The Bible teaches that we should Tithe - that is give one tenth of what we receive. The Church of England gives the guideline as a Half Tithe of one's available income. So if your available income is £100 per week then £5 of that is for God's work through the church. As my income



increases so must my giving. While many people give generously of their time to the church it is also important to regularly review our financial giving in line with the Bible's teaching. If all who attend the churches in the parish gave an extra £2 per week, which is after all only the price of a cup of coffee in a café, then the financial situation of the parish would be much healthier and God's work could increase.

Jenny Colby

Forthcoming events in the Parish



FOSM

Saturday May 4th Coffee Morning St.Mary's Church
10.00am to 12.30pm Craft Stalls, Cakes and Calne Singers
FOSM AGM Sunday May 19th 2.00pm in Church House upstairs



Men's Breakfast

Saturday May 4th in "Fat Boys Café" Clark Avenue SN11 9RD
Information and bookings from Kenneth Addison
kw.addison@btinternet.com or telephone 814843

Heart for Calne

Meet on Saturday May 4th in St.James Church Cherhill 9.15 to 10.45am
Telephone one of the organizers if you require a lift

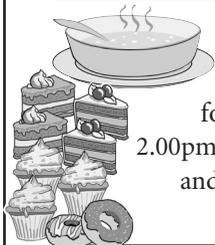
Mothers Union

The Mothers Union are meeting in Church House
On Tuesday May 14th at 1.50pm when the speaker will be
Rev Jeremy Cresswell on "M U in Nigeria"

Soup-er Lunch Friday May 17th 12:30 to 1:30pm

Lunch of homemade soup, bread and cheese...
followed by **Cameo** - "Come and meet each other"

2.00pm to 4.00pm ...you'll be welcomed with a cup of tea ...board games,
and there's a time to chat and then tea scones, cakes and goodies.
both events downstairs at Church House.



Cricket Season Begins!

(an explanation for a cricket ingénue)

You have two sides, one out in the field and one in.

Each man that's in the side that's in goes out and when he's out he comes in and
the next man goes in until he's out.

When they are all out, the side that's out comes in and the side that's been in goes
out and tries to get those coming in out.

Sometimes you get men still in and not out.

When both sides have been in and not out, including the not outs ...

That's the end of the game! HOWZAT!

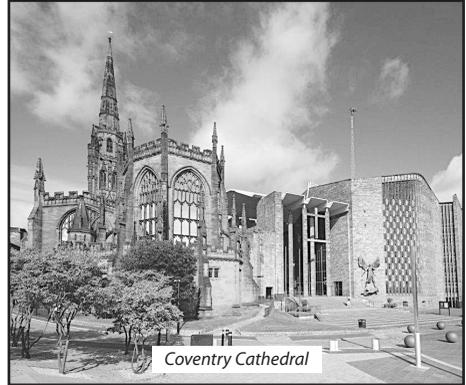
Welcome *(with thanks to Coventry Cathedral)*

We extend a special welcome to those who are single, married, divorced, widowed, gay confused, filthy rich, comfortable or dirt poor.

We extend a special welcome to wailing babies and excited toddlers.

We welcome you whether you can sing like Pavarotti or just growl quietly to yourself. You're welcome here if you're just browsing, just woken up or just got out of prison. We don't care if you're more Christian than the Archbishop of Canterbury, or haven't been to Church since Christmas ten years ago.

We extend a special welcome to those who are over 60 but not grown up yet, and to teenagers who are growing up too fast. We welcome keep-fit mums, football dads, starving artists, tree-huggers, latte sippers, vegetarians, junk-food eaters. We welcome those who are in recovery or still addicted. We welcome you if you're having problems, are down in the dumps or don't like 'organised religion'. (We're not that keen on it either!)



We offer a welcome to those who think the earth is flat, work too hard, don't work, can't spell, or are here because granny is visiting and wanted to come in.

We welcome those who are inked, pierced, both or neither. We offer a special welcome to those who could use a prayer right now, had religion shoved down their throat as kids or got lost in the town centre and wound up here by mistake.

We welcome pilgrims, tourists, seekers, doubters . . . and YOU!

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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

Day	Time	Place	Activity
Sunday	8.00am	St. Mary's	Holy Communion
	9.30am	St. Peter's	Family Service - Second Sunday of the month. Holy Communion other Sundays
	9.15am	Holy Trinity	Family service-First Sunday of the month only
	10.00am	St. Mary's	Parish Eucharist
	10.45am	Holy Trinity	Morning Prayer - First Sunday of the month. Holy Communion other Sundays
	3.00pm	Holy Trinity Academy	Messy Church-twice a term check notices for dates
Tuesday	10.00am	Church House	SMUF'S parent and toddler group. NOTE only during term times.
	6.30pm to 7.00pm	Various	Parish Prayers-check notices for location.
Wednesday	10.00am	St. Mary's	Holy Communion (Mothers' Union corporate Service first Wednesday of the month). Wednesday Club for 5-11s.
	3.30-5.30pm		
Thursday	2.30pm to 4.00pm	Church House	Cuppa and Company.
	6.30-7.00pm	St. Mary's	Christian Meditation.
Friday	12.00pm	St. Mary's	Holy Communion.
	2.00pm	Church House	Cameo-Come And Meet Each Other NOTE only 3rd Friday of the month.
	7.00pm	St. Mary's	Choir Practice.
	7.30pm	St. Mary's	Bell-ringing Practice.
Saturday	9.00am	Various	Men's Breakfast (1st Sat).

For more information please see
www.parihofcalneandblackland.org.uk