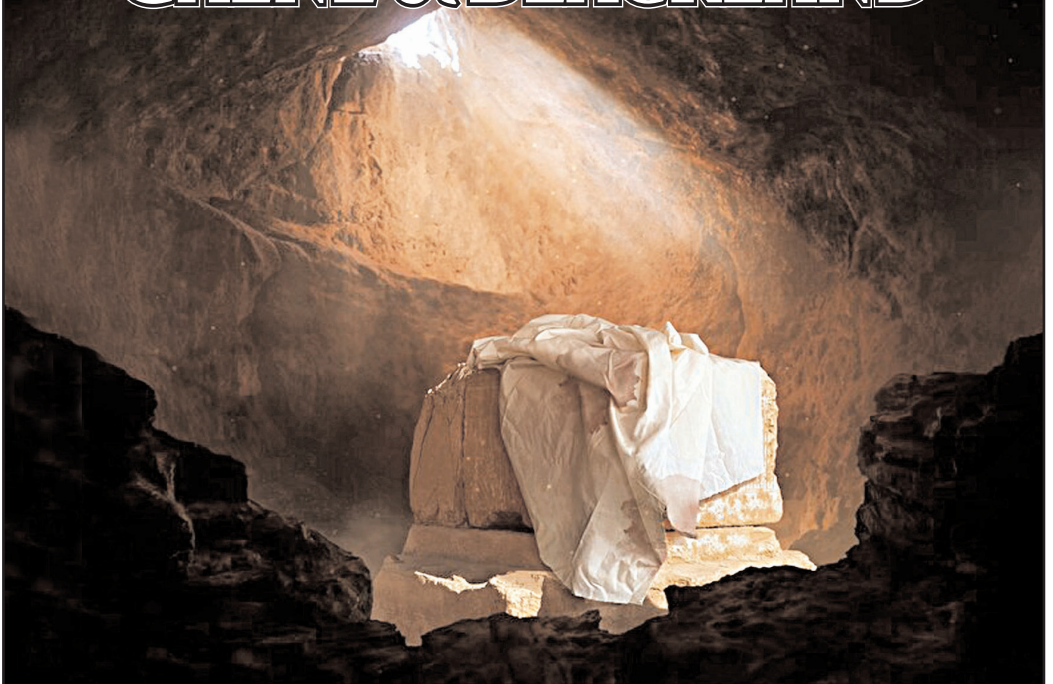


NEWSLETTER FOR THE PARISH OF CALNE & BLACKLAND



The Angel spoke to the women, " I know you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. He is not here; He has been raised, "

Matthew 28. 5-6

***... keeping you in
touch with your church family.
March 2024
Easter Edition***

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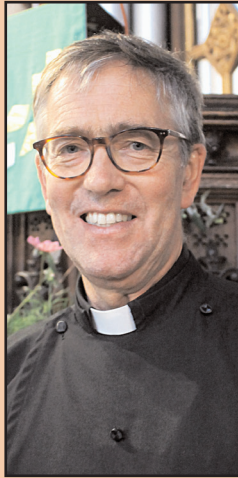
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*Teresa is available on Tuesday to Friday mornings and Sunday
Church House is open 10am to 12noon Mondays,
Wednesdays and Fridays.*

Prayer for March

*In this joyful Eastertide we thank you, Lord,
because through your death and resurrection
we have won the victory
and your redeeming grace and love
Fill us with new life so that we may love one another
In Jesus' name we pray.
Amen*

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A Thought for April

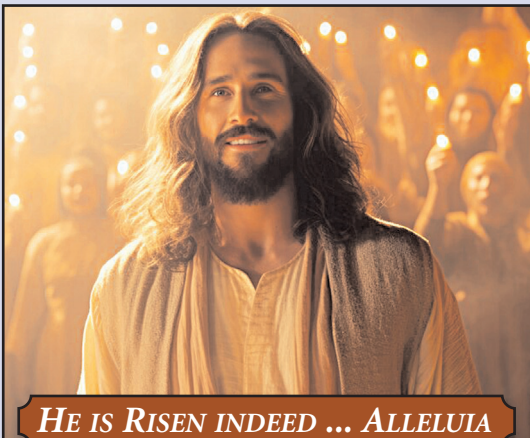
Rector's notes for April – new life and new hope for the Church

I write this on an early spring day when the sun has decided to make an appearance, and there is definitely the beginning of some warmth about it. I can't be the only one for whom this time of year is the best. On top of this being Easter season for the next six Sundays, with all the joy and hope of Jesus' resurrection life to celebrate and ponder, we have these great visual reminders of new life all around us, as life in the fields, hedgerows and our gardens begins to burst into new birth again.

New resurrection life is one of Christianity's most distinctive features, and we hope our churches embody it in some way all the year round. Jesus has risen from the dead, and so paves the way for resurrection for all whose life on this earth comes to an end.

But before that, there is this life to be lived, with all its opportunities and challenges! It's worth imagining how the disciples of Jesus navigated that first Easter season – ecstatic with joy that Jesus was alive again, but also wondering what the future would hold. Yet the miracle of the resurrection, and the power of God which came upon them at Pentecost was sufficient to keep them trusting in God for whatever would become of them in God's service, even in the face of persecution.

We don't know how the future of our churches will play out. But we do know that our God is the same God who raised Jesus from the dead, and sends his Holy Spirit to give us the power for whatever tasks he wants us to fulfil – even if at any one time we don't know quite what this will mean for us in the future.



HE IS RISEN INDEED ... ALLELUIA

On 7th April we say farewell and thank you to Revd Teresa Michaux, team vicar in Calne, and until Revd Sarah Errington is licensed in mid-June we will be more reliant than usual on the kind and very capable lay ministers and retired clergy whom we value so highly to lead much of our worship. We trust God to lead us into this time of change, and to give us his power to accomplish what he intends for us in the service of our communities.

Wishing you a very joyful season of Easter

With my prayers, and very best wishes
Revd Caspar Bush (Team Rector)

Snippets from the Past

The Victoria County History gives us some illuminating insights into the past incumbents of St Mary's church.

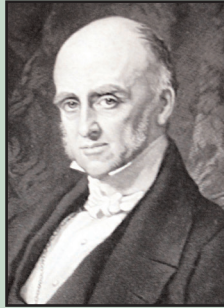
In 1389 Calne was among places in which a *William Ramsbury*, apparently in minor orders, allegedly preached heresy and conducted services which imitated mass. In 1406, vestments, a breviary and two processional candlesticks went missing from Calne church. Who took them? The Dean of Salisbury Cathedral ordered the churchwardens to provide an antiphony (a book of plain-song), a psalter and an ordinal in 1412. Had they been purloined, was there a market in stolen church materials?

In 1409 the vicar was taken to task for not accompanying funeral processions, was he not interested? In the early 15th century the church had three silver-gilt chalices and other plate. Most of the plate had been lost or stolen by 1551.

In 1540, the vicar, suspected of papistry for failing to remove the name of St Thomas a Becket from a book, was found to have erred through negligence. In 1587 a clerk, possibly a curate, was accused of purifying a strumpet without imposing penance.

A *William Mortimer* was vicar 1602-53. Thomas Jones, apparently his successor, was expelled from the living at the Restoration. Too inured in the ways of puritanism? A contrast over the centuries in custom practised. In 1766, when the vicar was an invalid, a curate held two services each Sunday and services on Wednesdays, Fridays and holy days.

John Guthrie, vicar 1835-65, oversaw the restoration of the south and west parts of the church to designs by William Slater and the construction of

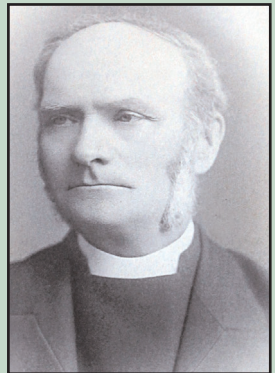


a chapel of ease at Quemerford during 1852-3 (now Holy Trinity Church). The churchyard replaced that of St Mary's church as the parish graveyard. However, apart from 1863-4 when Calne church

was being restored, the chapel of ease was not licensed for the solemnization of marriage until 1990. Guthrie also promoted parochial schools, a friendly society and a literary institution in Calne.

John Duncan, vicar 1865-1907, instituted a daily service and weekly communion at St Mary's Calne and in 1870 introduced a surpliced choir. In the

same year Calne was one of the few parishes in the Wiltshire part of the Salisbury Diocese in which communion was celebrated every Sunday and on holy days. *John Duncan's* high church teaching



caused some parishioners to leave the church in 1866 and to found a free church. *Characters all!*

*Researched & Written by
Charles and Serena Boase*

Au Revoir

It is with mixed feelings as I journey toward my retirement; my last service will be on 7th April, 10.00 am at St. Mary's church to which you are all welcome. I have been in ordained ministry for 13 years and have enjoyed meeting and getting to know so many wonderful people along the way God has blessed me richly and I am grateful for all the opportunities and challenges that have presented themselves. However, the time has come to move on to the next season in our lives and John and I are preparing to move house. We have decided to stay in this wonderful town so we won't be going far. I will be taking a six - month break and we intend to go travelling and spend time with our family. Then I will apply to the Bishop for "permission to officiate" after which I hope to be back taking services occasionally. I want to



thank all the amazing people in the benefice who have made us so very welcome this last six years or so, it has been a pleasure and honour to serve you. So rather than a "Good bye" it is "au revoir" for now and we will meet again soon.

*With Blessings
Revd Teresa Michaux.*

ADVANCE NOTICE

THE ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING (APCM) IS ON SUNDAY

**MAY 5th IN ST. MARY'S CHURCH
AT ABOUT 11.15am, AFTER THE
MORNING SERVICE.**

At the meeting there is important business that needs to take place, including: The Rectors report on the last year, ended 31st December 2023.

Financial, Fabric and Changes to Electoral Roll reports for last year. Appointing Church Wardens, various

Parish Officers, representatives to Deanery Synod, approval of those working with children.

Election of Parochial Church Council (PCC) members. They are elected for a period of 3 years after which they must apply for re-election. They must be members of the Electoral Roll, as do their proposer and seconder. Forms can be obtained from Kate Powell or Church Wardens and must be returned to Kate (secretary to the PCC) by 28th April 2024.

Mothers' Union

Calne Mothers' Union met on Tuesday 12th March and had an inspiring talk from Revd Annie Church about Lent. She also spoke on Transformation which is the MU theme of this year.

Thank you to all those who supported the Cake Stall on Mothering Sunday at St. Mary's. There was an excellent result of £203 which will go to support the MU Holiday Home at Rockley Park in Poole.



Jenny Colby

The next MU meeting is on Tuesday 9th April at 2 pm when Kevin and Jane Wells will talk about the work of the local Food Bank. All are welcome to the meeting and you are invited to bring an item of tinned or dry goods for the Food Bank (but no tins of baked beans or spaghetti).

Jenny Colby, Branch Leader

Volunteer Opportunity with Mothers' Union Diocese of Salisbury

The Mothers' Union are looking for a volunteer to help with an exciting and long - running project - AFIA Holiday home in Poole – we own a static caravan in Poole providing holiday accommodation for families in need. We are looking for an enthusias-

tic, organised person, working from home, to run our simple on-line booking system and contact with users.

If you are interested in this role, email our Salisbury MU office:

Mothers.union@btconnect.com

FRIENDS OF HOLY TRINITY CHURCH OF CALNE
Present

A Concert BY "SUPA NOVA"
In Holy Trinity Church

On Saturday 13th April at 7.30pm

Ticket (includes refreshments) £6; £7 on the door
From Church House, Bank House,
Quemerford Post Office; or phone 01249 819097

The Calne Carnival 29th June 2024

The town council have asked whether the town churches would be interested in entering a float in the town carnival. It could be walking or on a lorry and the theme is "Influential People through History".

Are you interested? If so, speak to Caspar.

Dates for your diary

- 7th** Teresa – last service at St. Mary's church 10.00am
 - 9th** Mothers' Union Meeting – Church House 2.00pm
 - 13th** "Supa Nova" concert – Holy Trinity church 7.30pm
 - 19th** Cameo – 2.00 to 4.00pm
 - 20th** Calne Choral concert 7.30pm
 - 23rd** St. George's day
 - 25th** Saint Mark, evangelist
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Focus for Prayer

Please remember to pray for ...

- All suffering because of extreme weather events.
 - Sarah Errington and her family as they prepare to move to Derry Hill, where she will take up the post of Team Vicar in the Marden Vale Benefice.
 - The work of food banks, especially Calne food bank.
 - All affected by war, thinking especially of Ukraine and Gaza at this time.
 - For schoolchildren, teachers and all denied an education for any reason.
 - All of us looking forward to the Spring, especially farmers and gardeners.
 - Victims of injustice throughout the world.
 - Teresa and John Michaux as they prepare to retire and move house.
 - The Princess of Wales and King Charles as they undergo cancer treatment and indeed for all the Royal Family for their extra concerns and responsibilities.
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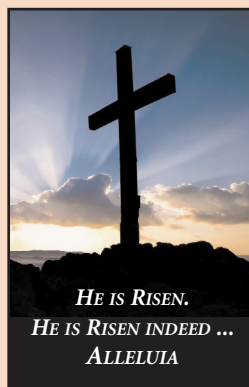
And finally ...

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

*Please check Website or Parish Notices for Zoom Link.

Day	Time	Place	Activity
Sunday	8.00am	St Mary's	Holy Communion.
	9.30am	St Peter's	Holy Communion (BCP) – 4th Sunday of the month.
	10.00am	St Mary's	Parish Eucharist, (4th Sunday of the month; Morning Prayers).
	10.00am	Holy Trinity	Family Service (1st and 3rd Sunday of the month).
	10.45am	Holy Trinity	Holy Communion (4th Sunday of the month).
	3.00pm	Holy Trinity	Family Service (5th Sunday of the month).
Tuesday	10.00am	Church House	SMUF's parent and toddler group. Only during term times.
	Various	Various or Zoom	Parish Prayers – Please check notices for relevant information.*
Wednesday	10.00am	St Mary's	Holy Communion (Mothers' Union Corporate Service 1st Wednesday of the month).
	3.30-5.30pm	Church House	Wednesday Club for 4–11s. Only during term times.
Thursday	6.30-7.00pm	St Mary's	Christian Meditation.
Friday	8.30 am	Zoom	Morning Prayers – Whole Benefice*
	2.00 to 4.00 pm	Church House (Downstairs)	Cameo – Come And Meet Each Other. 3rd Friday of the month only. You'll be welcomed with a cup of tea... plus board games and time to chat.
	7.00pm	St Mary's	Choir Practice.
	7.30pm	Bell Ringing	Please contact Jane Ridgwell for further information.

If you wish to make a donation to the Parish of Calne and Blackland you can use this QR code

