

# NEWSLETTER FOR THE PARISH OF CALNE & BLACKLAND



*The Trinity - Father, Son and Holy Spirit  
...keeping you in  
touch with your church family.  
June 2021*



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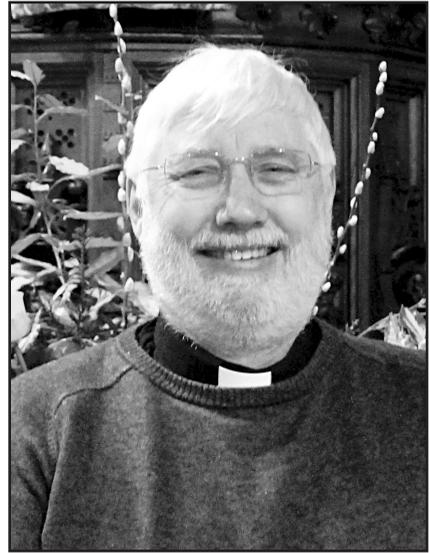
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*Church House is closed during the corona virus crisis.*

## *Prayer for June*

*Almighty God, bestow upon us the meaning of words, the light of understanding, the nobility of diction and the faith of the true nature. And grant that what we believe we may also speak.*

*St. Hilary 315-67*

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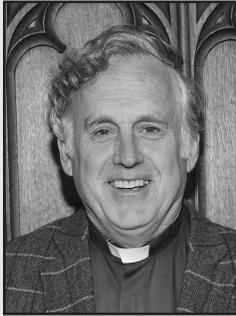
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***Look out in both these places for information about online worship and services during the corona virus lockdown.***

# Thought for June

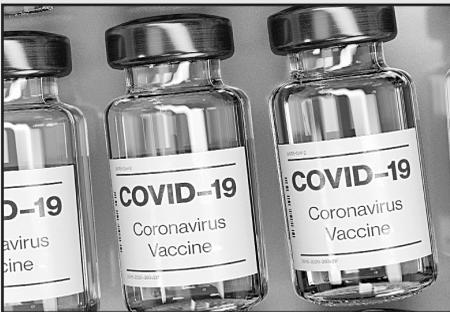
Dear Friends, Jack invited me to let him have some thoughts for the June newsletter I had been thinking about how the AstraZeneca and Pfizer vaccines have revolutionised our lives, so here I am writing to you.

Naturally we all come with different experiences of work. Indeed in Calne so many people have gone through the traumas of being without work - at the closure of the Harris factory years ago or more recently through the pandemic - that I hesitate to write about it. Yet work is a part of mankind's natural creativity and without it any man or woman feels that they are demeaned. The monastic communities that helped build the Church of St Mary and Blackands emphasised that work is a natural partner to prayer; they coined the phrase 'to work is to pray'.



For me, it was most encouraging to be involved with work on anti-cancer drugs and working in an Ethics committee where we reviewed the science and research on specific drugs, and ensured that no harm would come to human subjects.

We are now facing a return to work. We saw during the pandemic the importance of people in work and can be thankful to God for all that can be achieved for



Imagine for a moment what it must have been like to help invent the drug that has taken us out of the pandemic. It is a world where I have worked, when I served on the committees of two pharmaceutical companies in Guildford; keeping me in touch with the very positive side of scientific research. We have to be thankful for the initiatives that scientists have made recently to relieve our world of COVID.

mankind. However work can be a frustrating activity at times. It may consist of frenetic activity with a telephone in your hand and watching a screen with the rest of the brain, or of great patience on the part of the farmer who looks after the soil, hedgerows, and wellbeing of creation while ensuring that the population is well fed and healthy. For others there will be the demands of dealing with complex problems; assessing people and resources and trying to resolve issues of principle.

The UK is returning to work, and we need to remember those without work, and put work in the right perspective; so that we are committed to it without being possessed by it; and thankful to God for the opportunities to help mankind, and remembering the rest of the world as we all recover from COVID.

*Yours sincerely  
Canon Jeremy Cresswell*

# Returning to Church

We are blessed that church services are once more taking place at St Mary's and Holy Trinity and welcome the opportunity to return to worship and being in community with others. The experience of shielding and being in lockdown over such a long period has understandably raised mixed feelings and emotions about gathering and being in group situations, even though precautions are observed. We look forward now in hope to become more liberated as the Covid crisis is increasingly contained by vaccines and medical advances.

Despite this, there will be many for whom a return to church will cause some heart-searching, knowing that services will feel very different, with the need still for masks and hand sanitising, no singing, and socially distanced when celebrating the Eucharist. As



Christians we celebrate the sacrament of the Eucharist as an enactment of the Last Supper. In the breaking of the bread the sacrament shows us that the risen Christ comes to move within our lives as he did with the first disciples. If we want to see Christ then we need to see our neighbour, in whom Christ is also embodied.



In coming to Holy Communion we are accepting the invitation of our Lord to come and be with Him in our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, recognising that we are Christ's guests. We prepare for communion with honesty, humility, patience and penitence and can do this because we pray the Eucharistic prayer of thanksgiving - not

trusting in ourselves but in our risen and present Lord. It is the revelation of the spiritual food and fruits of God's grace in the Eucharist that we need and which is essential to our faith journey.

In the Church of England the Thursday after Trinity Sunday (3rd June) is kept as the Day of Thanksgiving for the Institution of The Holy Communion (Corpus Christi). The festival of Corpus Christi celebrates the Eucharist as the body of Christ and is celebrated in Catholic churches in some countries with street processions, when the consecrated wafer is carried in ceremony and with reverence as a public statement that the sacrifice of Christ was for the salvation of the whole world. (Maundy Thursday is recognised as the anniversary of the Last Supper and the beginning of the institution of the Eucharist). Perhaps this month, with further easing of the restrictions, we will gain in confidence and feel able to return for prayer and worship in church and enter in the sacrament of the Eucharist, symbolising the new covenant with God when bread, broken, blessed and given, becomes the life of Jesus.

# Mothers' Union report for June Newsletter

Calne Mothers' Union met on Zoom on Tuesday 11th May. We began with prayers, including a prayer for Christian Aid Week, then we had a very interesting talk from Gill Ford of The Children's Society. She spoke a little about the history - how it began in 1881 with a Sunday School teacher Edward Rudolf finding two children who were missing from his class were on the streets of London begging for food. He decided that he would dedicate his life to improving the lives of poor children. She did not tell us much about the history of the society (though there is plenty on their website) but focused on what they do now - particularly campaigning and protecting vulnerable children. She spoke about rescuing children as young as 7 who had been groomed online by gangs and were used to move drugs around the country, known as County Lines. Many people in the parish have Children's Society home collecting boxes, so it was good to hear how the money raised is being spent, and of course they like many charities have experienced a loss of income because of the Pandemic.



The following paragraphs are from the Children's Society website.

## **Making school uniforms affordable**

Thanks to our tireless campaigning, the government recently promised to cut the cost of school uniforms.

## **What does this mean for children?**

It means more families will be able to send their children to school in the 'right' uniform. Fewer children will be sent home or singled out for wearing non-compliant or ill-fitting clothes. They can focus on learning without worrying about wearing the wrong thing.

## **Other Areas of Work**

We fight for hope by deeply understanding the needs of young people and by supporting them through their most serious life challenges; young people who have suffered years of abuse, who have run away from home or are struggling with mental health issues, young carers and those who are at risk of being groomed by gangs. We help refugees who have no one else to turn to in this country.

Our meeting in June is again on Zoom but will be an evening meeting; 7.30 pm on Tuesday 8th June, when we will be hearing about the work of Street Pastors.

Please contact me for the Zoom link. We will be back to meeting in person from August.

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# Ubuntu

An anthropologist showed a game to the children of an African tribe ...

He placed a basket of delicious fruits near a tree trunk and told them: 'The first child to reach the tree will get the basket.'

When he gave them the start signal, he was surprised that they were walking together, holding hands until they reached the tree and shared the fruit!

When he asked them why they did

that when every one could get the basket only for him! They answered with astonishment: 'Ubuntu.'

"That is, how can one of us be happy while the rest are miserable?"

Ubuntu in their civilization means: I am because we are.

That tribe knows the secret of happiness that has been lost in all societies that transcend them and which consider themselves civilized societies ...!!

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## Summer Holidays

We are all tourists, God is our travel agent who has already identified our routes, bookings and destinations... trust him and enjoy life. Life is just a journey! Therefore, live today!

Tomorrow may not be.

*Charlie Chaplin*

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## Salisbury Cathedral, Peregrine update

We are delighted that a peregrine falcon is sometimes seen on the tower of St Mary's Church in Calne, but Salisbury Cathedral have a nesting pair. There's been lots happening on the nest this year as all four eggs have successfully hatched. The first two chicks could be seen properly in daylight on Friday 23 April, and the others joined soon after.



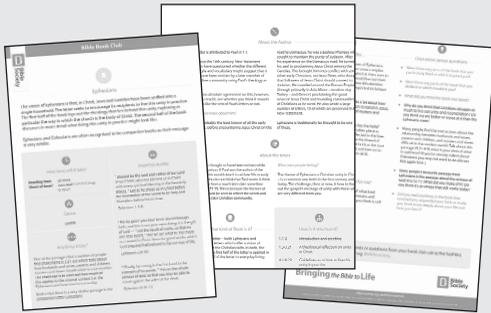
The resident peregrine experts have been keeping an eye on the process and written about it in a new blog. You can follow the chicks as they grow and fledge into fully grown birds on the live stream at:

<https://www.salisburycathedral.org.uk/visit-what-see/peregrine-falcons-live-stream>

# Heart for Calne

Since the leadership team disbanded last year, there is no longer an annual schedule distributed for Heart for Calne. However, the prayer times still continue on a month by month basis with representatives from several of the town's churches. To find out when and where to find the next Heart for Calne, please contact Kathryn Miller, Steven & Jenny Colby (01249 819097) or Liz Roberts (07876 196505). Everyone is welcome.

## Bible Book Club - Ephesians



Christ, Jews and Gentiles have been unified into a single household. The letter seeks to encourage its recipients to live this out in practice. The first half of the book lays out the theology that lies behind Paul's vision of unity, exploring in particular the way in which the Church is the body of Christ. The second half discusses in more detail what this might look like in practice.

**W**e thought the Bible Book Club might need some further introduction. Usually we read, hear or study Bible verses in small sections. The Bible Society set up the Book Club to encourage us to read whole Bible books like we would read a novel. This gives us a feeling for the context in which we find our familiar stories. When we meet up to talk about the books, we don't 'study' them, we simply have a chat about our response to the stories we have read (no 'right' or 'wrong' answers).

During June and July we are going to read the letter to the Ephesians, possibly written by Paul during his time in prison around AD 50-60 (though the author and dates are debated by theologians).

The vision of Ephesians is that in

**Can you find and follow a theme of reconciliation throughout the book?**

**What is your response to the words in chapters 5 and 6 'Wives, submit to your husbands' and 'Slaves, obey your earthly masters'?**

**Were there any parts of the book that stayed with you for a while after reading it?**

Further information is available at Ephesians - Bible Society , or contact Liz Roberts for printed resources or for dates to meet up to chat about your reading (07876 196505 or [e.are@btopenworld.com](mailto:e.are@btopenworld.com)).

Also contact Steven & Jenny on [stevenjenny.colby@gmail.com](mailto:stevenjenny.colby@gmail.com) if you would like to join their 'Zoom' Bible study on Thursdays.

## Dates for June

The pattern for the coming weeks will be:

**St. Mary's - Parish Eucharist** 9.30 am, Sundays

The St.Mary's services will be live streamed for the time being on  
[www.facebook.com/stmaryschurchcalne](http://www.facebook.com/stmaryschurchcalne)

**Holy Trinity - Parish Eucharist** 10.00 am Wednesdays

You will need to book - [www.stmarysbookings.co.uk](http://www.stmarysbookings.co.uk) or phone 07713962635

Please keep to safety protocols and come prepared to wear a face mask

**Family Service** - Sundays 6th (10.00 am) & 20th (3.00 pm) at Holy Trinity  
for family services book through [steven@mardenvale.org.uk](mailto:steven@mardenvale.org.uk) or phone  
01249819097

2nd and 4th Sundays **Family Service on Zoom** @ 10.00 am

Meeting ID 777 199 3235 Passcode 819097

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

For details of the **Meditation Sessions** held on Thursdays from  
6.30pm contact Kevin Wells - [wells4millst@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:wells4millst@hotmail.co.uk)  
or phone 01249 248986

24th June, The Birth of John The Baptist

29th June - Saints Peter and Paul - apostles.

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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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