

# NEWSLETTER FOR THE PARISH OF CALNE & BLACKLAND



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

***May 2024***

***Pentecost Edition***

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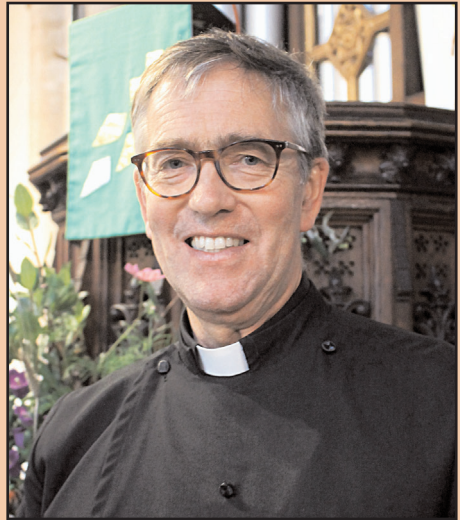
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## *Prayer for May*

*Prayer of Saint Richard of Chichester*

*Thanks be to thee, my Lord Jesus Christ,  
for all the benefits thou hast given me,  
for all the pain and insults thou hast borne for me.*

*O most merciful redeemer, friend and brother,*

*May I know thee more clearly,*

*Love thee more dearly,*

*and follow thee more nearly.*

*Amen*

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# A Thought for May

## Rector's notes for May – Stewardship

If you look up the dictionary definition of “stewardship” you’ll find something like the careful and responsible management of something entrusted to one’s care. In Christian terms, we might think of it as honouring God by what we do with what we have. It includes what we do with our money – but importantly it’s about our time and our talents as well.

The subject of giving money (back) to God is one that in this parish of Calne & Blackland we have not really been asked to think about for a good many years. And perhaps that’s why our churches find ourselves in a bit of a financial pickle at the moment. Incidentally this review is something we will be doing every year in the future. Now, there’s a temptation when we hear about church finances to say well, ‘what about all the £billions the Church Commissioners have?’ It’s an important question, but it’s quite a separate question to the one about honouring God with what we ourselves have.

I’m struck by the story in Luke’s gospel of Jesus seeing a widow putting her two small coins in the temple treasury. Her gift is small in absolute terms, but she is applauded by Jesus because it represents a really sacrificial amount of what she had. What she doesn’t do is say ‘oh well the temple treasury has got so much money it doesn’t need mine’. Hers is an act of giving to God, and honouring God

quite independent from that other question.



On 5th May we are launching an initiative to explain our financial position and to encourage all of us to review our level of financial giving. If you are on the electoral roll, you’ll be receiving a letter about this. Some of us will already be giving all we can. For others of us, we will have the capacity to give more.

The churches of our benefice have a vital role in our community to point people to the good news of God’s love for all, and to the power of God to transform people’s lives for good. Those of us who are part of these churches, however peripherally, have the privilege and responsibility of sustaining that mission financially. So above all giving is a matter of faith.

Please do pray that God would bless this stewardship initiative and give us what we need to do everything God is calling us to do – to honour God and to serve our communities.

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

# Fond Farewells To David Beaven and Teresa Michaux

**D**AVID BEAVEN has been a faithful organist and choir-master at St Mary's for very nearly 50 years. He decided late in 2023 that he needed to retire and it

has taken a little time to find a date for a celebration of his valuable contribution to the life of St Mary's. On 24th March this great event took place, with many friends present.





**A** BIG thank you for all the lovely presents, cards and good wishes that you gave me on my retirement last Sunday, 7th April. It was very generous and I shall especially enjoy spending the garden centre vouchers on our new garden. The toilet twinning was a great idea and the picture is already on the wall in our new toilet! It

was a great celebration and wonderful to see so many of my friends and family there to share this with me. We are not moving very far so hope to see you around the town and my plan is to come back to help with the occasional service after a rest for about six months.

*Blessings from Teresa  
Revd Teresa Michaux*

# Jan Ingenhousz

**J**an Ingenhousz was born in 1730 in Breda, in what today is in the southern part of the Netherlands. The son of a doctor, he completed his medical training in 1753 at the University of Leuven. Rather unusually he then went on to the University of Leiden where he studied electricity for two years.

After finishing this, he joined his father in his medical practice until his father died. He then decided to travel and learn about inoculation in England which was a leading exponent at the time. Helped by a family friend, Sir John Pringle, who was President of the Royal Society, he took part in the inoculation of a village in Hertfordshire of 700 people which was carried out entirely successfully.

He must have become well known as an inoculator because he was asked to inoculate King George III and his family. When Maria Theresa of Austria wrote to King George for an inoculator for her family the king recommended Ingenhousz. In the event he stayed on in Vienna and practiced as a court doctor until he decided to go back to England in 1779. He was invited to continue to carry out research into photosynthesis in the very same laboratory at Bowood, near Calne in Wiltshire, which J. Priestley had used in his research on oxygen and the process of photosynthesis.



In September of that year, his experiments led to his discovery of photosynthesis. He placed plants under water in a transparent container and saw that the undersides of their leaves made bubbles in sunlight. Conversely when the same plants were placed in darkness the bubbles stopped forming.

He collected this gas and conducted a series of tests to determine its identity. He eventually found that a smouldering candle or match would burst into flames when exposed to the unknown gas. This showed it was oxygen. He also found that in darkness plants gave off carbon dioxide.

In recognition of these discoveries Ingenhousz was elected to The Royal Society of London. Unfortunately he was taken ill at Bowood and died on September 7th 1799. He is buried in St. Mary's Church, Calne

*Charles and Serena Boase*

# Dates for your diary

- 5th** Calne and Blackland APCM – St Mary’s after 10am service  
**9th** Ascension Day  
**14th** MU meeting – speaker, Neil Robinson, chaplain to deaf people  
**19th** Whit Sunday – Pentecost - St Dunstan’s Day  
**15th** CAMEO  
**26th** Trinity Sunday. Holy Trinity Church Patronal Festival
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## Focus for Prayer

### Please remember to pray for ...

- Caspar and the team of retired clergy and lay ministers as they work to keep the Marden Vale Benefice active during a time of two clergy vacancies
  - 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 16th June.
    - Anyone preparing for and taking exams.
    - All affected by war, thinking especially of Ukraine and Gaza at this time
  - Local shops and businesses as they work with the challenges of modern life. May they prosper and continue to contribute to the life of our town.
  - All people who rarely have a conversation with another person and the loneliness that results. May we all take time to speak to people who we meet day-to-day.
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## 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.*

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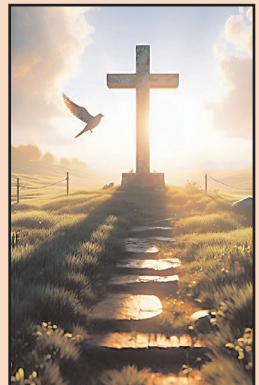
### *And finally ...*

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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# 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.

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