

NEWSLETTER FOR THE PARISH OF CALNE & BLACKLAND

*...keeping you in
touch with your church family.
September 2021*



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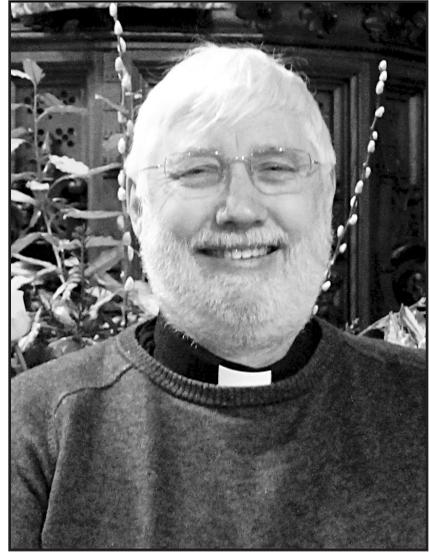
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Church House is closed during the corona virus crisis.

Prayer for September

God of the heavens and the earth, You call us to share in the care of your creation and to bring food and fruitfulness from field and farm. Hear our prayer for all who make their living on the land and make us grateful for the work of their hands and for the generosity of your provision.

We ask this in the name of Christ.

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.

Thought for September

Families are important...

This was a phrase used by my father whenever I visited him during his later years. (He died in 2010 age 93). It is a phrase that has become very meaningful since the start of the Pandemic with so many families not being able to meet up for many months. Consequently you would also hear the phrase 'I miss my family'. People living on their own were grateful that they could Bubble with members of the family. Family celebrations took on a different form during lockdown or took place online.

We also hear the phrase 'Families come in all shapes and sizes'. There are now many divided families and step-families. There is no ideal family, we can look to the Bible and see a great mixture of families. For example, Joseph with his many brothers by two mothers, was sold into slavery, by his jealous brothers because of his boasting. Yet he is a prime example of trusting God in difficult situations and forgiving those who wronged him. Or the example of Ruth who on becoming a widow, devoted herself to her mother-in-law becoming a refugee in a foreign country. There are many more exam-



ples of families in the Bible but one person I like in the New Testament is Timothy. Paul writes two letters of encouragement to him, whom he calls 'his true son in the faith'. (1Tim1 v2). In the second letter he says, 'I am reminded of your sincere faith which first lived in your grandmother Lois and in your mother Eunice

and, I am persuaded now lives in you also'. (2 Tim 1 v5)

But the idea of family is not just blood relatives. I remember a conversation with an elderly lady in a church I used to attend who told me she had no family as her husband and children had died. I reminded her that she still had her church family who loved and valued her.

It is 100 years since the death of Mary Sumner, the founder of the Mothers' Union. In the Mothers' Union prayer are the words, 'Bless the work of the Mothers' Union as we seek to share your love through the encouragement, strengthening and support of marriage and family life.'

May we all as God's children and part of the church family in Calne show love and support to one another.

Sister Jenny Colby

BASQUE PRAYER:

God is a good worker - but He loves to be helped.

Meeting your PCC!

Every year we elect 4 churchwardens and 14 members of our congregation. Together with our Clergy team this makes up our Parochial Church Council.

What do we actually do? Well, as PCC members we are trustees of the parish and so we work with the clergy team to understand our finances, building maintenance requirements and get a general overview of all activities happening in the parish. Alongside our Designated Safeguarding Lead, we are also responsible for any safeguarding concerns raised.

To do all this we hold 12 meetings a year and an Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) which happens in April. The meetings are split into 2 groups, our main meetings where all members are in attendance and Standing Committee meetings which include all clergy, churchwardens, our treasurer, and secretary as well as 2 of our deputy churchwardens and these are used to prepare for our main meetings.

In the past year our biggest challenge has of course been keeping you all safe during the COVID-19 pandemic. The decisions have been tough, but we have done this through the exploration of all avenues. We hope you have felt safe with all the decisions that have been made.

In October this year, the PCC are holding a day dedicated to working on how we move our parishes forward in the best way and how we can adapt and work towards our mission in the community. This day should also give the PCC a chance to get to know each other.

For this meeting, we would like to hear from YOU our wonderful church family! We would like to know if there is something you feel needs bringing to our attention or something you might like to see changed or even how we could move forward post-COVID. If you would like to put something forward for this meeting, then please do contact our secretary Kate Powell on calnepccsec@mardenvale.org.uk by 20th September 2021.

PCC Members 2021-22

Richard Aldhous, Deirdre Aldhouse, Stan Anniss (Deputy Churchwarden),
Jonathan Billings (Churchwarden), Sr Jenny Colby, Rose Cooper,
Isabella Gage (Churchwarden), Jon Gibson, Alex Grenfell,
Lucy Hemmings (Churchwarden), Steve Keighley (Churchwarden),
Rev Bob Kenway, Rev Teresa Michaux, Kathryn Miller,
Mary Pilcher-Clayton, Kate Powell (secretary), Lucette Rees,
Jack Robinson, Eddie Sims (safeguarding), Graham Spencer (Treasurer),
Mala Tu, Kevin Wells

Generous Giving - Transforming our giving in response to God's generosity

Like many charitable organisations nationally, the Church of England has lost income during the time of pandemic. Last year we were unable to pay our annual parish share of what we have been asked to contribute to Salisbury Diocese (c£74k) and there will be a considerable shortfall this year. The parish share pays for the cost of clergy (training, stipends, housing and pensions as well as some of the administrative costs of the diocese). This is a situation that as a parish we need to address if the mission and ministry of the church is to be sustainable alongside the maintenance of the historic buildings which are so valued within our communities and for which we are custodians.

Bishop Karen Gorham (Bishop of Sherborne and acting Bishop of Salisbury following bishop Nicholas's retirement in July) is asking that the people of each parish of the diocese



respond to the "Generous Giving" campaign which has been launched and runs from September 12th-October 3rd. There is a prayer and pledge leaflet which will be available from the end of August. Please do pick one up from church or ask for one if you're not yet attending church again. The past 18 months has been a really challenging time for everyone and as we emerge from the restrictions imposed as consequence of the pandemic please help your Anglican Parish to 'build back' and renew its life in a sustainable way as God would have us do. After all our whole life is dependent on the grace of God and for this we are ever thankful. More information and downloadable copy of the leaflet can be found on the Salisbury Diocesan Website :

<https://www.salisbury.anglican.org/>
The Revd Robert Kenway



OCCUPATIONAL HYMNS:

Dentists: Crown Him with many crowns.

Builders: The Church's one foundation

Tailors: Holy, holy, holy

Golfers: There is a green hill far away

Pilots: Closer my God to Thee

Criminals: Search me O God

Cobblers: It is well with my soul

Geologists: Rock of Ages

Linguists: O for a thousand tongues

Myanmar...

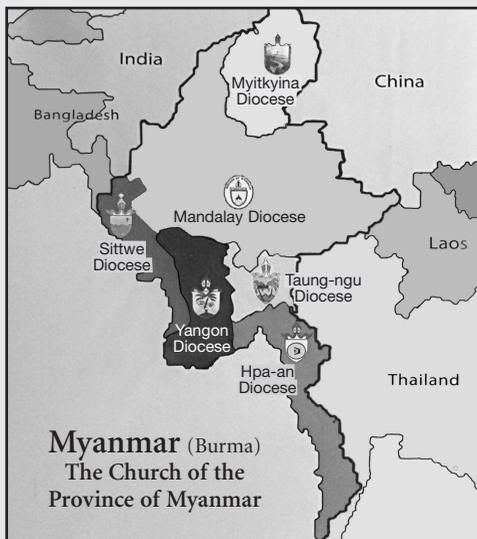
forging links with the Parish of Calne and Blackland

At the July PCC it was agreed that St. Mary's outreach focus for the coming year would be the Anglican Church in Myanmar known as the Church of the Province of Myanmar (CPM) whilst continuing to support the Diocesan link with Sudan. Mala Tu, who is on the PCC and has been to visit several times various Anglican Churches around Myanmar, has agreed to help build a group of people from the parishioners to promote awareness of CPM. We hope to create an information area at the back St. Mary's which will be regularly updated. If you would like to find out more and join the small action group to discuss what can be done to raise awareness, please call Mala on 07790 971851 or contact her on malajtu@gmail.com.

At Easter the Secretary General of the Anglican Communion, Archbishop Josiah Idowu-Fearon, called on Christians around the world to pray for Myanmar and her people and called on Christians everywhere to set aside time to pray for the people and country of Myanmar - that wisdom will prevail and enduring peace will come.

"And to the people of Myanmar, I say:

Revd Robert Kenway



You are not alone. You are not forgotten. You are not abandoned. The world is watching as this situation unfolds and we are praying that a durable solution will be found bringing peace to all."

The situation in Myanmar is currently desperate for the people, the Covid-19 situation is out of control and the health system is near collapse. There is no oxygen available because access to it is controlled by the Military Junta and prices are spiralling out of the grasp of people.

Prayer and Reflection in September...for:

- The ongoing worldwide Covid vaccination programme.
- Calne Surgeries at Northlands and Beversbrook/Patford Street, GWH and RUH - for holiday breaks for rest and relaxation for our exhausted health workers.
- The new school and university terms.
- The Pop Up Park - organisers and helpers bringing people together to meet outdoors.
- For those coming off furlough, whose future in the workplace may be uncertain.
- The Foodbank and all who have need of it.

GENESIS IN REVERSE

Some thoughts for Climate Sunday

I*f the Bible were to be written for the 21st century, it would begin, not like the original one in Genesis of how God created the world but with a sort of Genesis in reverse of how we dismantled it.*

In the beginning was the earth, and it was beautiful, and man lived upon the earth. And man said "Let us build skyscrapers and highways".

And man covered the earth with steel and concrete.

And man said "It is good".

Then on the second day, man looked upon the clear blue waters of the earth. And man said "Let us dump sewage and waste into the water". And man did.

And man said "It is good".

On the third day, man gazed at the forests of the earth. They were tall and beautiful. And man said "Let us cut the trees and build things for ourselves".

And man did, and the forest grew thin.

And man said "It is good".

On the fourth day, man saw the animals leaping in the fields and playing in the sun. And man said "Let us trap the animals for money and shoot them for sport". And man did, and the animals became scarce.

And man said "It is good".

On the fifth day, man felt the cool breeze in his nostrils. And man said "Let us burn our refuse and let the wind blow away the smoke and debris. And man did, and the air became dense with smoke and carbon.

And man said "It is good".

On the sixth day, man saw many kinds of people on earth, different in race, colour and creed. And man feared and said "Let us make bombs and missiles in case misunderstandings arise". And man did - missile sites and bomb dumps chequered the landscape.

And man said "It is good".

On the seventh day, man rested. And the earth was quiet and deathly still.

For man was no more.

And it was good.

Dates for September

11th - Ride & Stride Contact Stan Anniss (stananniss@aol.com)

14th - Mothers' Union meets at 7.30pm on Tuesday 14th September in Church House for Carrie's Quiz.

15th - PCC meeting hopefully face to face in Church House 7.00 pm get to know you catch up time for 7.30 pm meeting.

18th - Licensing of Steven Colby as Licensed Lay Minister at Salisbury Cathedral

Church services for September

St Mary's Church - Sunday services at 8am and 10am (Holy Communion)

Holy Trinity - Family Service - Sundays 5th (10.00 am) & 19th (3.00 pm)
Wednesdays (10.00 am) Parish 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

For details of the Meditation Sessions held on Thursdays from 6.30pm
contact Kevin Wells - wells4millst@hotmail.co.uk or phone 01249 248986

5th - Climate Sunday

8th - Birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary

29th - St Michael and All Angels

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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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