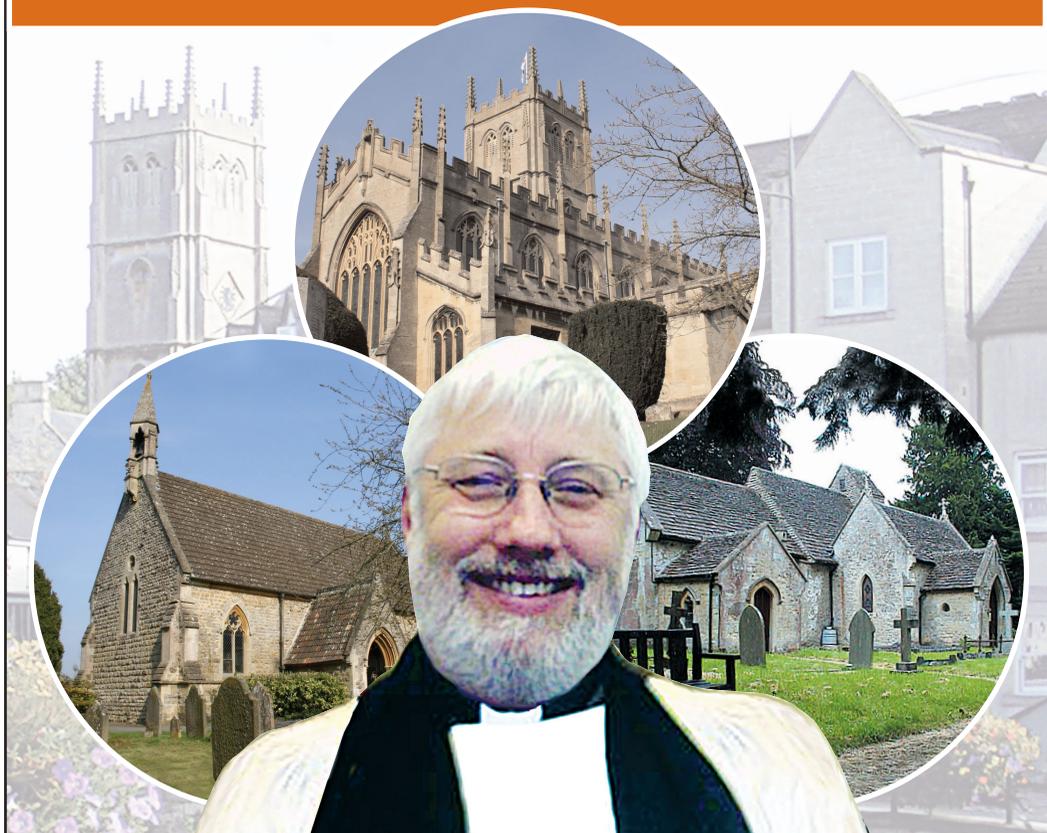


# NEWSLETTER FOR THE PARISH OF CALNE & BLACKLAND



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

*June 2018*

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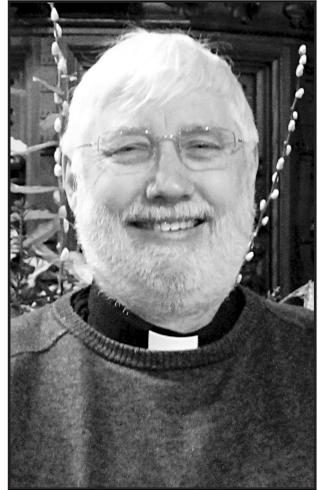
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## Prayer for the month

*Help us, O Lord, to fulfil the purpose for which  
in your wisdom you created us and in your love redeemed us,  
that all our days here on earth may be of service to others  
and accomplish something of worth for your kingdom and glory;  
through our Lord and saviour Jesus Christ.*

*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

# *A walk down memory lane*

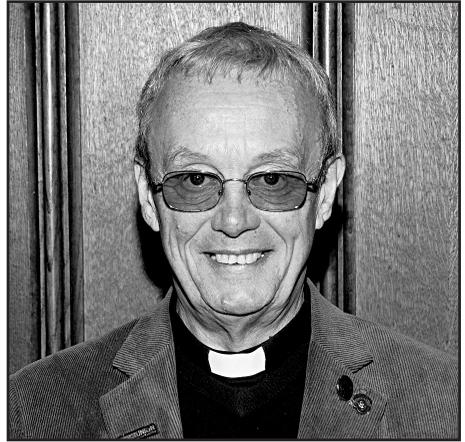
A few years ago my dear old Mum died and Ann, my wife, and I had to sort out her bungalow. We discovered lots of old photographs. In one picture there was a very young me holding Snowy, a large white rabbit. That photograph transported me back in time to my childhood. So many memories came flooding back. My home village, where Mum was born and spent most of her long life was Stanford-in-the-Vale, a Berkshire village, which is now in Oxfordshire.

Stanford-in-the-Vale was also the home of the now famous poet, Pam Ayres. Pam and I spent our childhood in that lovely old place, and yes we were friends.

How different things were then. Our village was very much a rural farming community. I vividly remember banks covered in a profusion of beautiful, colourful, wild flowers whose scent filled the air on a warm summer day. They were alive with all varieties of butterflies, bees, grasshoppers and insects.

In the hedges and trees all kinds of birds; sparrows, finches, blackbirds, thrushes, wrens, tits and yellow hammers, sang their joyful song, made their nests and reared their young.

Bow brook and the river Ock meandered through the fields and you could watch the brown trout and rainbow trout dart in and out of the weeds.



In the tall elms the rooks made their untidy nests. Perhaps I see those far off days through rose coloured spectacles, but they were for the most part good days and I thank God for them.

We have lost so much in recent years. The tall elms have, nearly all, gone. Butterflies and bees are in sad decline, many once common birds are now a rarity and many of the wild flowers are disappearing.

Many of our brooks, streams and rivers are polluted and silted up. The good Lord made us stewards of His beautiful creation and in so many ways we have made a mess of things.

I hope and pray we will take seriously our responsibilities and look after our beautiful world and hand it on to the next generation for them to ponder over and enjoy.

*God bless  
Father Derek Frost*

# Forthcoming events in the Parish

## Mothers Union

The next Mothers Union meeting is on Tuesday 12th June, starting at 7.30pm. This will be downstairs in Church House; the speaker is Mrs. J. Chadwick talking about MU in Africa.

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## Heart for Calne

‘Christians with a heart for prayer coming together in unity to pray for the town of Calne’.

This month’s meeting is on Saturday 9th June, 10.00 to 12.00 noon in the Market Square and the Zion Chapel, check notice sheet for details.

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## Friends of Holy Trinity Church Strawberry Cream Tea

Will be held on Saturday 16th June,  
3.00pm in the riverside garden at Marden House.

Tickets are priced at £5.00 in advance

(see posters for details of where they can be purchased)

or £6.00 on the door. There is an entry ticket prize and a raffle.

Do come along and enjoy a delicious cream tea

and good company.



## Soup-er Lunch

Friday 15th June 12:30 to 1:30pm

Lunch of homemade soup, bread and cheese  
at Church House.

In aid of our link diocese of South Sudan.



## CAMEO

“Come and meet each other”

at 2.00pm to 4.00pm downstairs in Church House  
Friday 15th June

... you'll be welcomed with a cup of tea

...there are board games to play,

and time to chat and then tea scones, cakes and goodies.



## St. Peter's Patronal Festival

Sunday June 24th - evensong at 3pm, followed by  
a bring and share tea.



# Welcoming Teresa...

... the Bishop of Ramsbury has appointed  
**the Revd Teresa Michaux**

to be Licensed as part-time House-for-Duty Priest in  
the Marden Vale Benefice.

Her Licensing will take place at a service at St Mary's church  
at 7.00 pm on Wednesday, 13th June

**T**eresa comes to us, having previously served as Assistant Priest in the Parish of Parks & Walcot (Swindon) in the Diocese of Bristol. She and her husband, John, recently took up residence in Calne and we are delighted to welcome them to the Parish and community here.

Do come to the Licensing service, when we will have the opportunity to offer our prayerful support and a warm welcome to Teresa as she continues her priestly ministry among us.

*There will be a bring-and-share celebration with finger-food after the service.*

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## Meditation - A Place for Stillness

### Why meditate?

**M**editation is a universal spiritual wisdom. A practice rather than just a theory, it is found at the heart of all the great religious traditions.

Our new meditation group will meet every Thursday at 6.30p.m. until 7.00 p.m., at St Mary's Church, just a very short time. We arrive quietly, there will be a short reading and then we will meditate for 20 minutes. We will leave in silence, so there is no need to feel you have to join in social chit chat, though we can greet one another!



Meditation is very simple and open to all. There are no “experts” in meditation. Some people will come on a regular basis and some occasionally.

### **All are welcome!**

We will meet weekly in St. Mary's Church, where we promise a warm welcome and a warm place to be still! Do come along and feel the benefit of a quiet still place amidst the busyness of life.

For more information,  
please contact:

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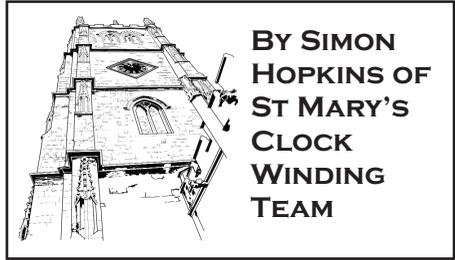
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[www.christianmeditation.org](http://www.christianmeditation.org)

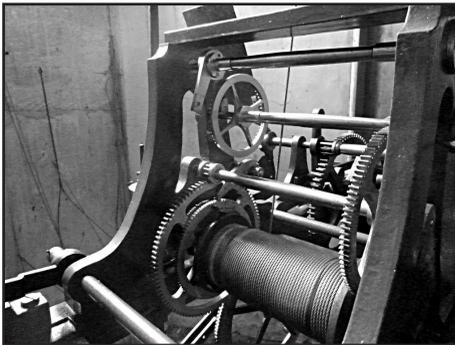
*Otherwise, just turn up!*

# The Clock at St Mary's Church, Calne

The clock, made by E J Dent of London, was presented by the Right Honourable Henry, Earl of Shelburne, for the Borough in 1848. It is located in the tower above the ringing chamber, a climb of approximately 85 steps. The clock is a three-train flatbed turret clock designed to show the time on a single external dial of approximately 7ft 6in (2.3m) diameter and to strike hour chimes and quarter-hour chimes on three of the bells in the bell chamber above the clock. The clock and chimes are driven by separate weights each attached to a drum or barrel known as a 'train'. Timekeeping is controlled by a zinc/iron compensating pendulum beating seconds and the escapement is of a pinwheel type.

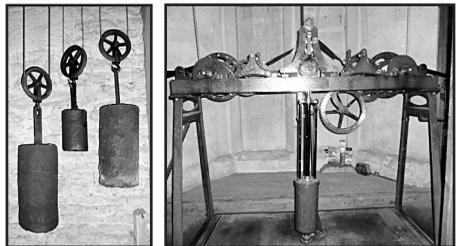


Winding is carried out manually. The clock is an 8-day clock and only needs winding once a week but the chime weights would come to rest at the bottom of the weight well, a drop of 41ft 8in (12.7m), after six days, stopping the clock. This is due to a build-up of debris in the bottom of the well over many years. To avoid this happening, winding is planned to take place twice a week. The heaviest weight, which provides the drive for the quarter-hour chimes, is 2cwt (100kg), however the gearing reduction on the winding mechanism reduces this to a lift of only 1cwt!



*Above: The clock going train showing the pinwheel escapement.*

*Right: The clock train has the smallest weight; the others drive the chimes.*



*Above right: The clock mechanism, with the pendulum below, is in the centre of the flatbed frame.*

## A Ding Dong Success!

Congratulations to the Calne area team of bellringers who came 3rd out of 8 teams from the whole of the Salisbury Diocese at the 8 bell bellringing competition held at Calne on 12th May. The winners were from Wimborne Minster.

# Parish walks

Every month for over ten years I have organised and led circular walks of some 3-5 miles through the local countryside. There could hardly be anyone less suited to do this than myself, as I have only modest map-reading skills, poor visual memory, little sense of direction and recently had sight problems as well, but such deficiencies are usually made good by other members of the group, and even if we sometimes follow a different route

from the one intended, it is usually just as pleasant!

Numbers are generally small but occasionally we rise to ten or a dozen walkers, as in the adjoining photo (taken a few years ago), and there's certainly room for more. If you're interested, please contact me through Church House. I look forward to hearing from you!

Jon Forsyth.



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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](mailto:cbp.news.editor@gmail.com)**



# Regular Activities in the Parish

Day	Time	Place	Activity
Sunday	8:00am	St. Mary's	Holy Communion
	(Various, check pew sheet or Website) 6.00pm	St. Peter's	Family Service - First Sunday of the month. Holy Communion other Sundays (Book of Common Prayer) Evensong (April-October) Third Sunday in the month.
	10:00am	St. Mary's	Parish Eucharist
	10:45am	Holy Trinity	Family Service - 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
	(Various, check pew sheet)	Church House	Mothers' Union Prayers Mothers' Union Branch Meeting (Monthly meeting, check dates)
	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).
Thursday	2.30pm to 4.00pm	Church House	Cuppa and Company
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

For more information please see  
[www.parishofcalneandblackland.org.uk](http://www.parishofcalneandblackland.org.uk)