



NEWSLETTER

FOR THE PARISH OF CALNE & BLACKLAND



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

November 2020

*Remembering Armistice Day
and All Saints Day*

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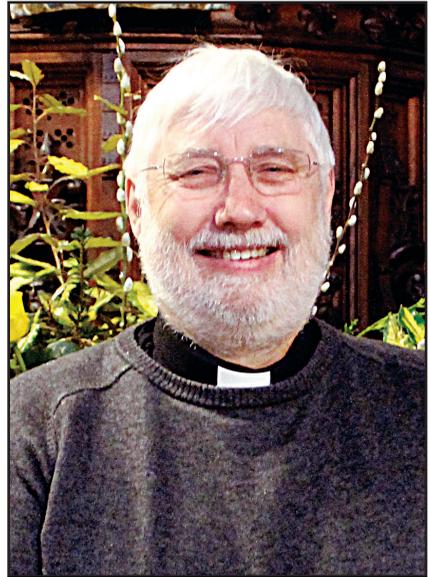
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Church House is closed during the corona virus crisis.

A Prayer for November

*I believe in the sun,
even when it does not shine.*

*I believe in love,
even when I cannot feel it.*

*I believe in God,
even when he is silent.*

Amen

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

A thought for November...Remembering

A phrase that I have heard a lot over the last few months, 'I can't even remember what day it is!' Remembering birthdays has also been more problematic as we are unable to celebrate in the ways we would like.

That said I always think of November as the month for remembering. As a child we celebrated Bonfire Night with the rhyme 'Remember, remember the 5th of November, gunpowder, treason and plot'. We built Guys, lit bonfires and had fireworks. Guy Fawkes seems to have been long forgotten and the celebration of Halloween has taken its place. There have been public firework displays but these are no longer allowed. Perhaps the lessening of celebrating Halloween will be a good thing. I have never liked the idea of children dressing in scary costumes and face paint knocking on people's doors with the words 'trick or treat'.

In our church communities we begin the month of November by celebrating All Saints Day. We have a book called 'The Day Book of Saints', which gives the name of one or more saints for every day of the year with information about them; so I am not sure why we have a day for All Saints. But we have and it is a very old Christian festival when we would normally sing that wonderful hymn 'For all the saints who from their labours rest'. The following day 2nd November we mark as All Souls Day when we remember and give thanks to God for the recently departed; particularly our own loved ones. Almost daily on the news we are told how many deaths there have been due to Corona Virus but let's not forget all those who died through other causes. This year my



brother died of a heart attack and a dear friend died of pneumonia.

Then on the 11th November and on the Sunday nearest to it we have the Festival of Remembrance, when we are all encouraged to buy and wear poppies, to keep 2 minutes silence and respond to the words 'We will remember them'. We are encouraged to remember all who sacrificed their lives for their country's freedom and pray that the atrocities that took place will never happen again.

On the last day of November we celebrate the feast of St Andrew. He is one of my favourite Biblical saints for when he met Jesus the first thing he did was to find his brother Simon (Peter) and tell him "We have found the Messiah" and he brought him to Jesus. (John 1 v41/42) As an evangelist my aim is to bring people to Jesus.

Whatever you are remembering this month I urge you to remember this - You are a child of God, you are loved. No matter what happens to you or in the world around you that fact will never change.

Sister Jenny Colby



Dates in November

1st November, All Saints Day

2nd November, All Souls Day

8th November, Remembrance Sunday

16th November, commemoration of St Edmund of Abingdon

30th November, St Andrew the Apostle

Mothers' Union

For several months after lockdown began Mothers' Union members communicated by email; mainly with receiving the Diocesan Reflections and Intercession. These were printed and delivered to those members not online. Since September we have been meeting over Zoom. It has been a delight and an encouragement to see people (albeit on the screen) and to chat and pray together. Mothers' Union is open to any baptised person, male or female, of any age and if you would like to join us on a

Zoom meeting please let me know and I will send the link.

Mothers' Union is a world wide organisation and people from Mary Sumner House lead midday prayers which are live on Facebook. It is a joy to share in these prayers and people comment from many places in the UK and worldwide. Facebook can be a blessing in many ways; I encourage you to try it.

God Bless

Jenny Colby Branch Leader

29th September 2020

From 'Embrace the Middle East'

All of the fruits of the Spirit are really various manifestations of the first one, love.

Joy is love rejoicing

Peace is love at rest

Patience is love waiting

Kindness is love reacting

Goodness is love initiating

Faithfulness is love keeping its word

Gentleness is love empathizing

Self-control is love resisting temptation

(Mike Timmis)



Heart for Calne

Christians with a heart for prayer meeting in unity to pray for the town
On Saturday 14th November the Baptist church hopes to be able to host
Please contact Ros on 814923
HfC contacts Marina Stewart 817897: Adrian Bray 07519 518738

Annual Parochial Church Meeting, 4th October 2020

The 'socially distanced' meeting was held in St Mary's Church after the morning service on 4th October. Those in church were also joined by others on Zoom. Lucette Rees stood down as Church warden at the end of her 3 year term of office and Steve Keighley was elected to take on the role. The members of the PCC are now as below:

Bob Kenway, Teresa Michaux, Steve Keighley, Jonathan Billings, Lucy Hemmings, Stan Annis, Mary Pilcher-Clayton, Jon Gibson, Lucette Rees, Richard Aldhous, Deirdre

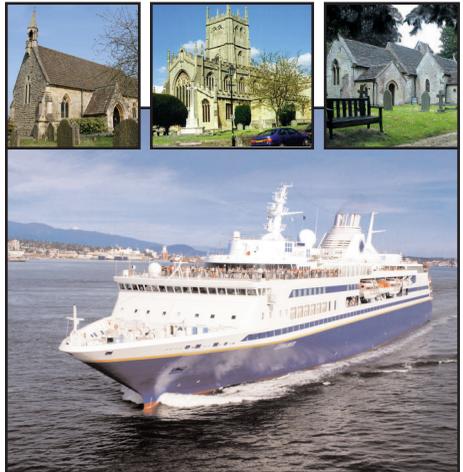
Aldhous, Jenny Colby, Alex Grenfell, Kathryn Miller, Sam Handy, Jack Robinson, Eddie Sims, Graham Spencer, Mala Tu and Kevin Wells. Kate Powell continues her good work as PCC secretary and Graham Spencer still has the challenging post of Treasurer.

The PCC is effectively the management committee of the Parish and all the PCC members have legal responsibilities as trustees under the Charities Act.

Here is a quote from a book called 'An ABC for the PCC' by John Pitchford:

Passengers become members of the crew

'Think of the church building turned upside down to become a ship. We come aboard by the waters of Baptism, and this ship takes us to our eternal destination. All Christians are called to change their status from being a passenger, into being a member of the crew... The crew needs to co-operate or the ship will get nowhere. But it is Jesus Christ who is the real captain of the ship ... The difficulty in every PCC is to balance its legal and maintenance work on the one hand and, on the other, to co-operate in the whole mission of the Church.'



FOREST GOES TO HEAVEN!

When Forest Gump died, he stood in front of St. Peter at the Pearly Gates. St. Peter said, "Unfortunately, it's getting pretty crowded up here and we find that we now have to give people an entrance examination before we let them in."

"Okay," said Forest. "I hope it's not too hard."

- 1) Which two days of the week begin with the letter 'T'?
- 2) How many seconds are in a year?
- 3) What is God's first name?

"Well, sir," said Forest, "The first one is easy. Today and Tomorrow."

St. Peter looked surprised and said, "Well, that wasn't the answer I was looking for, but you have a point. I give you credit for that answer."

"The next question," said Forest, "How many seconds are in a year? Twelve."

"Twelve?" said St. Peter, surprised and confused.

"Yes, sir. January 2nd, February 2nd, March 2nd ..."

St. Peter interrupted him. "I see what you mean."

"And the last question," said Forest, "God's first name is Andy."

"Andy?" said St. Peter, in shock. "How did you come up with 'Andy'?"

"I learned it in church. We used to sing about it. Andy walks with me, Andy talks with me, Andy tells me I am His own."

ST. EDMUND'S PRAYER

Lord, into your hands and into the hands of your holy angels, I entrust this day

My life, my relatives, my benefactors, my friends and my enemies, and all Christians.

Enlighten my heart with the grace of your Holy Spirit; grant that I may ever be obedient to your commandments; never let me be separated from You, who live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

Amen.

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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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