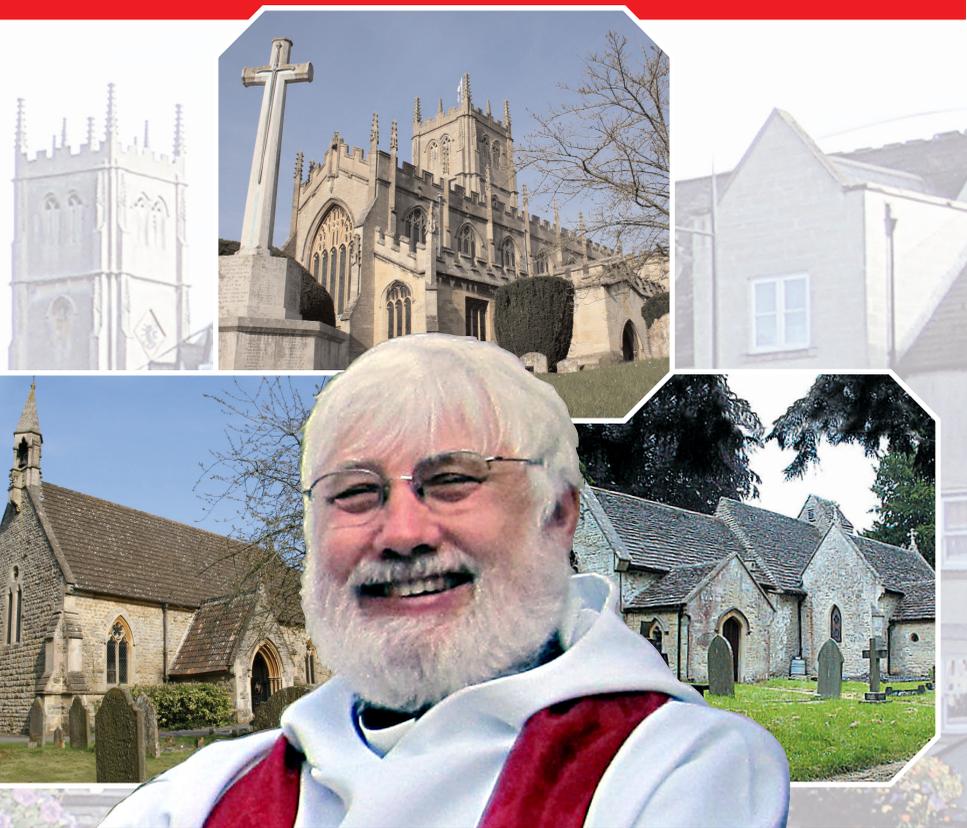


# NEWSLETTER FOR THE PARISH OF CALNE & BLACKLAND



*..keeping you in  
touch with your church family.  
July 2022*

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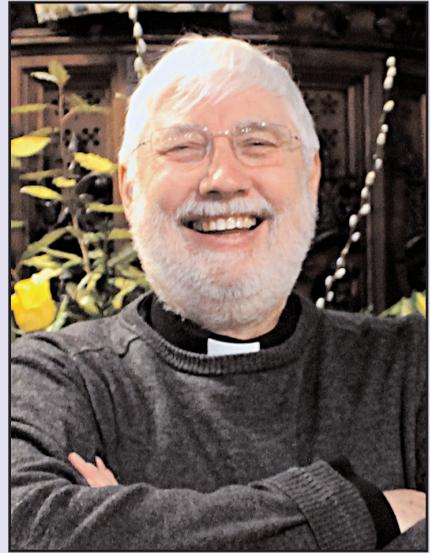
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*Church House is now open.*

## *Prayer for a time of change*

*Your Word says that there is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens: a time to be born, a time to die, a time to kill and a time to heal, a time to tear down and a time to build.*

*This Word shows me that there is a time for change, it is natural for every activity to have its allotted time.*

*Lord help me to be comfortable with this time of change.*

*Amen.*

*(Ecclesiastes 3)*

### **Church addresses**

**Holy Trinity Church, Quemerford, Calne, London Rd, Wiltshire, SN11 0AR**

**St. Mary's Church, Church Street, Calne, Wiltshire, SN11 0HU**

**St. Peter's Church, Blackland, Calne, Wiltshire, SN11 8UQ**

**Website: [www.parishofcalneandblackland.org.uk](http://www.parishofcalneandblackland.org.uk)**

**Find us on facebook @stmaryschurchcalne**

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

# A Deanery Celebration of Lay Ministry

The greatly missed triennial celebration of Lay Ministry which would normally happen in Salisbury Cathedral has been deferred for a couple of years now, due to the pandemic and short staffing at Diocesan level as Bishop Nicolas retired and we waited for his successor to be appointed. In this period, which has been a challenging time for all, the Lay Ministers of the Church, as well as the clergy, carried on carrying on - our LLMs, our LWs and our LPAs. In recognition of their loyal service, Calne Deanery decided to have a Deanery Celebration for existing Lay Ministers and those recently retired, kindly hosted by St Mary's Church, Calne. We also decided to invite neighbouring Deaneries, too. In the end, we had about 47 attendees to the service, who were delighted to make a joyful noise to the Lord and dedicate themselves afresh to the Lord's service.

The service was put together and led by our Calne Deanery Rural Dean, Canon Jane Curtis, vicar of St. Bartholomew's, Royal Wootton Bassett, with an address by our Archdeacon, the Venerable Dr Sue Groom. The joyful noise was greatly enhanced by Mary Pilcher-Clayton's accompaniment on the piano of "The Church's One Foundation", "Make me a Channel of Your Peace", "Brother, Sister Let me Serve You", and "Lord for



the Years..." Sue Groom's address was based on service and detailed the work of the spinal injuries' charity Aspire, which she supports by performing amazing swimming challenges, for which she is sponsored by donations to her Just Giving page. She has raised thousands of pounds over the past few years. With the permission of our rector, the Revd Robert Kenway, there was a retiring collection for the charity, so we have sponsored Sue in a small way for her next challenge. You may have seen or picked up one of the leaflets from the back of church, so please consider adding to our small effort. You can help by donating as instructed on their website at [www.aspire.org.uk](http://www.aspire.org.uk), or by selecting Sue Groom's Just Giving page and adding to the total there for her two swimming feats planned for this year.

After the service, two of our LPAs, Jane and Joanna provided (with a few other contributions) and served a magnificent spread of refreshments, giving a good opportunity for Lay Ministers and clergy to relax and chat over a cup of tea. Some "nuts and bolts" work behind the scenes was carried out by our Archdeaconry LPA rep, Liz Giles and our Deanery LPA rep, Chris Robins. Our heartfelt thanks to all the clergy who came to support us and all those involved in the service in any way.

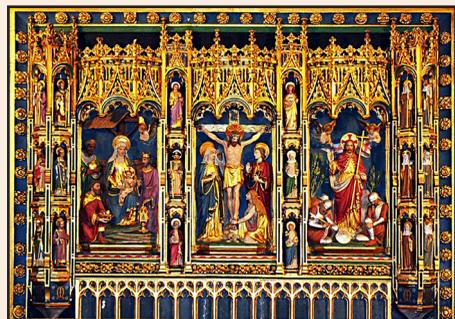
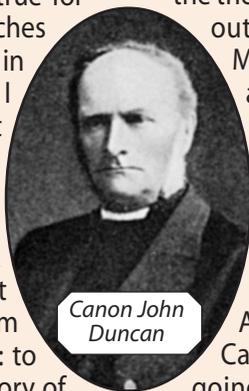
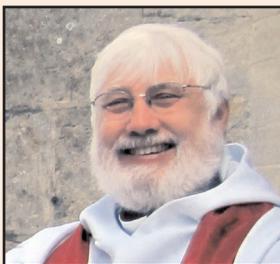
*Chris Robins*

# Moving on...

I was talking to the surveyor for a removal firm the other day.

When I told him I was retiring after 25 years as Vicar of Calne (I didn't get into the meaning of Team Rector of the Marden Vale!), he asked how I had managed to get to be here for so long?

"Surely," he said, "they move you on after 5 years or so, don't they?!" I'm not quite sure who "they" are, but I pointed out that whilst that may be true for clergy in other Christian churches it wasn't necessarily the case in the Church of England. In fact, I mentioned that in the past vicars could spend a whole life time in one place. Indeed, whenever I'm praying in St Edmund's chapel and I look up at the inscription that appears above the screen I'm chastened by the dedication: to the glory of God and in memory of Canon John Duncan who was Vicar of St Mary's Calne for 42 years (1865 to 1907). In comparison, I'm a lightweight!



*This splendid reredos was erected by Canon Duncan. It is situated under the east window above the altar. The three panels, left to right, portray the birth of Christ, the Crucifixion and the Resurrection.*

But then that pales yet again in the week after the Queen's Jubilee, when Her Majesty has put in 70 years on the throne!

Canon John Duncan was a remarkable priest

who was inspired by the Anglo-Catholic movement in the Church of England and the Christian socialism of the theologian FD Maurice. He carried

out a major re-ordering of St Mary's church and among his achievements was the foundation of St Mary's school. I

realise that as vicar here for the past 25 years I have followed in the footsteps of some remarkable people, not least of course St Edmund of Abingdon who was Vicar of Calne from 1222-1233 before going on to be Archbishop of Canterbury - a fate that I must say I am glad to have escaped (not that there was any risk of it)!

The Church has changed enormously since John Duncan's time (and even more between his time and the time of St Edmund) as has the United Kingdom as a whole. The nature of that change was all too visible in the magnificent celebrations that have accompanied the Queen's Platinum Jubilee in June. Change can be good and bad but it is an inevitable part of the human condition. The important thing for us as humans is how we respond to it - do we resist it? Are we angry with it? Or are we

excited by it? Do we embrace it as we look to the future? One of the great things about the Queen is how she has been able to respond to change in a positive way whilst honouring the traditions that go with being the monarch (including, as we recently discovered, that of keeping marmalade sandwiches in her handbag!).



Above: Stills from the BBC film of the Queen's tea Party with Paddington Bear at the start of The Platinum Party at the Palace.

One of the great things about the Queen's reign is how she has recognised the part played by others around her. There is only one monarch but she knows that what sustains her is the love that flows through her from those around her, and the love of God that upholds her.

I too (and I know I speak for Sadie with whom I have shared my ministry) have felt privileged to have been here sharing in the ministry of the Church of God in this town for the past 25 years. I



can't deny that there haven't been challenges along the way, but the only way you work through these is together under God. There have always been changes and challenges and there will continue to be changes and challenges among our communities and in the wider world, but we can only face them through faith, love, trust and a lot of prayer! Sadie and I thank God for the many people who have brought blessings to our lives and the life of the Church over these years. Life is never about duration but it's always about relationship and that founded upon the love of God and the person of Jesus Christ "Who is the same yesterday, today, and forever" (Hebrews 13:8).

I leave you with my favourite prayer from the pen of a former Secretary General of the United Nations, Dag Hammarskjöld (1905-1961): "For what has been, thank you. For what shall be, Amen!". May God bless you all in the future God has in store for you here in Calne and Blackland and the Marden Vale.

*Love and Prayers  
Revd Bob Kenway*

# From Pam Ayres' memoir of growing up in the village of Stanford in the Vale.

**M**rs Frost and her husband Chas had a son named Derek. He was the same age as me and we were friends. As a young boy, he had an extraordinary religious faith, and could be seen alone every Sunday carrying his bible, crossing the village green to go to church. He tolerated the teasing and ridicule he received for being different, for being perceived as a hymn-singing softie, and never once wavered from his course. He went on to be ordained and became an inspiring and hugely popular priest.”

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## Dates for your diary

**2nd July** - Fairtrade event in Pocket Park

**3rd July** - St Thomas the Apostle

**12th July, 2pm** - Mothers' Union Garden Party at Wessex Close, Hostess; Kathy Moore

**15th July, 2pm**- Cameo in Church House All Welcome

**16th July** - FOSM coffee morning (tbc)

**17th July-3pm** Bob Kenway's farewell service with Bishop Andrew the Bishop of Ramsbury.

**22nd July** - St Mary Magdalene

**24th July** - Farewell to Rev Sam King. Last service at the Baptist Church

**25th July** - St James the Apostle

**30th July** - Calne Bike Meet. Visitors will be welcomed into St Mary's Church for refreshments. Short Communion service at 12 noon

**31st July** - Jenny and Steven Colby are leading "PRAISE IN THE PARK" In Wessigton Park at 3.00 pm

For further details email [steven@mardenvale.org.uk](mailto:steven@mardenvale.org.uk)

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## A Thought from Frank Skinner:

*A Comedian's Prayer Book*

You seem very far away tonight. My prayers are trapped in my head, caught up in the whirl of earthliness. I suppose praying is like parking: you get as close as you can.

# Volunteers Needed...

**T**his is an opportunity to be part of a special team! From July 17th we will be losing our Parish Administrator, Sadie, as she and Bob move away. The long- term plan is to employ a replacement administrator, however in the intervening period it is planned for a team of volunteers to cover 2 hours a day (10-12) in Church House on Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays. The tasks for volunteers will include dealing with phone and e-mail enquiries, and guidance will be given for other duties.

If you are able to help please contact:

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or Kevin Wells (07748 992730)

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## Focus for Prayer

- Bob, Sadie and Hazel as they move to a new home and a new way of life.
  - Teresa, Linda and all those who will be continuing to work in the Parish of Calne and Blackland during the interregnum.
  - All those fleeing from war and violence, especially people from Ukraine who have been welcomed to homes in Calne
  - All who are on NHS waiting lists for treatments and NHS workers seeking to address the backlog
    - Rest and refreshment for everyone taking holidays
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### Editorial Team:-

Sue Twyman, Jane Ridgwell and Jack Robinson.

Illustration, Graphic Design and Layout:- Alex Grenfell.

### *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.

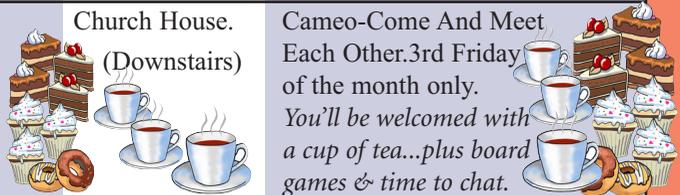
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# Regular Activities in the Parish

Day	Time	Place	Activity
Sunday	8.00am	St. Mary's	Holy Communion
	9.30am	St. Peter's	Holy Communion (BCP) - Third Sunday of the month.
	10.00am	St. Mary's	Parish Eucharist
	10.00am	Holy Trinity	Family service (First & Third Sunday of the month).
	10.30am	Holy Trinity	Holy Communion (Fourth Sunday of the month)
Tuesday	10.00am	Church House	SMUF'S parent and toddler group. Only during term times.
	6.30-7.00pm	Various or Zoom	Parish Prayers-check notices for relevant information.
Wednesday	10.00am	St. Mary's	Holy Communion (Mothers' Union corporate Service first Wednesday of the month).
	3.30-5.30pm	Church House	Wednesday Club for 5-11s. Only during term times.
Thursday	6.30-7.00pm	St. Mary's	Christian Meditation..
Friday	2.00 to 4.00 pm	Church House. (Downstairs)	Comeo-Come And Meet Each Other. 3rd Friday of the month only. <i>You'll be welcomed with a cup of tea...plus board games &amp; time to chat.</i>
	7.00pm	St. Mary's	Choir Practice.
	7.30pm	St. Mary's	Bell-ringing Practice.



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