

NEWSLETTER FOR THE PARISH OF CALNE & BLACKLAND



*... keeping you in touch
with your church family.
May 2026*

Pentecost Edition

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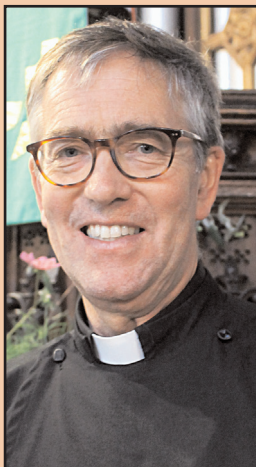
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*Church House is open from 10.00am to 12noon
on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.*

Prayer for May

*Spirit of God,
Moving between us and around,
Like wind or water or fire;
Breathe into us your freshness that we may awake;
Cleanse our vision that we may see more clearly;
Kindle our senses that we may feel more sharply;
And give us the courage to live
As you would have us live.
Amen*



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Thought for April

I'm writing this a week after Easter, and a day after the crew of Artemis II returned to earth. As I watched reports of the space mission, and the fact that these four people travelled further into space than any human beings had ever been before, I was awestruck ... and yet I was aware that, in the context of the universe, they'd hardly moved. There are about two hundred billion stars in the Milky Way (of which our sun is one), and about one hundred billion galaxies. The earth is just a speck of dust compared with the limitless dimensions of the universe which God created. And yet, this speck of dust and we, as its inhabitants, are important enough to the Lord of that universe that he sent his Son to live and die among us!

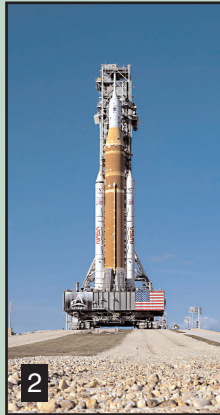
WOW! ... is one totally inadequate response to that thought. Amidst the vastness of the universe, the Lord created us, out of love, to live in relationship with him. When we messed up that relationship, he didn't give up on us. No, he sent his Son to live among us, to die for us, and



to rise again for us too. He wasn't going to let us go our own way. He loves us far too much for that. WOW! again!

I think we all know that we're not worthy of this kind of love. We live our lives, and even when we try our best, we mess up. When I realised that

even my best efforts fell far short, the Lord intervened. Gently and lovingly he said to me, "I know you're not perfect. That's why I came and died for you. No matter what you've done, no matter what you might do in the future, I love you, and I'm not letting you go. I died on that cross so that you can be forgiven. All you have to do is to turn away from your sin and receive my forgiveness. I know that you'll go on messing things up. But I sent my Spirit to live in you and change you, to make you



into the person I created you to be. If you allow me to, I will work within you for the rest of your life, moulding you and making you into that person. All you have to do is to receive my Spirit." WOW!

I still mess up, every day of my life. But every day I am reminded of what God said to me all those years ago. And I pray that you will also know the assurance that you are infinitely precious to him.

*With prayers and best wishes,
Revd Sarah Errington
(email address see page two)*



*Pictures above & picture left from NASA Website
1. NASA/Frank Michaux 2. NASA/Aubrey Gemignani
3. NASA/Isaac Watson*

A Musical Evening with

TANGO CALOR

(Argentine Tango Duo)

(Sponsored by Odette Funeral Director)

St Peter's Church, Blackland

Thursday 4th June 2026 7.00pm

Tickets £25 to include Sangria and tapas

Tickets from: Lucy 07946 415427

or Caroline 07738 550176

Raffle on the evening with fantastic prizes.

We do hope that as many of you as possible will
support us

by buying tickets for the evening
and/or raffle tickets

Calne Mothers' Union

Calne Mothers' Union met on Tuesday 14th April and shared memories linked to Easter. Two members spoke about visits to the Holy Land with time spent in Jerusalem and in places around the Sea of Galilee. One member shared her favourite Easter hymn and another showed newspaper cuttings of a pancake party in St Mary's

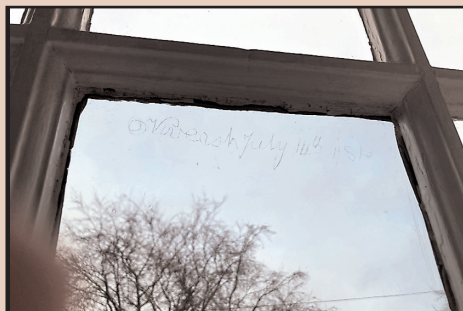
over 30 years ago. It was an enjoyable time of fellowship and sharing.

Our next meeting is on Tuesday 12th May at 2pm when our speaker is Marlene Haffenden who will be telling us all about Virtual Babies and bringing one along. Everyone is welcome at MU meetings.

*Jenny Colby
Branch Leader*

The Viveash Family Wall Tablet on the North Aisle

Oriel Viveash who was born in 1764 and died on April 30, 1836, heads this wall tablet. Married to a Sarah Baskerville their children were Catherine Anne, born 1789, Samuel in 1791, Henry in 1793, Oriel in 1795, Charles Baskerville in 1799 and Hester in 1804. The parish registers record that several of these children were baptised at their father's house by a Dissenting Minister. One son named after him, Oriel, 1795-1863, born in Calne, engraved his name on the bedroom window of one of the houses on The Green, it reads: O Viveash July 11th 1810. This still stands today. He would have been about 15 at the time. His name is included on

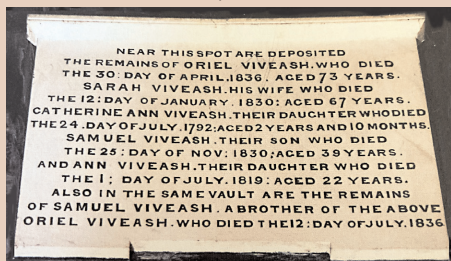


this tablet. Viveash or Fiveash, is an old Wiltshire name, but may possibly date back to the Norman Conquest of 1066. Some think it probably devolved from a place called Five Ash Trees, a place near Devizes in Wiltshire. Such locational surnames were originally the distinguishing mark of the Lord of the Manor, and as such, a coat of arms is listed for the Viveash Family of Calne, in Wiltshire. Oriel Viveash worked for his family cloth-making business with his brother Simeon, both living at the top end of The Green in houses side by side. Viveash & Co were well-established clothiers with large

machinery workshops on The Green and they also used Sprays Mill in Calstone for some time, now demolished. Following family tradition they were both Dissenters, as was the fashion with wealthy clothiers at the time.

The white marble wall tablet is rectangular and the inscription indented. It has a stepped cornice at the top on a black ground, supported by a rectangular stepped black marble bracket. The inscription is sans serif caps incised and blackened. The maker's name is at the bottom right: Reeves & Son F. The inscription reads:

NEAR THIS SPOT ARE DEPOSITED
THE REMAINS OF ORIEL VIVEASH, WHO DIED
THE 30: DAY OF APRIL, 1836. AGED 73 YEARS.
SARAH VIVEASH, HIS WIFE WHO DIED THE
12: DAY OF JANUARY, 1830: AGED 67 YEARS.
CATHERINE ANN VIVEASH, THEIR DAUGHTER
WHO DIED THE 24: DAY OF JULY, 1792: AGED
2 YEARS AND 10 MONTHS.
SAMUEL VIVEASH, THEIR SON WHO DIED THE
25: DAY OF NOVEMBER 1830: AGED 39 YEARS.
AND ANN VIVEASH, THEIR DAUGHTER WHO
DIED THE 1: DAY OF JULY 1819: AGED
22 YEARS. ALSO IN THE SAME VAULT ARE
THE REMAINS
OF SAMUEL VIVEASH, A BROTHER OF THE
ABOVE ORIEL VIVEASH, WHO DIED THE 12:
DAY OF JULY 1836



Serena Boase

Easter Day baptism at St Mary's



It was a cold Easter morning in a cold St Mary's Church! But very memorable nonetheless with a full church, and baptism by immersion of Danielle, and all-comers Hallelujah Chorus at the end.

***A**lleluia, Christ is risen!*

Dates for your diary

- 6th** 2.00 – 3.30pm Bereavement Café at St Mary’s Church
9th 2.00 – 5.00pm Salisbury Diocesan Guild of Ringers, Service and AGM
12th 2.00pm Mothers’ Union Meeting – Virtual Babies
14th Ascension Day
15th St Matthias Apostle
16th 1.45 – 6.00pm Organ Day. Raising funds for Project 2026
24th Pentecost/Whitsunday
31st Trinity Sunday
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Focus for Prayer

Please remember to pray for ...

- The men and women working in our fields, and for favourable weather that, in due time, they may gather the fruits of the earth
 - Caspar, Sarah, Steven, Jenny and all who support them in maintaining the ongoing services and life of the parish
 - For those helping people and families in poverty
 - All who are existing in areas of war or conflict; for those who flee these situations seeking safety and refuge
 - For all with anxiety about the increased cost of living, facing hardship in meeting bills; for people and organisations helping them
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Editorial Team:

Jane Ridgwell and Jack Robinson.

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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



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 (NOT 4th Sunday of the month).
	9.30am	St Peter's	Holy Communion (BCP) – (4th Sunday of the month).
	10.00am	Church House	Sunday Club for 4–11s. (1st Sunday of the month)
		St Mary's	Parish Eucharist (4th Sunday of the month; Morning Praise).
	10.00am	Holy Trinity	Family Service (3rd Sunday of the month).
	10.45am	Holy Trinity	Holy Communion (4th Sunday of the month).
Monday	10.00am	Church House	Mary Makers Craft Group
Tuesday	10.00am	Church House	SMUF's parent and toddler group. Only during term times.
Wednesday	10.00am	St Mary's	Holy Communion (Mothers' Union Corporate Service 1st Wednesday of the month).
Friday	8.30 am	Zoom	Morning Prayers – Whole Benefice*
	6.30pm	St Mary's	Choir Practice.
	7.30pm	Bell Ringing	Please contact Jane Ridgwell for further information.

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