



NEWSLETTER FOR THE PARISH OF CALNE & BLACKLAND



REMEMBRANCE

*... keeping you in touch
with your church family.
November 2025*



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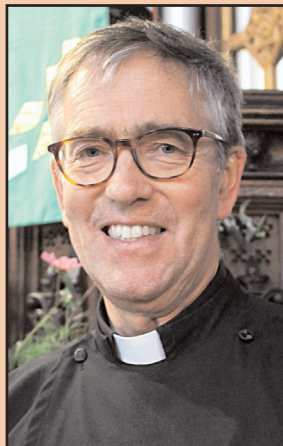
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*Church House is open from 10.00am to 12noon
on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.*

Prayer for November

God of grace, Today we pray for all facing mental health challenges.

Surround them with your love and caring communities.

Help us recognise when someone is struggling

Give us courage to reach out to anyone who needs help

Grant us wisdom to take actions that show we care even small ones

*and help us remember that simple acts of
compassion can save lives.*

Amen

Front Cover: The image is of the War Memorial which stands on platform 1 of Paddington Station.

Church addresses

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Thought for November



REMEMBER, REMEMBER ...

You've probably already completed the famous rhyme about the Gunpowder Plot in your head ... gunpowder, treason and plot; I know of no reason why the Gunpowder Treason should ever be forgot.

During the first couple of weeks of November, we do a lot of remembering. All Souls' Day falls on 2 November. It's a day on which Christians traditionally remember and give thanks to God for all faithful Christians who have died. Churches often hold a special service around this time, which in our churches here is called a 'Remembering Service'. We invite all those who would like to remember before God those whom they love but see no longer, to come and do that together in church. If you'd like to take part in such a service, you should find details for your local church(es) elsewhere in the publication in which you're reading this article! (St Mary's service is on 2nd November.)

A few days later, we remember the Gunpowder Plot, and give thanks that it wasn't successful. Traditionally, we do that by lighting bonfires and letting off

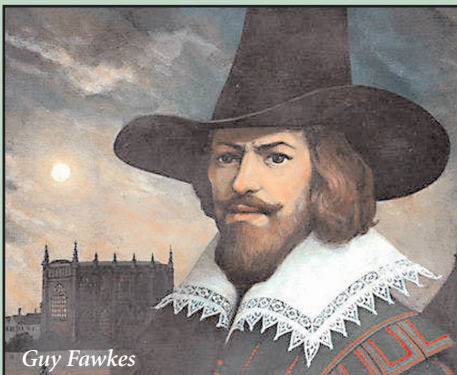
fireworks. The longer version of the rhyme quoted above includes the line: By God's providence he (ie Guy Fawkes) was catch'd.



And then, of course, on 11 November, and the Sunday closest to it, many Acts of Remembrance will take place, as we remember and give thanks for those who gave their lives in the First World War, and many other wars since; men and women who lost their lives in the cause of defending their nation, and enabling their descendants (us) to live in freedom and peace.

If you attend Church services regularly, then you'll be aware that we remember and give thanks for the death of our Lord Jesus Christ, at every service of Holy Communion. We remember and give thanks because it's in Jesus' life, death, resurrection and ascension that we can find hope in a world which often feels confusing and hopeless.

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



New Archbishop of Canterbury

Bishop Sarah Mullally has been chosen as the 106th Archbishop of Canterbury. She is currently Bishop of London. Sarah Mullally has been the Bishop of London since 2018, the first woman appointed to that role, and before that was Bishop of Crediton in the Diocese of Exeter. Prior to her ordination in 2001, she was the Government's Chief Nursing Officer for England. In 2012, she was installed as Canon Treasurer at Salisbury Cathedral and three years later took the role as Suffragan Bishop of Crediton in the Diocese of Exeter.

The Bishop of Salisbury, Rt Revd Stephen Lake, said: "I thank God for Bishop Sarah's willingness to respond to this call to serve and look forward to working with her as we seek to share the good news of Jesus Christ to a country so in need of hope and healing. Part of her ministry was shaped here in Salisbury, as a canon of Salisbury Cathedral, and knowing her gifts in pastoral leadership, we celebrate her appointment today. She will be a blessing to the whole Church, in the UK and across the Anglican Communion. I urge all people of faith to join me in praying for her as she prepares for this ministry."

Currently known as the Archbishop of Canterbury-designate, Bishop Sarah will legally become the Archbishop of Canterbury at her Confirmation of Election at St Paul's Cathedral in January 2026, with a service of instal-



lation taking place at Canterbury Cathedral in March.

Bishop Sarah said: "As I respond to the call of Christ to this new ministry, I do so in the same spirit of service to God and to others that has motivated me since I first came to faith as a teenager. At every stage of that journey, through my nursing career and Christian ministry, I have learned to listen deeply – to people and to God's gentle prompting – to seek to bring people together to find hope and healing. I want, very simply, to encourage the Church to continue to grow in confidence in the Gospel, to speak of the love that we find in Jesus Christ and for it to shape our actions. And I look forward to sharing this journey of faith with the millions of people serving God and their communities in parishes all over the country and across the global Anglican Communion. I know this is a huge responsibility but I approach it with a sense of peace and trust in God to carry me as He always has."

Mothers' Union

Report on Mothers' Union Canterbury Provincial Gathering which took place in Oxford on Saturday 27th September 2025.

The day began with Comfort Fearon, the Provincial President, outlining the plans for the 150th Anniversary celebrations next year and the challenges for each diocese to gain 150 new members. The current theme for MU is Join Us, Join In.

Mothers' Union in the Canterbury Province is divided into Clusters, with Salisbury Diocese being part of the South West Cluster. There were reports from each of the 4 clusters on their activities. The South East Cluster spoke of doing AFIA differently. AFIA stands for Away From It All and some dioceses, like Salisbury, own a caravan near the coast, which families can use at a very reduced rate or the church or MU can pay for their stay. Other dioceses arrange coach trips to theme parks or zoos. I think it was Chelmsford Diocese said they provide tickets for the Hop On - Hop Off bus tour of London and a voucher for food. Southwark diocese provide a day out for their English for Women Group. Other ways of using AFIA funds included paying for a school residential trip, taking children to see Father Christmas or running sports or dance clubs in half-term holidays. In answer to the question "Why we do



it?" It is to help those who have met with adversity. Reminding people that they are seen, valued and loved.

We then had a very inspirational talk from Bishop Jo Wells, who was previously Bishop of Guildford and is now Deputy Secretary of the Anglican Communion. She spoke about her many trips abroad, meeting with Bishops and their spouses; and about some of the people she met. In a village in Sri Lanka she met a lady of 91 who had taught Sunday School for 70 years. Two of the children she had taught are now Bishops. Her comment was don't underestimate Sunday School teachers.

After lunch we heard from the Worldwide president of MU, Kathleen Snow, who joined us via Zoom from her home in Canada. She spoke about her visit to the UK and the prisons she visited which now have Mothers' Union groups. She encouraged us to trust in the Lord and be faithful and that we are placed where we are meant to be.

There were several hundred people there and it was an enjoyable and inspirational day. I look forward to celebrating 150 years of MU in 2026.

*Jenny Colby
Branch Leader.*

**150th Celebratory Service
St Paul's Cathedral, London.
10th June 2026 at 5:00 pm.**

Bereavement Café

All welcome, free to attend and refreshments provided.

Are you grieving?

Our informal café offers a safe and supportive place to share memories and feelings with others who understand.

From November 2025
2.00pm – 3.30pm

First Wednesday
of every month
St. Mary's Church, Calne

For more details, please contact
Rev. Carly on 07356 233404



Christmas Tree Festival

In 2024 Calne Town Council asked if they could organise a Christmas Tree Festival in St Mary's Church on the week-end of the turning on of the Christmas Lights. It was a great success and brought many people through the doors of St

Mary's. This year the Christmas lights will be turned on on 29th

November and the Christmas Tree Festival will be from 27th to 30th November. Helpers will certainly be needed, so look out for more details. There will be entertainment from Calne Silver Band on 27th November and some songs from the Young Voices choir on 28th. I suspect that cake may be involved too.



Above: Pictures of last year's Christmas Trees.



Dates for your diary

- 2nd** Remembering Service at St Mary's Church 3.00pm.
5th Bereavement Café at St Mary's Church 2.00-3.30pm.
6th PCC meeting, Church House 7.30pm.
9th Remembrance Sunday.
11th Mothers' Union meeting, Church House 2.00pm
18th Confirmation with Bishop Stephen (details and venue to be confirmed).
23rd Celebration of Christ the King.
Deanery Evensong at Hilmarton 4.00pm.
25th & 26th Setting up of Christmas Tree Festival.
27th-34th Christmas Tree Festival.
30th Advent Sunday. Advent Carols for the Benefice at Bremhill 6.00pm.
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Focus for Prayer

Please remember to pray for ...

- All people throughout the world working for peace and justice.
 - An increase in tolerance in our society and between nations.
 - Everyone involved with our armed forces, especially at the time of Remembrance Sunday and Armistice Day.
 - Project 2026 and all the changes planned for St Mary's Church.
 - The Church of England as it prepares to welcome a new leader and Sarah Mullaly prepares to take on the role of Archbishop of Canterbury.
 - Organisations that work to prevent suicide and for people who are in despair.
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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).
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*
	7.00pm	St Mary's	Choir Practice.
	7.30pm	Bell Ringing	Please contact Jane Ridgwell for further information.

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