

NEWSLETTER FOR THE PARISH OF CAINE & BLACKLAND



*... keeping you in touch
with your church family.
November 2024*

Central image above. Detail from
'A Soldier's Journey' by Sabin Howard
(See more information on page 2)

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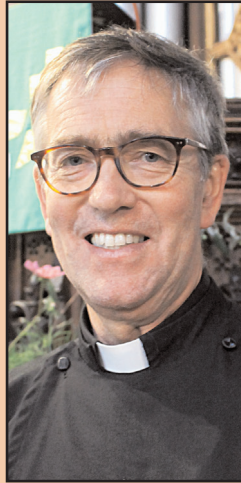
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*Church House is open from 10.00am to 12noon
on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.*

Prayer for November

St Edmund's Prayer

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

*Central image on front cover: Detail from 'A Soldier's Journey' – the recently-unveiled,
60-ft bronze sculpture at the National World War I Memorial in Washington, DC. The sculpture
was cast at the Pangolin Foundry in nearby Stroud, Glos. Pangolin was chosen as the only foundry
in the world considered capable of producing this work.*

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Thought for November

A training curate on the way!

When I was interviewed for this post 18 months ago, I mentioned that I had enjoyed training curates in my previous post, and would love to be able to do that in Marden Vale. The diocese was happy with this idea, not least because the benefice has an interesting mix of town and rural ministry, useful for a curate to experience. But presently there is a shortage of training curates, so it was far from certain when this might happen.

So I'm really delighted that agreement has been reached for Carly Taylor to serve her curacy here, beginning in June 2025. Carly has spent most of her working life as a nurse, until beginning her journey towards ordination. She and her family will live in the house in Calne where Teresa our former house-for-duty priest used to live, and she'll serve in all our churches and communities. Carly will begin her ministry with us as soon as she is ordained deacon, which will be in Salisbury Cathedral, probably on Saturday 28th June 2025. It's important for us to remember that the three or four years that she will be with us are very much part of her training. But she brings considerable life experience to her role, and some experi-

ence of leading worship in churches too, which will all be very helpful.



Carly writes:

I'm an ordinand studying at St Augustine's College of Theology in Kent in my final year of training. I live in Seaford, Sussex with my husband Danny and my children Beth (17) and Noah (15), and Eric our spaniel. I'm delighted to have recently accepted the offer of serving my title post as assistant curate in the Marden Vale Benefice from June 2025. In my spare time, I enjoy paddle boarding, dog walking, and swimming. I would appreciate your prayers for the year ahead as I finish my studies, prepare for our big move and the next season of my journey in ministry. I look forward to meeting you all in the coming year.

Carly Taylor

*With my prayers, and very best wishes
Caspar Bush, Team Rector
(email address see page two)*

Memorial Window and Cross, North Transept, St Mary's Church

In the north transept a wooden cross is attached to the wall in memory of Lord C. Mercer-Nairne d.1914. This cross still shows some stains from the earth it was once placed in, and is usually displayed with a small wreath of poppies. This cross once marked the grave where Lord Mercer-Nairne fell on the 30th October 1914 near Ypres and was brought back to England at a later date by his family. The inscription on his grave in Ypres Town Cemetery reads: *NOT IN VAIN, NOT UNHONOURED, NOT FORGOTTEN, THEY GAVE UP THEIR LIVES.* Lord Charles George Francis Fitzmaurice MVO (12 February 1874 - 30 October 1914) was

an English soldier and courtier. For the last few months of his life he was known as Lord Charles Mercer Nairne. Joining the 1st King's Dragoon Guards in 1895 he served as an aide-de-camp in the Boer War 1899-1900. In May



1902, he was part of a delegation led by the Duke of Connaught to take part in the enthronement ceremonies in Madrid for the young King Alfonso XIII of Spain, and he was awarded the First Class of the Spanish Order of Military Merit. From 1909 until he was killed in action aged 40, he was an equerry to the Prince of Wales (later George V).

The North Transept of St Mary's has a very fine stained glass window made by Veronica and Christopher Whall. It depicts St Louis, St Michael and St George and is dedicated to the memory of Charles Mercer-Nairne.

*Researched & Written by
Charles and Serena Boase*



Harvest Supper

On Saturday 21st September the parishioners of Calne and Blackland joined together to celebrate harvest time with a very enjoyable supper and social evening at Marden House. Kevin and Jane Wells masterminded the event with Maggie Garrett in charge of the catering. Of course, many other people contributed to the event. Entertainment was provided by the St Mary's Morris Dancers: (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YMF8f3MnnHo>),

Chris Rudge, Marie Moment and children, and a company of parishioners who took part in a skit 'If I was not upon the stage'. This can be seen on Youtube: (https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DPwdD_G4pTo&t=45s).

It was a very enjoyable evening.

Jane Ridgwell



Choral Evensong

On 6th October there was a Festival Choral Evensong at St Mary's for the Calne Music and Arts Festival. The choir of St Mary's was joined by friends and supporters from Calne and area to mark the beginning of festival week and to celebrate the 50th anniversary year. The service was the traditional Book of Common Prayer evensong, which dates back to the 17th Century. Some popular hymns were sung and the choir gave us an excellent anthem; "The Heavens are telling" from Haydn's oratorio "The Creation". Retired Bishop, Robert Atwell spoke about the importance of music using the example of Estonia and its struggle for its own identity. The Russians banned the Estonian music festival and prohibited some

music. Estonians kept on singing – in Church, at the bus stop, in the school playground. Sad songs, but also songs of faith.

In June 1987 there was a massive act of civil disobedience. The population of Estonia is only 1.3 million, but 300,00 people gathered together in an outdoors stadium and sang. This became called 'The singing revolution'. The Russian soldiers could not stop them and following a further demonstration of resistance through song the Soviet occupation collapsed. The Bishop told us 'What we sing can change the world, what we sing can change us'. Music is more important than you realise. He asked us to think about 'What is the song you are singing with your life?'

Calne Mothers' Union

There were only six present at our October meeting but we enjoyed a talk from Jo Higgs who is a Trustee of Mothers' Union in the Salisbury Diocese. She spoke about her involvement with MU and about her life; of particular interest was her work as a

doctor in the Solomon Islands.

Our next meeting is on Tuesday 12th November at 2.00pm when Tim Buckeridge will be speaking to us about the work of 'Help for Heroes'.

All are welcome at MU meetings.
Jenny Colby, Branch Leader

God's Phone Number

Jeremiah 33:3

'Call to me and I will answer you.'

Dates for your diary

- 1st All Saints' Day
- 2nd All Souls' Day
- 3rd FOSM AGM to follow 10.00am service church
- 3rd 3.00pm, Remembering Service – St Mary's Calne, 4.00pm Derry Hill
- 7th 7.00pm, PCC Standing Committee
- 10th Remembrance Sunday (Events happening throughout the day)
- 12th 2.00pm, MU meeting in Church House
- 20th 7.30pm, Calne and Blackland PCC meeting
- 20th St Edmund's Day
- 28th - 30th Christmas Tree Festival – St Mary's Church
- 30th Calne Christmas Festival of Lights and celebration in town
- 1st December – Advent Sunday

Focus for Prayer

Please remember to pray for ...

- Everyone involved with our armed forces at this time of unrest in our world.
 - The safety of people who enjoy fireworks and those who are fearful of the loud noises.
 - All who fear the cold and the approaching winter, and especially those worrying about heating costs.
 - Our world at this time of climate change and those affected by recent flooding.

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Sue Twyman, 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



*"When you go home,
tell them of us and say,
for your tomorrow,
we gave our today".*

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	St Mary's	Parish Eucharist (4th Sunday of the month; Morning Praise).
	10.45am	Holy Trinity	Morning Praise (2nd Sunday of the month). Holy Communion (4th Sunday of the month).
	3.00pm	Holy Trinity	Family Service (3rd and 5th 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).
	3.30-5.30pm	Church House	Wednesday Club for 4–11s. Only during term times.
Friday	8.30 am	Zoom	Morning Prayers – Whole Benefice*
	2.00-4.00pm	Church House (Downstairs)	Cameo – Come And Meet Each Other. 3rd Friday of the month only. You'll be welcomed with a cup of tea... plus board games and time to chat.
	7.00pm	St Mary's	Choir Practice.
	7.30pm	Bell Ringing	Please contact Jane Ridgwell for further information.

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