

Notices week commencing 16 April 2023

Regular events:

Tuesday Church House: 10:00-11:30 SMUFs (St. Mary's Under Fives) Term time only.

Wednesday Church House: 15:30 - 17:30 Wednesday Club for children aged 4-11. Term time only

Friday St Mary's church: 19:00 Choir Practice

Other Notices:

Monday 17 April: Bells being installed into the tower this week

Tuesday 18 April: Church House: 19:30 - Deanery Pastoral and Standing Committee

Wednesday 19 April: Coffee and Cake after the Service - Mala's coffee morning to raise awareness of the IDP of Myanmar

Thursday 20 April St. Mary's church: 13:00 - Calne Choral setting up for concert

19:00 - 21:00 - Calne Choral rehearsal

Friday 21 April Church House: 14:00 - 16:00- CAMEO - Come and Meet Each Other - An afternoon to enjoy Tea, Games and Company

Saturday 22 April Church House: 09:30-11:30 - Heart for Calne Prayers

Saturday 22 April St. Mary's Church: 14:00-16:00 - Calne Choral Rehearsal

19:30 - Calne Choral Spring Concert.

Today: Sunday 16 April - Blessing of the Bells during the 10:00am Service at St. Mary's church.

Please pray for:

The people of Afghanistan, East Africa, Haiti, Iran, Iraq, Myanmar, Somalia, South Sudan, Syria, Turkey, Ukraine, and especially those who have become refugees because of conflict.

The victims of violence and for those who have lost their homes because of natural disaster or famine.

For those helping people and families in poverty.

All in need of God's healing, especially those known to this Parish; Cheryl Heaton, Christopher, Connor, Revd Craig Manley, Curtis, Debbie Smith, Eddie Elliott, Teresa Elliott, Goff Morris, Jennifer Fenton, John Keller, baby Kallie Davey, Nicola Rigby, Rex Hitchens, and Thomas.

All those who mourn the loss of a loved one and especially the family and friends of; Ralph Seed, Maureen Goulding and Paul Woodman who have recently died: all whose anniversary of death falls at this time.

Jackie Aniss would like to thank all those who prayed for her during her recent illness.

Care for each other - if you become aware that someone from the church is in need of a phone call, visit or is in hospital then please advise the Parish office (01249 816522) so that a member of the ministry team can help.

Deanery Synod reps will be appointed at the APCM.

The synod meets three times a year and in addition to the business part of the evening there is a visiting speaker or a special focus. I have particularly appreciated the last two synods. In October we experienced Cafe Style and Contemplative Worship, and in February we learnt about the recently completed St Mary's Purton Renewal Project.

Could you be interested in joining the Deanery Synod, if so I am happy to give you more information.

Mary Pilcher-Clayton.

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) is on **Sunday 30 April 2023**. **The Church Electoral Roll** has been updated and a names-only copy of the list is available for inspection in St. Mary's Church, Holy Trinity Church and St. Peter's Church from Sunday 9 April until Sunday 23 April. Please contact the electoral roll officer if you notice any omissions or other errors (Liz Roberts e.are@btoopenworld.com 07876 196505). If you wish to be included on the roll but have not yet submitted your form, please hand it in to Church House and we can add you after the APCM.

Thank you to all those who contributed to the lent lunches in any way. A total of £450 was raised for the Turkey and Syria Earthquake Appeal.

A big thank you to all who supported the Friends of St Mary's coffee morning, especially on such a wet morning - all those who came along, stallholders and those serving coffees and teas. We made a total of £563.25.

A big thank you to all those who helped run and supported the Lent Groups.
The next Partnership meeting is on April 27 and please could you send items for the agenda as soon as possible so I can send it out - certainly no later than 17 April.
John

We would like to thank all who give financially to support the parish. You can give by; using the collection plate at the back of the church, or by standing order, or a weekly envelope, or through the parish website, or using the card reader in St. Mary's, Please gift aid if you can, it gives that little extra but costs you nothing. To find out more about how to give, please contact our treasurer, grahamspencer1947@outlook.com.

Please support Christian Aid's work in Turkey, Syria, Ukraine & elsewhere, by making a donation, see <https://www.christianaid.org.uk/appeals/emergencies> for more information.

On Saturday 22 April Calne Choral will perform their Spring Concert in St. Mary's Church at 19:30. An Evening of English Choral Music: Stainer's Crucifixion, Holst folk Songs and Vaughan Williams Shakespeare Songs. The Conductor will be James Green.
Tickets £10 on the door

On Sunday 7th May 14:30 - 16:30: Coronation Cream Tea in the Pocket Park, With Calne Silver Band - Tickets (£4) available from Bank House or the Pocket Park Sundays in April (14:30-15:30) Calnepocket@gmail.com for more information or dietary requirements.

Belfry Praise (10:00 St. Mary's)

Unchanging God, who livest
Enthroned in realms on high,
To men the power thou givest
Thy name to magnify.
We raise the bells for ringing
With ready mind and will,
And come before thee, bringing
Our hearts, our strength, our skill.

By union free and willing
The work of God is done;
Our Master's prayer fulfilling,
We would in him be one:
One, as the Church our Mother
Would have her children stand,
Befriending one another,
A strong and steadfast band.

We call, from tower and steeple,
Upon the day of days,
All faithful Christian people
To worship, prayer and praise;
We ring with joyous gladness
When man and wife are blessed;
We peal in muffled sadness
For loved ones laid to rest.

Our lives, like bells, while changing,
An ordered course pursue;
Through joys and sorrows ranging,
May all those lives ring true.
May we, through Christ forgiven,
Our faults and failures past,
Attain our place in heaven,
Called home to rest at last